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CHLOREP Informational Bulletin:

Team Activations

Periodically HAZMAT incidents occur that offer lessons to be learned for other CHLOREP responders. In February 2010, an incident occurred in Indio, California that provided the opportunity for review and analysis of certain emergency response procedures. The Chlorine Institute task group that is reviewing that incident is developing long term recommendations that are focused on maximizing the effectiveness of a response. In the short term, several items have been identified that might be helpful to CHLOREP teams responding to similar incidents. Please review the below items with all of your CHLOREP team members so that we can all benefit from others' experiences.

- **Incident Command** - Always communicate directly with the Incident Commander. Rapport between the CHLOREP team and local responders is crucial to successful incident management. Don't allow intermediaries who may have different agendas to intervene or delay appropriate actions. If the IC isn't identified in the CHEMTREC report, quickly identify that person and begin direct communications.
- **Dispatch Procedures** - Clearly understand your company's process for dispatching CHLOREP teams and/or hiring contractors for response. When implemented, this process must be efficient and not delay on-site response.
- **Contractor Qualifications** – Emergency response contractors must be properly trained in handling the particular hazardous chemicals involved in the incident. It is not helpful to hire an inexperienced contractor as that will typically create additional issues and concerns. Those contractors that participate in the CI Verification Program have previously been screened for proper equipment, experience and training. Participants are listed on the CI website and in the CHLOREP Handbook. Others might also have the necessary background and equipment for an effective response but that must be verified.
- **Hand-off** - A hand-off to another CHLOREP team may be appropriate and is acceptable. The hand-off must involve sufficient on-going communications between the responding companies so that the process appears smooth to the on-scene responders and does not add confusion or delay.
- **Secondary Team Contacts** - Know the primary contacts for secondary CHLOREP teams and packagers in your sector. Contacts are listed in the members only section of the CI website. These contacts become invaluable during events. Confirm the list regularly for personnel changes.

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This list of items is provided to assist CHLOREP teams in providing the most effective response to a HAZMAT emergency situation in order to minimize the incident's impact on the local community.

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