**Boulder County Hazardous Materials Team**

BCPH EERT Standard of Cover

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**Scope:** This guideline applies to all participating agencies of the Boulder County Hazardous Materials Team (BCHMT)

**Purpose:** To outline the role of Boulder County Public Health Environmental Emergency Response Team (EERT) during a hazmat response.

**Guideline:**

* The EERT is responsible for assuring that hazmat incidents impacting the environment or other releases or emergencies potentially impact the environment or public health are remediated and public health and the environment are protected.
* Environmental Health Specialists will be available to respond 24/7/365. These specialists are members of the EERT and have diverse backgrounds in environmental health fields, have completed 40 hour HAZWOPER, and maintain continued education trainings.
* The EERT will contact dispatch within 30 minutes of initial dispatch.
* EERT will be available to arrive on scene within 90 minutes of initial dispatch in the following areas:
	+ East of Broadway/Hwy 93/U.S. 36
	+ North of Hwy 128
	+ South of Hwy 66
	+ West of East County Line Road

*\*All other areas will be covered within 120 minutes of the initial dispatch of the BCHMT.*

*\*\*EERT only responds in Boulder County jurisdiction. They are available by phone and can help make*

 *connections with Weld County Public Health.*

* Once arriving on scene the EERT member will check-in with the IC and the BCHMT Group Supervisor. EERT will operate within the ICS, as assigned. (i.e. liaison)
* EERT can assume command of an incident after the immediate life, health and safety of the incident is resolved and Fire and BCHMT objectives are met. However, the scene must be considered secure and safe. This determination will be made on scene with the IC, BCHMT Group Supervisor, and Law Enforcement.
* EERT may request to have objectives met during initial and subsequent entry and recons in order to carry out their objectives once command is transferred to EERT. These will be accommodated to the best of the BCHMT ability once Life Safety issues are resolved.
* EERT will work with responsible parties (RP) to meet state and federal reporting requirements or report incidents where no RP is identified. Additionally they will complete any required downstream notifications in the event waterways are impacted.
* EERT can coordinate EPA, clean up contractors and other state and federal resources as needed.