



ANNEX Q
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EMERGENCY
RESPONSE

PROMULGATION STATEMENT

Annex Q: Hazardous Materials Emergency Response, and contents within, is a guide to how the University conducts a response specific to a hazardous materials incident. The Annex is written in support of the Texas A&M University (TAMU) Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) and shall be considered an interactive support document to the EOP.

APPROVAL AND IMPLEMENTATION

The University's Associate Vice President for Safety and Security shall be responsible for annex oversight and coordination with applicable stakeholders. The annex is flexible in that part of the plan, or the entire plan, may be activated based on the specific emergency and decision by University executive management.

This Annex and its supporting contents, are hereby approved, supersede all prev(s)-10 (i).96 0 T6.9 (e

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facilities, explosives storage facilities, facilities using large volumes of refrigerants, pipelines, and transportation routes (highways and the railroad).

- If emergency conditions exist (i.e., if personal safety is at risk or if environmental release is likely to occur sooner than EHS can arrive), emergency services can be requested from CSFD by calling 911.
- TAMU EHS is available for response 24/7 by calling (979) 862-1111.
- On-duty personnel will organize a response as deemed appropriate to the reported circumstances. Responses that occur after the normal business day may be delayed up to 30 minutes for EHS personnel to arrive at the incident location as responders may be arriving from their homes.
- Hazmat response equipment is available to EHS in a stocked response trailer that is maintained by the response team.

Radioactive Materials

- Pre-identified risks include laboratories that use radioactive materials, the radioactive waste storage building, and certain facilities that house nuclear reactors, particle accelerators, or nuclear medicine operations.
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- University assistance may be summoned 24/7 by contacting the following:
 - f* TAMU Office of Biosafety – Facilities Services Communications Center at
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Potential for public exposures that cause consideration of issuing evacuation or shelter in place orders

Responder use of self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) equipment in response or cleanup

Medium- or long-term closure of a facility or significant portion of a facility (i.e., more than eight hours), particularly when accompanied by a multi-agency response

Other conditions as deemed appropriate by the Incident Commander or Unified Command

Incident Levels

Texas A&M responders will conform to the incident classification system as identified in the Texas A&M Incident Classification System

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Coordinate response until able to transfer control of the response effort to the on-scene responders (transfer of command), if appropriate.

Ensure initial notification to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and/or National Response Center (NRC) of reportable or potentially reportable spills as soon as possible but no later than 24 hours of discovery.

Available Outside Resources

In addition to the resources of Texas A&M University and the College Station Fire and Police Departments, numerous additional resources are available through the Community Emergency Operations Center (CEOC) and the Disaster District Committee (DDC) chaired by the Lieutenant in the Bryan Office of the Texas Department of Public Safety. Examples of resources for hazardous materials emergencies that are available for quick response include:

Bryan Fire and Police Departments

Texas Engineering Extension Service and Texas Task Force 1 (local)

6th Civil Defense response unit (Austin)

Texas Department of State Health Services, Radiation Control Program (Austin)

Union Pacific Railroad (Spring)

Communications

TAMU EHS responders may be reached by dialing (979) 862-1111.

TAMU UPD may be reached by dialing (979) 845-2345.

TAMU Facilities Services Communication Center may be reached by dialing (979) 845-4311.

Emergency services may be summoned by dialing 911.

Emergency responders shall use available communication equipment and protocols as identified in Annex B: Communications.

At the first available opportunity, emergency conditions and status should be communicated to appropriate and affected university administration.

Warnings to affected campus groups and/or to the entire campus community should be considered if an ongoing disruption or an ongoing threat persists. Refer to Annex A: Warning for more information.

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Launching appropriate warnings to impacted campus population as per Annex A:
Warning

University Emergency Medical Services

Responding to on-campus emergencies where medical services are needed

Coordinating with CSFD for triage, treatment, and transport of non-contaminated
or decontaminated victims

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