

**AUDIT OF THE SAFETY OF PWGSC BRIDGES
DRAFT ACTION PLAN**

2001-05-08

Recommendations	STATUS	OPI	OSI	Completion Date
It is recommended that the Assistant Deputy Minister, Real Property Services ensure that:				
1. a policy on the standard to be followed in inspecting, evaluating and maintaining bridges within the PWGSC portfolio that is generally consistent with provincial standards is approved and promulgated;	RPSMC approved the bridge inspection policy on Mar 28,2001 Policy is currently being placed on the RPS Doc-Centre web site. English version of the Bridge Inspection Manual completed and in use. French translation expected by July 15, 2001.	AES	O/I, OARES	Completed
2. responsibilities be clarified so that there is a clear understanding amongst all personnel involved as to their respective responsibilities;	RPS developed a draft national MOA in April 2000 to clarify the roles of OARES and AES in the context of the business model. It is now being reconsidered based on the newly approved bridge inspection policy and existing regional operational arrangements. This is a high priority item for OARES and AES	AES O/I, OARES		01-09-30
3. planning take a longer term focus and that the inspection process better support it;	RPS updates, its <i>Land and Marine Asset Investment Plans</i> (which includes the bridges) every two years. The plans have a 10 year horizon. The updates include the inspection results. Planning beyond	O/I, OARES	AES	00-03-31

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	<p>10 years is not consistent with our Mandate to divest of the inventory of bridges. This is not to say that RPS will not take the longer term into account as a prudent custodian, but will do so in balance with the broader divestiture mandate.</p> <p>RPS updates, on a two year cycle, its divestiture strategy which includes these assets.</p>	O/I, OARES	AES	00-03-31
3. (continued) planning take a longer term focus and that the inspection process better support it;	Annually, RPS updates the forecast of divestiture initiatives as part of the ARLU process. The planning exercise for the 2002-2003 ARLU is underway	O/I, OARES	AES	Ongoing, annually.
4. there is ongoing monitoring and periodic reporting to senior management on the status of the bridges and the practices followed.	This item has been included in the Bridge Inspection Policy and will be addressed in the MOA. It requires annual reports to be provided to the DG AES and the DG OARES	O/I, OARES AES		Ongoing , Prototype report available 01/06/30

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