



OFFICE OF STATE FIRE MARSHAL

*EMERGENCY RESPONSE UNIT
Regional Hazardous Materials
Emergency Response Teams*

STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINES

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SUBJECT: Medical Surveillance

OBJECTIVE: Provide guidance for medical surveillance, exams, and exam content.

I. SCOPE

This guideline shall apply to medical surveillance exams provided for hazardous materials emergency response team members. It outlines who is eligible to receive the exams, the types of exams, and their content.

II. DEFINITIONS

"Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Team Member or Team Member"- A person officially designated or appointed to serve an on-site active role as part of a regional hazardous materials emergency response team.

"Medical Surveillance Exams or Exams" - Periodic medical evaluations required by 29 CFR 1910.12 with recommendations defined in the 2018 edition of NFPA 1582.

III. GENERAL

A complete physical exam is mandatory to assure that employees are physically capable of wearing the required protective equipment and of performing the necessary work in adverse conditions. OR-OSHA OAR 437-02-100 and 29 CFR 1910.120 set forth the requirements for medical surveillance program for employees who will be exposed to hazardous materials. NFPA 1582 lists the recommendations for the exam based on several factors related to the specific employer and expertise of the employers physician.

Medical Surveillance Exams will be provided in accordance with the frequency of 29 CFR 1910.120 and the recommendations of NFPA 1582 for hazardous materials emergency response team members. The Office of State Fire Marshal, under contract with regional hazardous materials emergency response teams, will pay for the costs of Pre-Employment, Periodic Medical Exams, Emergency Treatment, and Exit Examinations according to the provisions of this guideline and the funds allocated in the teams' contracts.

IV. MEDICAL SURVEILLANCE EXAM

- A. The contractor must establish a program to ensure all hazardous materials emergency response team members receive their baseline, maintenance, exposure, and exit physical exams on a timely basis.
- B. Prior to being instated on a hazardous materials emergency response team, a Contractor RHMERT employee must have had an exam that meets or exceeds NFPA 1582 with consideration for Section 5.2 Essential Job Tasks for Specialized Teams within the last 12 months. This will be considered sufficient for a “Pre-Employment Screening” in accordance with 29 CFR 1910.120.
- C. After instatement on the hazardous materials emergency response team, members will be provided periodic medical examinations annually, emergency treatment as soon as possible after an exposure, and exit examinations within six months of exit from team.
- D. The contractor will select an appropriate physician and clinic based on the recommendations of NFPA 1582 to ensure compliance with 29 CFR 1910.120(f).
- E. Each employer shall consult with each individual employee to establish an employee exposure record. The employee has the right to provide or withhold baseline information that will be recorded on said exposure record.

V. PAYMENT FOR MEDICAL SURVEILLANCE EXAMS

The Office of State Fire Marshal, according to its contract with regional hazardous materials emergency response teams and in a manner agreeable to both parties, will pay for medical surveillance exams based on the following:

- A. Exams shall be provided only for team members.
- B. A written request must be submitted to the Office of State Fire Marshal for approval for expenditure of state funds prior to medical exams taking place. Request must include a list of team members receiving exams, health care provider name and address, and the cost of the exam.

- C. Costs for exposure exams are included in the Contractor's response costs to be billed to the responsible person/party and reimbursed by the State to the Contractor out of the revolving fund.
- D. The exam will be consistent with the recommendations in NFPA 1582 and ensure compliance with 29 CFR 1910.120.
- E. The Office of State Fire Marshal is to be provided a detailed accounting of the exams provided including dates, names of team members, type of exam(s), protocols used, and the cost for each team member exam along with a total cost.