

Emergency Support Function #10 - Oil and Hazardous Materials

Primary Agencies

Fire Departments
Hazardous Materials Coordinator

Secondary/Support Agencies

Virginia Department of Emergency Management
Virginia Department of Environmental Quality
EMS

Introduction

The local fire department will be contacted immediately and the Fire Chief will assume primary operational control of all hazardous materials incidents.

Mutual Aid Agreements with neighboring jurisdictions may provide support to the fire department, depending on their capabilities.

Scope:

- The initial response will be handled by the local fire department.
- Local fire departments have some capability to support a hazard material response.
- State agencies may be called upon depending on the nature of the incident

Policies:

Local resources, policies and procedures regarding hazardous material incidents should be reviewed and revised, as necessary.

- Fixed Facilities will report annually under SARA Title III;
- Notify the community of the need to evacuate or shelter in place;
- Mutual aid agreements will be implemented; and
- Establish communications with ESF # 5 and ESF #15.

Concept of Operations

General:

Rockbridge County, City of Buena Vista, and the City of Lexington maintains a separate volume of this annex that defines the roles and responsibilities during an oil and hazardous materials incident.

Organization:

- The Local Fire Chief or designee will assume primary operational control of all hazardous materials incidents; until the arrival of the local hazardous materials coordinator who will then assume operational control of the incident.
- Mutual aid agreements between the community and the local government will be implemented;

- The local fire chief will contact the local hazardous materials coordinator and he may request Virginia Department of Emergency Management's (VDEM) Regional Hazardous Materials Officer and Hazardous Materials Response Team
- The NWS may be contacted to provide weather forecast support and/or on-site support for decision support services as/if needed.
- The fire chief and the local hazardous materials coordinator will determine the need to evacuate or shelter in place.
- Law enforcement may coordinate the evacuation of the area.
- ESF# 2 and ESF# 15 will coordinate the dissemination of public information.

Actions/Responsibilities:

- Review procedures for hazard material incident.
- Develop procedures aimed at minimizing the impact of an unplanned release of a hazardous material to protect life and property;
- Conduct training for personnel in hazardous materials response and mitigation;
- Follow established procedures in responding to hazardous materials incidents;
- Record expenses

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