

Haz-mat Plan

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The purpose of this section is to assure integrated operations with DEP, Regional Haz-mat Team, and Haz-mat Task Forces. These resources should be requested anytime an incident exceeds the capabilities of the local "operational" personnel

When requesting the Regional Haz-mat Team, the following will also be dispatched:

- Appropriate "out-of-area" Haz-mat Task Force
- County Coordinators

- A phone contact at the scene is critical for DEP and Team to understand incident specifics
- Haz-mat Task Forces are for Team support – DO NOT call them separately
- Decon trailers are primarily for public mass decon – they do not come with the Team
- Request them separately if needed for mass public decontamination

Pre-arrival Issues:

- Product should be identified (if at all possible)
- Zones need to be established
- Appropriate evacuation should be a priority
- Phone contact about specifics made with DEP and Haz-mat Team
- Defensive activities (damming, diking, diverting) should be commenced if safely possible

Incident Command:

- Haz-mat activities should be conducted by a Haz-mat Branch under Operations
- Task Force units will operate under Haz-mat Branch
- Safety and Accountability are critical
- Staging for incoming resources will be necessary
- Liaison and Public Information will likely be needed
- Communication could be critical with multiple agencies on scene

Be aware that all DEP and Haz-mat Team personnel are intimately familiar with NIMS, and will expect an organized scene.

Utilize County Coordinators as an Operations Management Team:

- To staff Command Post, begin planning for long term, and fill out paperwork for reimbursement
- Based on expected duration, an Incident Management Team might also be valuable

Communications: DEP has I-call/I-tac capabilities
 Haz-mat Team uses _____ with STOCS capabilities

Accountability: Haz-mat Team uses Salamander system
 DEP uses a sign-in sheet to account for their own personnel as a team

Miscellaneous:

- Implement coverage policy to manage other incidents in areas depleted of personnel and assets
- DO NOT call clean-up contractor; only DEP or Spiller should do that (or you pay the bill)