

RMP

South Carolina Response To Release

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Risk Management Plan

- **SC Facility**
 - SC R 61-62.68
 - Emergency plan
 - Report to National Response Center (EPCRA)
 - Conduct investigation no later than 48 hours after incident



DHEC Emergency Response

The Basics

- DHEC coordinates release incident response operations according to multiple SC laws and regulations
- Emergency Response Section is housed under the Bureau of Environmental Health Services



DHEC Emergency Response The Basics

- Release information is directed to one of the 13 Environmental Affairs Emergency Response Teams
- Region is deployed to respond



DHEC Emergency Response The Basics

- **Coordinate with Incident Commander**
- **DHEC does:**
 - Provide technical assistance
 - Responsible party coordination
 - ensure cleanup is done to standards
- **DHEC does not conduct the cleanup itself**



SC Responds to Incident

- Communication is key
- Facility reports to National Response Center
- NC-SC
 - Cross-Border Incident Notifications Guidelines
 - Informal notifications



South Carolina Response: Air

- Track the Plume
 - Use information provided by facility estimates, NC
- Incident Commander
 - May ask for Evacuation and Safe Return recommendations
- EPA involvement



South Carolina Response: Water

- **Downstream Notifications**
 - Surface water treatment plants
 - Other users
 - Permitted natural swimming areas
- **Other Notifications/Actions**
 - Notify Partners (ex- Dept of Natural Resources)
 - Sample as needed
 - Post alerts in high recreation areas
 - Oil spill controls



Conclusion

- SC response is technical support
- Communication is key:
 - Facility
 - NC
 - EPA
 - Incident Commander
 - Contractor
- Community
- Media

