

ORGANIZATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

The Idaho Hazardous Materials / Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) Incident Command and Response Support Plan require the coordinated efforts of all signatory agencies.

I. RESPONSIBILITIES COMMON TO ALL AGENCIES:

- A. Designate agency personnel who are available and capable of responding to hazardous materials/WMD.
- B. Designate agency personnel to the Emergency Response Duty Roster. Such personnel are to be available on a 24-hour basis for the period of assignment. Duty roster information will be given to State Communications (StateComm) and will be updated as personnel and training levels change.
- C. Use StateComm **1-800-632-8000** or **208-846-7610** to report Hazardous Materials/WMD incidents.
- D. Adhere to the provisions and procedures of the Idaho Hazardous Materials/WMD Incident Command and Response Support Plan (this document).
- E. Establish a technical advisory workgroup to address the response related technical problems within the agency's area of expertise as needed.
- F. Channel on site media communications through the Incident Commander or his/her designated Public Information Officer (PIO).
- G. Cooperate with the directions of the Incident Commander for on-site emergency response activities.
- H. Cooperate in developing qualified environmental support personnel.
- I. Educate and train employees in hazardous materials response on a continuing basis as required by Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations (29 CFR1910.120). The first priority of training is protection of public and employee health and safety.
- J. Participate in follow-up analyses of hazardous materials incidents to aid in future prevention and improved emergency response.
- K. Participate in periodic hazardous materials disaster drills and/or exercises.
- L. Require each employee designated to be involved with hazardous material response to read the updated Idaho Hazardous Materials/WMD Incident Command and Response Support Plan on an annual basis.
- M. Educate and train employees involved with hazardous material responses to the appropriate level of Incident Command System (ICS).

II. SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES OF STATE AGENCIES

Agency	Function
Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide an Environmental Coordinator and Environmental/Radiation Support Personnel in support of the Incident Commander. • Assess and evaluate human health and environmental risks. • Coordinate environmental investigations and monitoring programs with involved agencies. • Oversee cleanup and disposal of hazardous wastes, hazardous substances and materials and deleterious materials conducted by responsible parties, other entities/agencies or their contractors. • Develop and update the DEQ information (Tab 2) of the Idaho Hazardous Materials/WMD Incident Command and Response Support Plan. • Provide a Radiation Control Officer for radiological expertise and support to the Incident Commander. • Deploy Radiation Support Personnel to assist with environmental characterization, radiation monitoring, and radiation control measures, when requested by the Incident Commander. • Assist with notification and coordination of Federal radiological resources and regulatory agencies. • Maintain a state capability for radiological environmental sample analysis. • Under agreement with DOE, provide a DEQ representative for the Department of Energy Emergency Operations Center for all emergencies at the Idaho National Laboratory (INL). • Develop and maintain a statewide comprehensive emergency response roster, and a 24 hour response capability.
Idaho State Police (ISP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate with local law enforcement and all other agencies to provide law enforcement support including traffic control, evacuation routes, crowd control, and site security. • If requested by local authorities, assume incident command at all incidents on interstate, U.S. and state numbered routes including rights-of-way, and in other areas designated by local response personnel. • If requested, monitor the scene of a hazardous materials, WMD, or radiological materials incident using all necessary and available equipment and guidance in accordance with information received by the Communications Moderator or Radiation Control Officer. • Provide a TEC designated by and reporting to the Incident Commander. • Conduct investigation of transportation related incidents in pursuit of civil and criminal enforcement. • Provide multi-jurisdictional communication link. • Idaho Code Title 39-7105 Hazardous Substance Emergency Response Act identifies ISP as the LERA unless the local jurisdiction appoints one. Where designated, or by default, ISP will conduct the duties of the LERA as identified under Idaho Code. • Perform as Communications Moderator for Radiological Incidents in the event the BHS is not available.
Idaho Transportation Department (ITD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist in traffic control, detouring, and incident site access, including debris removal from highways and roads and emergency road repairs. • Assist in providing transportation of essential personnel and equipment. • Assist in providing equipment and materials for the containment of hazardous materials.

