



Annex Q: Hazardous Materials & Oil Spill Response Executive Summary

Primary	Fire Marshal's Office
Support	County Judge's Office, Sheriff's Office, Public Infrastructure, Public Health & Environmental Services, Medical Examiner's Office
Coordination	Office of Emergency Management

The purpose of this annex is to establish the policies and procedures under which unincorporated Harris County will operate in the event of a hazardous material incident or oil spill. This Annex defines the roles, responsibilities, and organizational relationships of government agencies and private entities in responding to and recovering from a hazardous materials incident. The Annex provides guidance to protect the population and the environment from a hazardous materials incident.

In addition to hazardous materials response, related responsibilities for radiological response, fire fighting, and search & rescue response are detailed in other Annexes.

CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

This annex applies during any situation in which there is a danger to life, property, or the environment that results from an accident involving the uncontrolled release or spill of any hazardous materials. The primary agencies involved will be the local fire department, law enforcement, and Harris County HMRT. Other agencies will assist as appropriate.

The Harris County Fire Marshal's Office provides a technician-level hazardous materials response team (HMRT) charged with the responsibility of responding to hazardous materials incident in Harris and the surrounding counties. This HMRT is stationed at the Fire & Sheriff's Training Facility in northeast Harris County.

REFERENCES

- FEMA, Guide for All-Hazard Emergency Operations Planning (SLG-101).
- National Response Team, Hazardous Material Emergency Planning Guide (NRT-1).
- US Department of Transportation & Transport Canada, Emergency Response Guidebook.
- Annex D, Radiological incidents, Harris County Basic Plan
- Annex F, Fire Fighting, Harris County Basic Plan
- Annex G, Law Enforcement, Harris County Basic Plan
- Annex H, Health & Medical Services, Harris County Basic Plan
- Annex R, Search and Rescue, Harris County Basic Plan