

7514.0900 RESPONSIBILITIES OF TEAMS.

Subpart 1. **Response at commissioner's direction.** An emergency response team and a chemical assessment team shall respond when directed by the commissioner to do so.

Subp. 2. **Primary responsibilities of emergency response team.** As its primary responsibility, an emergency response team shall assist local authorities by taking emergency actions necessary to protect life, property, and the environment from the effects of a release of a hazardous material. These emergency actions include, but are not limited to, preventing the release, mitigating the effects of the release, and stabilizing the emergency situation.

Subp. 3. **Primary responsibilities of chemical assessment team.** As its primary responsibility, a chemical assessment team shall assist local authorities by providing technical advice to local incident commanders, and recommending mitigation actions necessary to protect life, property, and the environment that are in keeping with locally available levels of hazardous materials training and response capability.

Subp. 4. **Additional responsibilities of chemical assessment teams.** A chemical assessment team shall assist an emergency response team by responding, in conjunction with the emergency response team, to assess an incident, develop and recommend mitigation strategies, and assist with response operations.

Subp. 5. **Support of clean-up operations.** Subject to subpart 6, item A, and when requested by the incident commander, an emergency response team and a chemical assessment team may remain at the scene of a hazardous materials incident to provide support to local authorities monitoring clean-up activities conducted by local, state, or federal agencies or the responsible person, for the purpose of ensuring public safety. The team leader will decide whether the team will remain. A team is not obligated to remain. If a team does remain, its costs are recoverable costs.

Subp. 6. **Prohibited actions.** An emergency response team and a chemical assessment team shall not:

A. transport, store, dispose of, or perform remedial clean-up of hazardous materials, except as may be incidentally necessary to mitigate an emergency;

B. assume overall command of the hazardous materials emergency; or

C. mitigate incidents involving explosives, explosive devices, incendiary devices, shock-sensitive explosive chemicals, or clandestine drug labs, except to respond to the effects of a hazardous materials release that might occur as a consequence of these incidents or to provide technical assistance in support of the local authority.

Subp. 7. **Reporting and documentation.** An emergency response team and a chemical assessment team shall submit to the commissioner a detailed report of its

response to an incident. The report must be prepared in a manner and form prescribed by the commissioner and, at the minimum, must include:

- A. a list of all equipment used and personnel who responded;
- B. a description of all emergency actions taken;
- C. a copy of the site safety plans developed during the response; and
- D. completed cost recovery forms.

Subp. 8. **Notification upon completion of response.** When an emergency response team or chemical assessment team has completed its response to an incident, the team leader, acting on behalf of the commissioner, shall notify the commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency as required under Minnesota Statutes, section 299A.50, subdivision 3. The commissioner of agriculture must also be notified for incidents where the Department of Agriculture has jurisdiction.

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