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<p>Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) (continued)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide road closure authority for state highway system. • Implementation the ITD “Emergency Highway Traffic Regulations” during a major emergency as needed. Regulations can be obtained at any ITD district office. • Provide a District Hazardous Materials Coordinator to assist the Incident Commander and to coordinate ITD activities. • Enforce statutes within the Motor Carrier Act as necessary.
<p>Idaho Department of Fish and Game</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide personnel with peace officer powers to act as auxiliary police in the event of a major disaster. • Evaluate and quantify fish and wildlife resource losses and assist in evaluation of other environmental impacts of hazardous materials incidents.
<p>Idaho Public Utilities Commission (PUC)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist in investigations of accidents involving railroads cars carrying hazardous material, or involving public right of way railroad crossings. • Assist in investigating incidents involving intrastate transmission and distribution pipeline emergencies.
<p>Idaho Department of Agriculture</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide technical information on pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers, and other agricultural chemicals used in the state. • Provide technical support when hazardous materials, including radiation or radioactive materials, threaten or contaminate crops or livestock. • Provide technical support and assist in evacuation of threatened livestock.
<p>Idaho Department of Health and Welfare -Division of Health</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide technical assistance and laboratory support for assessment of health risks associates with hazardous materials incidents including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • providing local medical personnel with appropriate information for diagnosis and treatment of persons exposed to hazardous materials, • providing toxicological and radiological information on hazardous and radioactive materials, • performing laboratory analyses for public safety and incident assessment and monitoring. • Through the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services and Preparedness, maintain StateComm which serves as the dispatch center for state response. • Coordinate with District Health Departments in providing emergency health services in the event of a major disaster. • Coordinate with nearest hospital cache site for release of CHEMPACK assets in the event of nerve agent chemical exposure, or organophosphate pesticide exposure. • Request, receive, allocate, and distribute assets from the Strategic National Stockpile during a public health emergency.
<p>District Health Departments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate with the Department of Health and Welfare, Division of Health, for providing public health services related to hazardous materials incidents. • Coordinate with nearest cache site for release of CHEMPACK assets in the event of nerve agent chemical exposure, or organophosphate pesticide exposure, within the impacted Health District. • Forewarn users of potentially affected individual and public domestic water systems under the jurisdictions of the District Health Department. • Oversee the disposal of solid wastes not including those that are radioactive or regulated as hazardous wastes. • Coordinate efforts to insure the availability of safe food when supplies are contaminated by a hazardous materials incident.

III. SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES OF FEDERAL AGENCIES

<p>U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide environmental response and technical support to local or state personnel in spills of hazardous materials. • Provide expertise on the effects of hazardous material releases on human life and the environment. • Initiate containment and cleanup activities when the responsible party is incompetent, unwilling or unable to initiate a cleanup. • Is the federal on-scene coordinator as stated in the National Contingency Plan.
<p>Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide an On-Scene Coordinator upon notification of a potential terrorist/WMD event. • Set up a Joint Operations Center (JOC) in the event of a major response. • Lead agency authority for all “operational response” issues related to terrorist events. • Responsible for deploying Federal assets to assist state/local agencies. • Liaison with law enforcement on-scene coordinator. • Coordinate with Hazmat teams to identify hazardous agent(s). • Secure crime scene/collection of evidence. • Identify/interview victims, witnesses and subjects at the scene of a WMD incident. • Transport evidence to Idaho State Laboratory. • Ultimate prosecution of subjects.
<p>Department of Defense - U.S. Army/U.S. Air Force - Military Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support Incident Commander if incident involves defense-related materials. • Act as the lead response agency within designated National Security areas. • Render safe: conventional, chemical, nuclear munitions and improvised explosive devices. • Support all federal Government agencies. • Support local and State Government agencies. • Support the U.S. Secret Service in the protection of the President of the United States and visiting foreign dignitaries.
<p>Department of Energy (DOE) -Idaho Operations Office</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide technical assistance at the request of the Incident Commander, Communications Moderator, and the DEQ Division of Radiation Control if incident involves radioactive materials. The request should be made through the INL Warning Communication Center. • Notify StateComm when a request for assistance is received. Provide the name and contact number for the DOE Radiological Assistance Program Coordinator assigned to the incident. • Initiate and coordinate radiological assistance with other federal agencies. • Coordinate media and public affairs matters during an on-site emergency at the INL through a Joint Public Information Center.
<p>Transportation Security Administration (TSA)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide TSA representative for the command center. • Provide assistance to local, state and federal agencies with federal transportation security needs. • Support local, state and federal agencies with victims, witnesses and subjects at the scene of an incident. • Liaison with Airport Police with utilization of TSA trained explosive K-9 units. For Northern, Central and Eastern Idaho, coordination as directed by local TSA representative.

