

**Adams and Jefferson County Hazardous Response Authority
FIELD OPERATING GUIDELINES**

ADMINISTRATIVE

F.O.G. #: 105

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CATEGORY: AJCHRA Objectives

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I. Purpose:

- A. To define the AJCHRA Objectives.

II. Guideline:

- A. Develop, implement, and facilitate operational concepts, organizational development, and the support systems required to implement effective hazardous materials response within the member agency defined response area.
- B. Establish an operational structure that has the ability to function outside of the response area on an approved mutual aid call.
- C. Determine how to best utilize fire department, law enforcement, support personnel, and other team members who have been trained to handle hazardous materials incidents.
- D. Establish lines of authority and management for response to a hazardous materials incident.
- E. Assist the Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPC) to establish an overall response plan that adheres to, and addresses the provisions of, Title III of the Superfund Amendment and Reauthorization Act (SARA) and the Code of Federal Regulations; Title 29 CFR Section 1910 as well as 40 CFR 311 that affect the duties, operations and functions of the fire service and hazardous materials response teams who will or might be engaged in various mitigation activities at the scene of a hazardous materials incident.
- F. Assist the local Designated Emergency Response Authority (DERA) to ensure that the responsibility for clean-up, disposal and environmental remediation, of hazardous materials is completed in a proper and legal manner; preferably by the generator, if identified.
- G. If requested, assist in conducting hazardous materials (HazMat) risk assessments, preplanning, and targeting of potential HazMat problems within the response area. The AJCHRA can also aid Law Enforcement, Fire Departments / Districts with statutory law and code enforcement related functions. The inspection programs conducted within districts are under the authority of the Uniform Fire Code as adopted by the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ). Colorado Revised Statutes (CRS) and The Uniform Fire Code have established formal guidelines for the proper use, storage and handling of hazardous materials. SARA Title III is targeted for various hazardous materials users, shippers, and storage facilities and as adopted by the State establishes formal guidelines for risk analysis.
- H. Assist in the development and implementation of a first responder-training program for member agencies of the AJCHRA.

- I. Assist in the development and implementation of a Hazardous Materials Technician Level training programs for team members of the AJCHRA HazMat response team.