
Emergency Operations Plan

Functional Annex: Hazardous Materials

Hazardous Materials Annex Responders	
Agency Role	Agencies
Primary Agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fire & Ocean Rescue
Supporting Agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New Hanover County Fire Rescue• New Hanover County Emergency Management• Wilmington Fire• New Hanover County Sheriff's Office• New Hanover County Health & Human Services - Environmental Health
Private Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Industrial Emergency Response Teams• New Hanover County Local Emergency Planning Commission• Local Clean-up Contractors

External Plan Alignment to Hazardous Materials Annex:

- *New Hanover County Hazardous Materials Annex*
- *New Hanover County Hazardous Materials Plan*
- *2021 Hazardous Materials Commodity Flow Study*

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Introduction

Purpose

The purpose of *Functional Annex: Hazardous Materials* is to provide additional information for a response to a hazardous material emergency and assist the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) in meeting its requirements under the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act – Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) Title III of 1986. Additionally, this section provides for a coordinated response to hazardous materials incidents by placing available hazardous materials resources into action in the impacted area.

Scope

This annex identifies the key policies, concepts of operations, roles and responsibilities, and capabilities associated with Hazardous Materials response in New Hanover County (NHC). Specific operating procedures and protocols for individual agencies and municipalities are addressed in documents maintained by those organizations. This annex is focused solely on the municipal response and recovery operations, as applicable.

Coordination activities may include:

- Response to any hazardous material, including a response to an oil related incident.
- Coordination of local, state, and private hazardous materials response teams.

Situation

- The Town of Carolina Beach has limited capabilities, and will rely on New Hanover County and regional partners regarding this annex.
- Oil and hazardous materials emergencies could occur from any one of several sources including the transportation, storage, or manufacturing of such materials.
- The routes most often used to transport hazardous materials in and through the Town are; U.S. Highway 421 and the Cape Fear River and tributaries.
- Firefighters are usually the first responders to incidents involving hazardous materials and are limited in their response capabilities to conduct offensive measures.
- Victims of hazardous materials accidents may require unique or special medical care not typically available in the county or area. Hazardous materials emergencies may occur without warning requiring immediate response actions and may result in short/long term health, environmental and economic effect.
- The LEPC in NHC has been established in the county by the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) to assist in identifying the magnitude of the chemical hazard present in the community, assess the vulnerability of the community to the hazard, and provide planning guidance for emergency response to hazardous materials events.
- The LEPC receives the North Carolina (NC) Community Right to Know Tier II reports by E-Plan submission. Facility emergency response plans submitted to the LEPC are filed with New Hanover County Emergency Management (NHC EM) and with local fire departments by the reporting organization. Tier II reports submitted to E-Plan by the facilities that report to the LEPC are maintained in the E-Plan database and can be accessible by submitting a request to NHC EM authorized personnel.
- The City of Wilmington Fire Department operates a Hazardous Materials Team. This Team also serves as the NC Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team (RRT II) when responding to hazardous materials events outside of the county. The NC Division of Emergency Management provides sponsorship of the team.
- Cleanup of an oil and/or hazardous materials spill is the duty of the responsible party. The responsible party is required to notify the National Response Center (1-800-424-8802) of the event.

Planning Assumptions

- Planning and training prior to an accident will significantly reduce the risk of loss of life to response personnel.
- Emergency response personnel are knowledgeable in the use/availability of local resources.
- The oil and/or hazardous material involved in an accident can be identified within a reasonable period of time from the owner of the facility or the vehicle, from the shipping documents, from the properties of the material itself or from information provided pursuant to Title III or the N.C. Right to Know Act.
- For hazardous materials incident at fixed facilities, it is assumed that the facility involved in a hazardous material accident will attempt to provide all information required by SARA, Title III, Section 304.
- The North American Emergency Response Guidebook (ERG) or an equivalent document, either alone or in combination with other information sources, can be used as a guide for initial action to be taken to protect the responders and the general public when responding to incidents involving hazardous materials.
- For events occurring within or posing a threat to the navigable waterways under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG), the USCG will be the lead agency in coordinating response efforts and is the pre-designated On-scene Coordinator (OSC) for pollution response in the Coastal Zone. All discharges or releases, or a substantial threat of such discharges or releases of oil or hazardous substances originating within the Coastal Zone are the responsibility of the USCG OSC. Included are discharges and releases from unknown sources or those classified as “mystery spills.”

