

**From:** [Ask OFMEM \(SOLGEN\)](#)  
**To:** [Holly Malynyk](#)  
**Subject:** 132-2022-6 - Township of Southgate – Resolution of Support Annual Emergency Exercise Requirement  
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To: Holly Malynyk  
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Dear Holly,

Thank-you for your email of December 16, 2021 regarding your request for an amendment to be made to O.Reg 380/04 in order to allow for exemptions to annual exercises when municipalities do experience real world emergencies.

In keeping with the province's plan to safely reopen Ontario and manage COVID-19 for the long-term, a decision was made to maintain the EMCPA's annual practice exercise requirement.

As of January 2022, this EMCPA requirement remains in place for 2022 unless advised otherwise by EMO, and municipalities should proceed to plan for this year accordingly.

I appreciate your suggestion and EMO will take it under consideration. Should the annual practice exercise requirement change, a communication will be sent to all municipal Community Emergency Management Coordinators to that effect.

Although the EMCPA includes the requirement to conduct an annual practice exercise, it does not state the scale, scope or complexity of the practice exercise or simulated emergency in order to comply with the annual requirement.

Regards,

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