

# Pipeline Emergency Response

## Work Flow Job Aid - First 60 Minutes

WITH SUGGESTED RESOURCES

### 1. Establish Initial Isolation Zone(s) –

#### **DENY ENTRY**

### 2. Begin information gathering process – **NPMS** (National Pipeline Mapping System)

- a. Type of pipeline involved
  - i. Gas
    1. Transmission
    2. Gathering
    3. Distribution
  - ii. Liquid
    1. Product(s) involved
    2. Quantity(ies) spilled
    3. Flow rate – GPM or BBL-PM
    4. Proximity to water ways (streams, creeks, rivers, lakes, etc.)

#### **b. ACCOUNTABILITY OF VICTIMS**

#### **c. Emergency Response Guidebook (ERG)**

- d. Pipeline markers – **SEE ERG for guidance**
- e. Operator information
- f. Area(s) of impact
- g. Weather
- h. Pre-Plans, LEPC Plan(s), SOPs/SOGs

### 3. Establish Command post

- a. Uphill – Upwind
- b. Out of expansion rage should incident escalate

### 4. Make notifications

- a. National Response Center –  
**1-800-424-8802**
- b. State notifications
- c. Local notifications

### 5. Establish Incident Command Team – **ICS 203 Form**

- a. Command Staff –
  - i. Unified Command
    1. Fire
    2. Pipeline Operator

3. EMS (if applicable)

4. Law Enforcement

5. Environmental Protection

ii. PIO (Public Information Officer)

iii. Liaison Officer(s)

iv. Safety Officer(s)

b. Operations

c. Logistics

d. Planning

e. Finance

### 6. Determine Initial Strategy – **OFFENSIVE vs. DEFENSIVE**

- a. Based on:
  - i. Resources on hand
  - ii. Level(s) of training
  - iii. Incoming resources – ICS 211 Form
    1. 15 minutes
    2. 30 minutes

### 7. Develop Incident Action Plan (IAP) – ICS 215 Form based on strategy chosen

- a. Set first Operational Period
- b. Establish Incident objectives

### 8. Conduct Safety briefing – ICS 215A Form

#### **a. STRESS RESPONDER SAFETY**

- b. Work in teams or pairs – no one goes alone –  
**USE FULL PPE**
- c. Establish time(s) for PARs (Personnel Accountability Reports)
- d. ESTABLISH INITIAL OPERATIONS PERIOD

### 9. Develop Communications Plan – ICS 205a Form

### 10. IMPLEMENT THE INCIDENT ACTION PLAN

- a. Monitor progress
- b. Modify as needed



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