Concept of Operations

General

- The New Hanover County Hazardous Materials and Emergency Planning Commission (LEPC) has been established at the county level to identify the magnitude of the local hazard, assess the vulnerability of the community to that hazard, and provide planning guidance for emergency response. Representation on the LEPC is prescribed by the policy of the North Carolina Emergency Response Commission, and those agencies or groups that have an interest in hazardous materials may have a representative on the committee. At each covered facility, as defined by SARA, Title III, Section 302, a Facility Emergency Coordinator will be identified to serve as the point of contact as defined by SARA, Title III, Section 303(d)(1). This Facility Emergency Coordinator will provide the necessary emergency response information on the facility to the planning committee.
- There are several types of incidents involving a response to oil or hazardous materials that responders could be faced within the Town of Carolina Beach, directly or indirectly. Hazardous materials incidents may involve:
 - Fixed facilities
 - Ship/barge casualties or improper cargo handling
 - Vehicular accidents
 - Unknown material on beaches
- The level of response will be determined by:
 - The amount and toxicity of the material involved in the accident or the release.
 - The population, property or environment threatened, and the level of protective equipment required for the involved substances.
 - The type and availability of protective equipment required for the release material.
 - The probable consequences if no immediate actions are to be taken.
- Incident command will be implemented on an appropriate scale at the scene of every hazardous material event in the Town of Carolina Beach.

- Municipal responders recognize the role and authority of the NC Department of Environmental Quality, the US Coast Guard, and the US Environmental Protection Agency in Oil and/or Hazardous Materials response.

Specific

Hazardous Materials Assets

Hazardous Materials Team

All firefighters are trained minimally at the Operations Level of hazardous materials response. More advanced training is required of the firefighters on the City of Wilmington Fire Department's hazardous materials team. The Wilmington hazardous materials team members are trained at the Technician Level, with many trained beyond that to the Specialist Level. This team is a local asset for response and can be activated locally through the Team Coordinator.

The State of North Carolina has placed seven Regional Response Teams (RRT) around the state. The Wilmington Fire hazardous materials team is RRT-2 and is tasked with responding to incidents in the region surrounding NHC. The RRT will provide emergency response to stabilize the situation (i.e. secure the discharge, prevent the spread of the material, protect storm drains etc.). Once the scene is stabilized the responsible party's response contractor will conduct the remediation.

Resources

Resources for hazardous materials responses from public sources are catalogued in the NHC WebEOC resource list.

The City of Wilmington maintains a foam trailer, bulk foam supplies, and an industrial pump for foam applications. This asset may be called upon when needed through the Team Coordinator.

Hazardous Materials Response

Hazardous materials response is coordinated through county and municipal fire departments as well as the LEPC and NHC Emergency Management. The details of the response from initial contact to incident assessment, through cost recovery is detailed in the *New Hanover County Hazardous Materials Plan*.

Incidents are classified according to level of risk according to the Incident Commander's assessment.

Level I (Potential Emergency Condition) is an incident which can be controlled by the first response agencies, does not require evacuation of other than the involved structure or immediate outdoor area, and does not suggest that major environmental damage will occur.

Level II (Limited Emergency Condition) is an incident that involves a critical hazard with a potential threat to life or property, requires a limited evacuation of the surrounding area, or suggests that major environmental damage could occur. Initial response to the incident can be adequately handled by the jurisdiction's resources.

Level III (Full Emergency Condition) is an incident that involves a severe hazard or large area, poses an extreme threat to life and property, and will probably require a large-scale evacuation. Level III includes an incident requiring a combination of expertise or resources from local, state, federal and private agencies/organizations.