<p>Transportation Security Administration (TSA) (continued)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liaison for communications with the Air Traffic Control Tower for restricting air space. • Assist and coordinate air travel restrictions which may be related to weapon of mass destruction or all other air travel security concerns. • Collect and disseminate information related to emergency response which would alter or affect security as it is related to air travel.
<p>Department of Interior</p>	<p>The Department of Interior (DOI) land managers have jurisdiction over the National Park System, National Wildlife Refuges and Fish Hatcheries, DOI public lands, and certain water projects in western states. DOI is contacted through the Regional Environmental Officer (REO), who is the designated member of the Federal RRT.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide natural resource expertise regarding fish, wildlife, endangered and threatened species habitats, migratory birds, soils, minerals, surface and ground water hydrology. • Provide technological expertise regarding containments affecting habitat resources, analysis and identification of inorganic hazardous substances, metals, metallurgy relevant to site cleanup, coal mine wastes, land reclamation, engineering and laboratory research facilities. • Provide available equipment for the containment, and cleanup of petroleum spills in inland waters. • Participate in the hazardous material program on public lands in Idaho, consistent with the requirements of RCA, as amended, and CERCLA, and all applicable State and Federal regulations.
<p>Agriculture Department</p>	<p>The USDA Forest Service has jurisdiction over the National Forest System lands in the State of Idaho. The USDA Forest Service is contacted through the supervisors' offices for the 12 National Forests in the State.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate activities and take part in unified Incident Command for incidents involving local, state, and federal roads and rights-of-way, National Forest System roads and lands. • Provide natural resource expertise regarding fish, wildlife, endangered and threatened species habitats, soils, minerals, geology, and surface and ground water hydrology. • Provide technical expertise regarding land reclamation and effect on habitat of hazardous substances. • Develop a Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan for National Forest System lands to coordinate with the State Plan.
<p>National Weather Service</p>	<p>Requests for SPECIAL WEATHER SUPPORT for hazardous materials incidents should be requested through the Lead Forecaster (on duty 24 Hr.) at the NWS State Weather Service Forecast Office in Boise.</p> <p>The Lead Forecaster has the responsibility to assign the Special Weather Support duties and can recommend that a portable weather office and forecaster be sent to the incident if needed to provide necessary weather support.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide real-time weather forecast, warning, and observing services to protect life and property. • Provide weather support in connection with toxic chemical spills and/or the release of hazardous substances into the atmosphere. • Disseminate to the public and mass news media both weather and other civil emergency response messages when conditions pose an immediate threat to human life and property. This is usually done via the use of NOAA Weather Radio and the NOAA Weather Wire Service.

IV. INDIAN NATIONS, ADJACENT STATES AND PROVINCES

<p>Indian Nations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indian tribes have sovereign powers within federally recognized reservations and will respond to incidents that occur on their reservation. The state will respond if requested by the Indian tribes. • Notify StateComm of incidents which occur on reservations but may impact populations or the environment outside the reservation.
<p>Adjacent States</p> <p>- Montana</p> <p>- Nevada</p> <p>- Oregon</p> <p>- Utah</p> <p>-Washington</p> <p>- Wyoming</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incidents involving the release of hazardous materials should be reported to the Disaster and Emergency Services Division. • Department of Health is the lead state agency for environmental response and support. • Incidents involving the release of hazardous materials must be reported to the Nevada Highway Patrol 24-Hour emergency dispatch. • Nevada Environmental Protection is the lead state agency for environmental response and support. • Most incidents that involve oil or hazardous materials must be reported to the Oregon Accident Response System. • Department of Environmental Quality is the lead state agency for oil and hazardous materials environmental response. • Hazardous material spill notification is through the Division of Comprehensive Emergency Management. • Division of Radiation Control is the state agency responsible for response to radioactive materials incidents. • Utah Highway Patrol dispatcher is available to initiate notification and response to all hazardous material incidents. • Emergency Management Division is the lead agency for notification and communication. • Department of Ecology is the lead state agency for chemical spill response and cleanup. • Division of Radiation Protection is the lead state agency for response to radioactive material incidents. The duty officer may be contacted directly. • Department of Environmental Quality is the lead state agency for spill notification, response and cleanup
<p>Provinces</p> <p>- British Columbia</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Ministry of Environmental Provincial Emergency Program 24 Hr. Operations Center should be notified in the event of a spill or release of hazardous materials.