

	<p align="center">OFFICE OF STATE FIRE MARSHAL</p> <p align="center"><i>REGIONAL HAZARDOUS MATERIAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAMS</i></p> <p align="center">STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINES</p>	<p>Number: T-012</p> <p>Adoption Date: October 27, 1993</p> <p>Review/Revision Date: April 12, 2006</p>
<p>OSFM Approved: <u>Signature on file at OSFM</u> Date _____ Nancy J. Orr, State Fire Marshal</p>		<p><u>Signature on file at OSFM</u> Date _____ Susan J. Otjen, Operations Manager</p>
<p>SUBJECT: Equipment Testing and Operations</p> <p>OBJECTIVE: To Provide Guidance on How Regional Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Team Equipment and Operations Will Be Maintained for Immediate Response</p>		

I. SCOPE

Regional Hazardous Materials Response Teams may be activated at any time to respond to emergency situations. Equipment must be capable of supporting these responses. This guideline will outline the steps necessary to test and maintain equipment for incident readiness.

II. PRE-INCIDENT OPERATIONS

- A. Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA):
The SCBA will be checked after each use and in accordance with manufacturer's specifications, hydro test, etc. All cylinders will be fully charged.

- B. Protective Equipment (suits, gloves, boots, etc.):
All protective equipment will be maintained in accordance with manufacturer's specifications and OSHA regulations.

- C. Monitoring and Sampling Equipment:
All monitoring and sampling equipment will be calibrated, tested, and maintained in accordance with manufacturer's specifications. Before each use, the equipment will be field tested (calibrated).

- D. Communications, Computers, and Video Equipment:
Test and maintain as per team contract and manufacturer's specifications.

- E. Non-routine maintenance of State-owned equipment shall be performed by competent and qualified personnel.

III. INCIDENT / GENERAL

Compatibility charts, field set up, and calibration will be performed in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations and team training before the equipment can be used in the field.

IV. POST INCIDENT / GENERAL

All equipment will be cleaned and tested in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations. Any equipment damage or loss will be reported to the Team Leader and the Office of State Fire Marshal with a request for replacement or repair.