NHC EM serves as the notification and response entity for the local LEPC. The response of NHC EM to hazardous materials incidents is detailed in the NHC EM On-Call Ops Guide. This guide details the role staff will play in required reportable release notifications as well as activation of hazardous materials assets. This document may be obtained from NHC EM.

Hazardous Materials Tier II Reporting

As required by state and federal law, facilities with more than the threshold planning quantity (TPQ) of an extremely hazardous substance (EHS) must report this to the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) and the NHC LEPC in E-Plan (www.erplan.net) and actively participate in the preparation of emergency plans in coordination with their LEPC. In NHC, the information gathered in the Tier II reports is collected by NHC EM and made available to the LEPC and the public. Submissions must be completed through E-Plan. Electronic Tier II reports can be downloaded into the Cameo-Marplot-Aloha program to automatically map the chemicals in the county as well as establish evacuation and/or shelter-in-place scenarios.

Any facility that has a chemical release exceeding the reportable quantity as detailed in the EPA's [Consolidated List of Lists](#) must immediately notify the State Emergency Responses Commission (SERC) at 800-858-0368 and the NHC EM. In addition, any chemical identified as a "hazardous substance" under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) requires immediate notification to the National Response Center (NRC) at 1-800-424-8802. Certain follow up notifications may also be required.

Facilities with more than a threshold quantity of certain chemicals must submit a detailed chemical inventory list or Safety Data Sheet (SDS) information to the SERC within 15 days of the chemicals coming on site. Federal laws allow LEPCs and local fire departments to determine their own requirements for notification. Many, but not all, local jurisdictions in North Carolina follow the federal Section 311 requirement of 90 days after a chemical comes on site.

Organization and Assignment of Responsibilities

All agencies charged with a response in this annex are expected to collaborate and coordinate with emergency partners to respond to and recover from emergencies. This annex is not a substitute for local/departmental response plans and does not usurp local policies and procedures. This annex may be activated to support any response in the Town of Carolina Beach for which the EOP is activated.

Key actions which should be implemented by all those responding under this annex are as follows:

- All responders should maintain professional relationships with partner agencies.
- All responders should participate in training and exercises as appropriate.
- Agencies will maintain current rosters with points of contact and resources.
- Organizations responsible are expected to maintain the capability to provide services for which they are charged. Contingency plans should be in place for continuing operations if needed.
- All individuals/organizations involved in disaster response should collect and record information on the utilization of labor, materials, equipment, and disaster-related costs.
- Appropriate representation will be sent to the Incident Command Post (ICP) as needed.

The following pages are checklists of actions to be coordinated by those listed in this annex as primary and support agencies. The primary agencies will coordinate the overall response under the functions covered by this annex and supporting agencies will assist in the response as needed. The primary agencies will collaborate to identify and activate supporting agencies as appropriate.

Preparedness Actions Checklist

These actions may be taken during normal operations in preparation for an event. All primary and support agencies should consider these actions.

Preparedness Actions	Notes	Responsible Party	Status
Review, update and revise mutual aid agreements, memorandums of understanding, standard operating guidelines, etc. annually.			Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing <input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete <input type="checkbox"/>
Continually evaluate capabilities required to accomplish operations under this annex, identify any gaps, and leverage resources to address them.			Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing <input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete <input type="checkbox"/>
Address after-action items and lessons learned regarding this annex from exercises and real-world events, whether through planning, operations, exercises, training, or equipment.			Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing <input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete <input type="checkbox"/>
Develop and/or participate in relevant related planning, training, and exercise activities at the local, regional, state, and/or federal level.			Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing <input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete <input type="checkbox"/>
Ensure necessary supplements to the annex are developed and maintained including contact lists, internal procedures, etc.			Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing <input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete <input type="checkbox"/>
Ensure staff are fully trained and prepared to respond to IC or the Incident Command Post (ICP) as needed.			Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing <input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete <input type="checkbox"/>
Maintain a list of municipal officials and key county and state agency's contact phone numbers, unlisted numbers, pager numbers, cell phones and fax numbers, etc.			Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing <input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete <input type="checkbox"/>
Develop and update contact lists with phone numbers (home, cellular, fax, etc.), radio call signs, etc.			Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing <input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete <input type="checkbox"/>

