

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

SITE SAFETY

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CATEGORY: Site Safety

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I. Purpose:

- A. To define Site Safety.

II. Guideline:

- A. **SITE SAFETY AND CONTROL:** A hazardous materials incident generally involves the escape or release of materials normally controlled within physical containment. Response activities involve actions to minimize or prevent these discharges. Site Control is ensuring that safe operations may be performed while preventing or reducing the exposure of any person or the transfer of hazardous substances (contaminants) from the site by civilians, hazardous materials team members, equipment or agencies assisting in the mitigation of the incident. A site safety plan must be developed by Incident Command and include a safety briefing for all personnel involved in the incident. Site Control involves two major activities:
 - 1. Physical arrangements and control of the site work area.
 - 2. The removal of contaminants from people and equipment prior to leaving the control zones.
- B. **CONTROL:** Control is needed to reduce the possibility of injury or the transport from the site of contaminants which may be present on personnel and equipment. This can be accomplished in a number of ways including:
 - 1. Establishing physical barriers to exclude public and unnecessary personnel
 - 2. Establishing checkpoints with limited access to and from the site, or areas within the site
 - 3. Minimizing personnel and equipment on-site consistent with effective operations
 - 4. Establishing containment zones
 - 5. Undertaking decontamination procedures
 - 6. Conducting operations in a manner to reduce the possibility of contamination.

III. References:

- A. Reference 1
- B. Reference 2