

Emergency Support Function #10—Hazardous Materials

Annex

Primary Agency:

Fire Agencies

ESF Coordinator(s):

Designated Emergency Response Authority (DERA)

Support Agencies:

Fire Agencies
Law Enforcement Agencies
Ambulance Districts
Eagle County Emergency Management
Colorado State Patrol
Eagle County Environmental Health
Eagle County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
Private Industry

Purpose

Emergency Support Function (ESF) #10 provides for a coordinated response to actual or potential hazardous materials incidents. ESF #10 includes the appropriate response and recovery actions to prepare for, prevent, minimize, or mitigate a threat to public health, welfare, or the environment caused by actual or potential hazardous materials incidents.

Scope

Hazardous materials addressed under the Eagle County Emergency Operations Plan include chemical, biological, radiological, and explosive substances, whether accidentally or intentionally released. These may include substances considered weapons of mass destruction (WMD).

ESF #10 describes the lead coordination roles, the division and specification of responsibilities among various agencies, and the regional and onsite response organizations, personnel, and resources that may be used to support response actions.

This ESF is intended to provide a coordinated response to an actual or potential release of hazardous materials, resulting from any source including but not limited to; transportation incidents, fixed facility incidents, natural disaster (i.e., wildfire, flood, etc.) and/or terrorist attack.

Policies

The DERA, is the primary response authority for any hazardous materials incident in Eagle County. The DERA is authorized by state statute to provide support to other local governments at the request of another DERA, or under established mutual aid.

The DERAs for Eagle County are:

- Colorado State Patrol – for federal, state and county roads.
- Eagle County Sheriff's Office – for all other non-federal areas not inside of a municipality.
- Basalt and Rural Fire Department – Town of Basalt.
- Eagle River Fire Protection District – Towns of Avon, Minturn and Red Cliff.
- Greater Eagle Fire Protection District – Town of Eagle.
- Gypsum Fire Protection District – Town of Gypsum.

- Vail Fire and Emergency Services – Town of Vail

DERA is a State of Colorado Designation. The responsible entities for hazardous spill mitigation on federal lands in Eagle County are:

- Grand Junction Fire Department – USDOJ Bureau of Land Management.
- USDA United States Forest Service – USDA United States Forest Service.

Federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration 1910.120 and/or National Fire Protection Association standard 472 shall be the guiding documents for hazardous materials response.

All participating agencies/departments will operate under the principles and features of the Incident Command System.

The Regional Hazardous Materials Association of Eagle County has been formed under an Inter-Governmental Agreement to function as a hazardous materials response team for Eagle County.

Hazardous materials inventory, containment, and emergency planning services are mandated under the Superfund Amendment and Reauthorization Act of 1986 also known as the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act of 1986. This function shall be carried out by the LEPC.

Concept of Operations

Unless otherwise specified herein, the response to hazardous materials incidents shall be handled by the DERA for the jurisdiction.

In the event of a terrorist event, the Federal Bureau of Investigation will be the lead investigative agency with state and local agencies providing support and resources to assist.

Disposal of hazardous materials (waste) is invariably handled by a private clean-up contractor with the responsible transporter or property owner being liable for the costs of the response and remediation of the affected area.

Initial Actions

The DERA will provide and/or participate in on-scene command and control utilizing unified command when appropriate.

The ESF#10 lead will deploy hazardous materials response teams to provide technician level response to mitigate an actual or potential release of hazardous materials.

The ESF#10 lead will work with support agencies to provide personnel to manage technical/safety requirements during hazardous material/terrorist incidents.

Upon activation, a representative will be assigned to the Eagle County Emergency Operation Center to function as the ESF # 10 lead.

The ESF # 10 lead is responsible for providing situational awareness to the EOC staff, gathering resource needs of the local incident(s) and providing technical assistance when requested by local jurisdictions or the incident commander(s).