Preparedness Actions	Notes	Responsible Party	Status
Maintain access to and train on the use of WebEOC.			Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing <input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete <input type="checkbox"/>
Plan for alternate means of communicating with field units if normal communications channels are disrupted.			Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing <input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete <input type="checkbox"/>

Monitoring/ Initial Incident Actions Checklist

The following actions may be taken during the initial phases of incident response, including during a “Monitoring” phase activation. Not all actions will be necessary during every event. Complete those actions necessary for the incident.

Monitoring/Initial Incident Actions	Notes	Responsible Party	Status
Identify and notify the supporting agencies that their resources and personnel may be required to respond.			Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing <input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete <input type="checkbox"/>
Ensure communications have been/will be established with field units, command posts, etc.			Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing <input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete <input type="checkbox"/>
Determine status of local clean up contractors. If not available, determine where the nearest units are located and estimated time to arrive in the Town.			Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing <input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete <input type="checkbox"/>
Assist the PIO in developing advisories and media releases concerning hazards associated with potential spill/accident locations.			Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing <input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete <input type="checkbox"/>
Coordinate the response to hazardous materials spills. Assess the situation and report to the Incident Command Post (ICP).			Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing <input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete <input type="checkbox"/>
Ensure the availability of medical monitoring for hazmat teams, if required.			Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing <input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete <input type="checkbox"/>

Monitoring/Initial Incident Actions	Notes	Responsible Party	Status
Identify locations which may pose hazardous materials concerns and report to Incident Command Post (ICP) representatives.			Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing <input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete <input type="checkbox"/>
Develop plans to overcome resource shortages.			Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing <input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete <input type="checkbox"/>
Monitor and report roadway conditions for traffic delays and detours.			Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing <input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete <input type="checkbox"/>
Determine what resources need to be procured under emergency purchase orders. Maintain a log of those purchases. Coordinate this with the Financial Management Annex.			Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing <input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete <input type="checkbox"/>
Coordinate with agencies outside of the disaster area to ensure their resources are available and will be committed.			Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing <input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete <input type="checkbox"/>
Establish communication with support agencies (radio, telephone, cellular) and ensure that they are ready to respond.			Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing <input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete <input type="checkbox"/>
Provide list of available personnel and resources to the Incident Command Post (ICP).			Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing <input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete <input type="checkbox"/>
Report rumors to the PIO, if detected.			Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing <input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete <input type="checkbox"/>

Response Actions Checklist

The following actions may be taken during the response, including during partial or full phase activations. Not all actions will be necessary during every event. Complete those actions necessary for the incident.

Response Actions	Notes	Responsible Party	Status
Instruct supporting agencies and field units to report their status, area situation, personnel needs, equipment needs, activation of mutual aid agreements, location of field command posts, etc.			Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing <input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete <input type="checkbox"/>

Response Actions	Notes	Responsible Party	Status
Receive, manage, and track resource requests.			Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing <input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete <input type="checkbox"/>
Ensure full coordination of activities with other groups within the Incident Command Post (ICP) to assist in the development and maintenance of a common operating picture.			Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing <input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete <input type="checkbox"/>
Receive, review and contribute to situational reports from the Incident Command Post (ICP) on a regular basis.			Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing <input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete <input type="checkbox"/>
Fill all ICS roles as assigned by IC or the Incident Command Post (ICP).			Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing <input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete <input type="checkbox"/>
Track all incident related activities through appropriate ICS forms.			Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing <input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete <input type="checkbox"/>
Coordinate the response units and actions through on-scene units.			Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing <input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete <input type="checkbox"/>
Advise the PIO of the situation and need for media response and protective action recommendations.			Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing <input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete <input type="checkbox"/>
Determine what outside resources will be required to assist local resources. Request assistance from NHC EM, as needed.			Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing <input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete <input type="checkbox"/>
Notify local clean-up contractors to be on standby, if applicable.			Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing <input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete <input type="checkbox"/>
Coordinate response actions with the other functions as necessary (fire/rescue, transportation, shelter/mass care, etc.).			Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing <input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete <input type="checkbox"/>
Contact appropriate company officials to determine the extent of danger of hazardous materials.			Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing <input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete <input type="checkbox"/>
When appropriate, ensure that US Coast Guard has been notified of the event.			Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing <input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete <input type="checkbox"/>

