

# SPILL (UNKNOWN)

## PURPOSE

To provide a standard by which companies trained to the “First Responder Operations” level and Incident Commanders trained to the “On Scene Incident Commander” level respond to hazardous materials incidents.

## PROCEDURE

### 1. Incident Commander

- A. All identified Hazardous Materials spill incidents require an Incident Commander trained to the “On Scene Incident Commander” level as described in the *HazMat/WMD Response* protocol under “Special Operations”.
  - i. Establish Command.
  - ii. Contact Hazmat Team.
  - iii. Contact RP and have them remain with Command.
  - iv. Make necessary contacts to PD, public works, etc.
- B. In unknown spills involving liquids, or dry products the on scene Company Officer is “Command” until product is identified as hazardous. IC is retained until a qualified “On scene Incident Commander” relieves them of Command.

### 2. Company Functions

- A. While enroute to the scene:

Obtain available information from dispatch, MDT, or caller regarding:

  - i. Fixed facility vs. transportation vehicle.
  - ii. Indications of abandoned container, deliberate release, or accidental release.
  - iii. Type of product; liquid, solid.
  - iv. Best approach; Uphill, upwind, upstream.
  - v. Any agency on scene for contact information.
  - vi. Approach scene with caution; be aware of escape routes, secondary devices, position apparatus headed away from the incident at a safe distance.
- B. Upon Arrival:
  - i. Establish Command and give size-up from a safe distance (cold zone).
  - ii. Make contact with RP if possible.

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- iii. Gather product information (shipping papers, labels, product ID, color, etc.)
- iv. Determine if HazMat Team notification is required.
- v. If no information available use guide #111 (DOT Emergency Response Guide Book)
- vi. Monitor air from safe distance with PHD monitor to ensure distance.
- vii. Isolate and deny entry to area.
- viii. Communicate approach information to all incoming units.
- ix. Determine if product can be diapered safely.
- x. Determine if product is moving and if it can be safely diverted or diked to diminish or halt movement into stream or drains.

## KEY CONSIDERATIONS

- Never approach an unknown without proper air monitoring or identification.
- As soon as identified hazardous notify the Hazmat Team Leader and dispatch.
- Consider possibility of intentional release