

### 3.6.3.10 Curtailing Disaster Operations



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#### 1.0 POLICY REFERENCE

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#### 2.0 PURPOSE

This standard operating procedure/guideline addresses steps for monitoring the disaster situation, evaluating hazards and response requirements, terminating disaster operations, and making the transition to normal operations.

#### 3.0 SCOPE

This SOP/SOG pertains to all personnel in this organization.

#### 4.0 DEFINITIONS

These definitions are pertinent to this SOP/SOG.

#### 5.0 PROCEDURES/GUIDELINES & INFORMATION

##### 5.1 Steps for monitoring the Disaster Situation:

### **Disaster Site Survey**

- I. To the extent possible, Hazmat personnel will continue to monitor all equipment and areas suspected to be contaminated with available detection and identification devices. Hazmat will coordinate with State Department of Environmental Quality (SDEQ) for additional monitoring assistance outside of the hot/warm zones.
- II. Hazmat personnel will document all runoff areas, apparatus and other locations suspected or identified as contaminated.
- III. When **biological agents** are involved, Hazmat teams will continue to collect samples of suspected contamination for evaluation by SDHS State Laboratory. PD will transport samples from scene to laboratory.
- IV. In **radiological incidents**, Hazmat personnel will coordinate with State Radiation Regulatory Agency to establish that equipment and site have been successfully decontaminated.
- V. For **chemical agents**, areas and equipment that cannot be accommodated in the technical equipment decon corridor will be cleaned with a 5% bleach solution. A minimum solution contact time of 15 minutes will be observed, then area or equipment will be thoroughly rinsed and remonitored for contamination. The process will continue until monitoring indicates no contamination is present.
- VI. Hazmat personnel will provide technical assistance/support as requested to County, State, and/or Federal agencies engaged in restoration operations. Such agencies will be operating under the Federal Response Plan.

### **Hazmat assist in transfer of deceased to County Medical Examiner**

- I. Deceased are to be left in hot zone until all victims have been transported.
- II. County Medical Examiner's Office, supported by Federal D-Mort Teams, will examine bodies for evidence prior to decon. Decon may be supported by PFD Hazmat personnel as requested.
- III. Tracking, transportation and storage of bodies and belongings will be handled by the Medical Examiner's Office to insure preservation of chain of evidence custody.

## **5.2 Evaluating Hazards and Response Requirements:**

## **5.3 Terminating Disaster Operations:**

**5.4 Making the Transition to Normal Operations:**