Response Actions	Notes	Responsible Party	Status
Determine the type of sheltering actions to be taken and coordinate with the American Red Cross and NHC EOC.			Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing <input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete <input type="checkbox"/>
Notify medical care facilities of the type of hazardous materials if injuries are involved.			Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing <input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete <input type="checkbox"/>
Ensure that medical monitoring of hazardous materials responders is provided on-scene, and that follow-up evaluations take place.			Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing <input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete <input type="checkbox"/>
Ensure that all supporting agencies have maintained accurate logs of personnel and equipment resources utilized for response.			Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing <input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete <input type="checkbox"/>
Instruct responders to document mileage and time.			Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing <input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete <input type="checkbox"/>
Maintain coordination activities with NHC and municipal officials.			Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing <input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete <input type="checkbox"/>
Coordinate activities with regional teams that may be dispatched to the disaster area.			Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing <input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete <input type="checkbox"/>
Prioritize resource requests to ensure that the most critical are met first.			Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing <input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete <input type="checkbox"/>
Track the resources that have been committed to specific missions and plan for re-deployment upon release, when necessary.			Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing <input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete <input type="checkbox"/>
Maintain list of available resources and personnel (volunteer from private or business sector) that have been called/activated.			Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing <input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete <input type="checkbox"/>
Identify staging areas for resources that may be sent into the affected area for support.			Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing <input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete <input type="checkbox"/>
Compile report of any damaged assets.			Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing <input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete <input type="checkbox"/>

Recovery Actions Checklist

The following actions may be taken during recovery, including during partial or full phase activations. Not all actions will be necessary during every event. Complete those actions necessary for the incident.

Recovery Actions	Notes	Responsible Party	Status
Ensure all responders to this annex and/or their agencies provide appropriate records of costs incurred for purposes of reimbursement when available.			Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing <input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete <input type="checkbox"/>
Create and implement a plan for deactivation of all assets.			Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing <input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete <input type="checkbox"/>
Compile reports of damages to facilities, equipment, injuries, etc.			Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing <input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete <input type="checkbox"/>
Continue to assess the environmental impact in coordination with other agencies.			Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing <input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete <input type="checkbox"/>
Designate staging areas for clean-up contractors and equipment, if needed.			Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing <input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete <input type="checkbox"/>
Coordinate with law enforcement to keep area closed.			Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing <input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete <input type="checkbox"/>
Coordinate with the PIO to provide updates to media representatives.			Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing <input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete <input type="checkbox"/>
Ensure that the costs of the response have been tabulated for billing of the responsible party.			Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing <input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete <input type="checkbox"/>
If hazardous materials affect any waterways, coordinate with the county and U.S. Coast Guard.			Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing <input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete <input type="checkbox"/>
Return units to base when no longer required.			Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing <input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete <input type="checkbox"/>
Participate in after-action review.			Complete <input type="checkbox"/>

			Ongoing <input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete <input type="checkbox"/>
Ensure resources are demobilized and returned to places of origin according to agreements in place.			Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing <input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete <input type="checkbox"/>
Ensure that agencies have maintained logs of mileage and time of personnel utilized to respond to disaster.			Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing <input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete <input type="checkbox"/>
Develop a plan for the priority replacement of any damaged or destroyed assets.			Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing <input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete <input type="checkbox"/>
Develop plan of action to improve response during future events.			Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing <input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete <input type="checkbox"/>

Direction, Control, and Coordination

Annex Activation

This annex will be activated in the event of a disaster or emergency impacting the Town of Carolina Beach in coordination with the Town of Carolina Beach's EOP, as outlined in the Base Plan. These procedures consist of processes and systems to communicate timely, accurate, and accessible information to the public, responders and stakeholders- the whole community. Any event requiring activation of the EOP may necessitate the activation of this annex.

