

MAY 2024 MONTH IN REVIEW

Northwest Territories

LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Emergency Response

Apr 22: The [GNWT updated its 2024 Emergency Plan](#), incorporating lessons from recent natural disasters and adding new Evacuation and Hosting Guidelines and an Emergency Communications Protocol. The plan outlines a clear escalation of emergency responsibilities from individuals to federal authorities and maintains existing roles and responsibilities under the *Emergency Management Act*.

Action Point: [Ensure your workplace emergency response policy](#) accounts for the disabled

New Laws

Apr 24: The federal Ministry of Defence and GNWT broke ground on a \$136 million project to construct a new 9,200-square-metre multipurpose military building for the Canadian Armed Forces on public land in Yellowknife.

Emergency Response

May 7: The GNWT issued a [test alert through various platforms, including wireless devices, cable networks, and radio stations across the region](#). The alert, featuring a critical siren and reassurance message, ensures the system's effectiveness during low-risk situations. NWT Alert, the region's public alerting system, provides emergency information to residents and visitors.

Action Point: Implement a legally [sound Emergency Preparedness & Response Policy](#)

Transportation Safety

May 9: [Marine Transportation Services \(MTS\) announced a significant operational change effective](#) May 9, 2024, due to low water levels near Fort Good Hope. All cargo for communities north of Norman Wells now needs to be sent to the Tuktoyaktuk Terminal, bypassing Hay River. This adjustment is crucial for ensuring the timely delivery of goods. The Tuktoyaktuk Terminal will open three weeks early, on July 2, and accept shipments until August 1, extending the delivery window by six weeks.