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ERAC Receives National Emergency Management Exemplary Service Award in 40th Anniversary Year

CALGARY, ALBERTA (NOVEMBER 10, 2026) – Emergency Response Assistance Canada (ERAC) has been recognized as a group recipient of the Emergency Management Exemplary Service Award (EMESA) in the Pan-Canadian Category, *Outstanding Contribution to Emergency Management*. The award honours ERAC's team of employees for their collective contribution to dangerous goods emergency preparedness and response across Canada. The award program is a federal, provincial and territorial partnership administered by Public Safety Canada.

The award was presented on November 9, 2026, at the Queen Elizabeth II Building in Edmonton, Alberta. ERAC's leadership team accepted it on behalf of all staff. Team members will receive an EMESA certificate and medallion.

ERAC was nominated by the Canadian Propane Association, and 9 industry members and partners provided testimonials in support. The nomination recognized ERAC's sustained contribution over four decades. That work includes administering and managing more than 370 Emergency Response Assistance Plans (ERAPs), providing 24/7 technical advice, training and assessing responders, and supporting incident response through a national responder network. Since ERAC's inception in 1986 there have been thousands of responders trained by ERAC and hundreds of incidents where ERAC skills and knowledge were instrumental in supporting the safety of the public, first responders, and our Plan members.

"This award recognizes our people," said Spencer Buckland, President of Emergency Response Assistance Canada. "I am so proud of our team; they all work tirelessly to support regulatory compliance and ensure safety and competency during training events and at dangerous goods incidents. Being recognized as a group matters, because none of this is done by one person alone.

"In our 40th year, it's also a tribute to everyone who has helped build ERAC over four decades, past and present. We share this recognition with our ERAC Board and Plan members, responders and partners who support us every day."

Looking ahead, ERAC will continue to invest in its people, strengthen its services and adapt to emerging risks facing Canada's emergency management community.

About Emergency Response Assistance Canada

Founded in 1986, Emergency Response Assistance Canada is a national not-for-profit organization created by industry for industry that supports dangerous goods emergency preparedness and response for 325 Plan members across Canada. For more information, visit www.erac.org or see us on LinkedIn.

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