New Jersey    Department of
Environmental Protection

EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT
NJDEP
Bureau of Emergency Response
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Emergency Response Operations

Briefing Overview

- ROLE OF EMERGENCY RESPONSE UNITS
- GOALS OF THE BUREAU OF EMERGENCY RESPONSE
- SCOPE OF THE PROBLEM
- PREVENTION, PREPAREDNESS, CONTAINMENT
BER Mission Statement

Ensure the safety of the citizens of the state of New Jersey and protect the environment during emergency situations involving hazardous materials.
Role of the Bureau of Emergency Response

- Receives notifications of incidents of immediate concern from Trenton Dispatch as received (24 hours a day)
- Evaluates each incident to assess the harm or threat to the public and the environment
- Acting upon the incident particulars, BER makes specific recommendations to the responsible emergency service agency and may direct the actions of a responsible party
- BER staff assists local, county, state and federal agencies and functions as the State’s On-Scene Coordinator at multi-jurisdictional incidents
- When necessary, BER will assume a more active role in the mitigation of an emergency including taking on the clean up of a discharge or dumping incident in the absence of a cooperative responsible party
Goals of Emergency Response

- Provide coordinated, timely and effective on-scene response. When appropriate, function as the State’s on-Scene Coordinator (SOSC).
- During major emergencies, provide accurate appropriate on-scene and technical data for senior management’s involvement and decision making.
- During major emergencies, provide focal point for all departmental notifications and resource deployments.
- Administer emergency Spill Fund operations.
- Provide technical assistance to State’s Division of Criminal Justice, public officials, private citizens and industry on Emergency Response issues.
- Monitor Emergency Mitigative operations by responsible parties.
- Monitor and audit CEHA Emergency Response – related activities.
- During major emergencies involving Weapons of Mass Destruction, provide technical assistance to identify the chemical agent involved.
Abandoned Chemicals
Transportation Incidents

FedEx Plane Crash at Newark Airport

Sodium Hypochlorite Tanker

Paulsboro Train Derailment
Chemical Releases
Major Oil Spills

Valero Tank Farm

Eastern Terminal Pipeline

Absecon Inlet
Weapons of Mass Destruction / Domestic Preparedness
Inlet Oil Spill Booming Project
Hurricane Floyd

Bound Brook Flooding

GIS Container Inventory

Flooded Industry
State of New Jersey
Department of Environmental Protection

REPORT ALL ABUSES OF THE ENVIRONMENT TO NJDEP HOT LINE
877 WARN DEP

NJ DEP Emergency Response
Headquarters - Trenton
(609)633-2168

DEP Emergency Response
North - Cedar Knolls
(973)631-6385

DEP Emergency Response
South - Ewing
(609)292-5530
What Can You Do?

- Prevention
- Preparedness
- Containment

CALL!!
877-WARN DEP
877-927-6337
Prevention

• Signage
  • No Hazardous Materials
  • Hours of Operation
• Storage
  • Containers
  • Compatibility
• Education
  • Mailings/Website
Preparedness

• Training
  • Spill Drills
  • Safety
• Contingency Plan
  • Spills
  • Fires
  • Unknowns
• Hazard Identification
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Containment

Sorbent Boom

Sorbent Pads
Containment

Speedy Dry

Drum Pallets
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