Annex Development and Maintenance

This annex is developed by the Town of Carolina Beach in conjunction with emergency partners charged with a role in this annex. It is a functional annex supporting the Town of Carolina Beach's EOP. This document will be reviewed, maintained, and updated annually by the Town of Carolina Beach and any changes necessary will be made and forwarded to emergency partners. This annex may also be updated following exercises or real-world activations of this annex to modify policies, procedures, and incorporate lessons learned.

Authorities and References

The following are specific references and authorities relative to the operation of this annex:

- Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986; Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986.
- N.C. Executive Order 43, North Carolina Emergency Response Commission, April 7, 1987.
- N.C. General Statutes, Chapter 166A.
- DOT Emergency Response Guidebook (DOT P 5800.4).
- Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning Guide, NRT-1, March 1987.
- Guide for the Development of State and Local Emergency Operations Plans, CPG 1-8, October 1985.
- N.C. Occupational Safety and Health, Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response Standard (13 NCAC 7F.0101 and 0103).
- Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations (49CFR)
- USCG Southern Coastal Area Contingency Plan (ACP)

- Emergency Response to Terrorism Job Aid (DOJ, FEMA, and National Fire Academy)
- US EPA Regional Response Plan (Region IV)
- Wilmington Fire Department Emergency Operations SOG

Acronyms

AFN	Access and Functional Needs
APIO	Assistant Public Information Officer
ARC	American Red Cross
ARES	Amateur Radio Emergency Services
ASU	Animal Services Unit
BNP	Brunswick Nuclear Plan
CDC	Centers for Disease Control
CISM	Critical Incident Stress Management
EAS	Emergency Alert System
EMS	Emergency Medical Services
EOC	Emergency Operations Center
EOP	Emergency Operations Plan
EPCRA	Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act
EPIC	Emergency Public Information Center
ERG	Emergency Response Guidebook
ESF	Emergency Support Function
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
GIS	Geographic Information Systems
IC	Incident Command
IC-3	Individual Care Coordination Center
ICP	Incident Command Post
ICS	Incident Command System
IPAWS	Integrated Public Alert and Warning System
JIC	Joint Information Center
JIS	Joint Information System
LEPC	Local Emergency Planning Commission
NAWAS	National Warning System
NC OEMS	North Carolina Office of Emergency Medical Services
NC	North Carolina
NFPA	National Fire Protection Administration

NHC EM	New Hanover County Emergency Management
NHC EOC	New Hanover County Emergency Operations Center
NHC EOP	New Hanover County Emergency Operations Plan
NHC HHS	New Hanover County Health and Human Services
NHC	New Hanover County
NHCFR	New Hanover County Fire Rescue
NHCHD	New Hanover County Health Department
NNHRMC	Novant New Hanover Regional Medical Center
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NWS	National Weather Service
OSC	On-Scene Coordinator
PETS	Pets Evacuation and Transportation Standards Act
PIO	Public Information Officer
PSAP	Public Safety Answering Point
RRT	Regional Response Team
SAR	Search and Rescue
SARA	Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act
SERC	State Emergency Response Commission
SMAT	State Medical Assistance Team
SMORT	State Mortuary Operations Team
SNS	Strategic National Stockpile
SPCA	Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
TTY	Teletypewriter
USAR	Urban Search and Rescue
USCG	United States Coast Guard
UWCFA	United Way of the Cape Fear Area
VIPR	Volunteer Intervention Prevention Response
WEA	Wireless Emergency Alerts