



Carroll County Department of Fire & EMS

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Subject: Absorbent Use and Replenishment	Section: Special Operations
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I. PURPOSE

This guideline establishes a consistent method for the storage, replacement, and recordkeeping following use of supplied absorbent.

II. DEFINITIONS

A. MDE - Maryland Department of Environment

III. PROCEDURES

A. A MDE Spill Report

(<https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/Crossmedia/EmergencyResponse/Documents/mdespillreport.pdf>) must be completed for the replenishment of absorbent.

B. The Training, Health and Safety Officer provides program management.

1. The Public Safety Training Center shall be the primary point of control and distribution for the supply of absorbent.

C. Anytime absorbent is used, the fire/EMS company is responsible to complete a MDE Spill Report.

1. The completed MDE Spill Report must be provided to PSTC staff before replacement absorbent shall be distributed.

2. The Training, Health and Safety Officer shall forward the completed MDE Spill Reports monthly to the MDE at the following address:

Maryland Department of the Environment
Emergency Response Division
1800 Washington Blvd, Suite #105
Baltimore, MD 21230

D. DFEMS shall maintain a supply of absorbent at the PSTC.

E. A fire/EMS company needing to replenish a supply of absorbent shall make arrangements by contacting PSTC staff during normal business hours, or by contacting the DFEMS Shift Commander Lieutenant after normal business hours for emergency replacement needs only.

- F. Absorbent shall be provided on a one-for-one replacement according to the amount used and indicated on the MDE Spill Report. Replacement absorbent shall not be provided without a completed MDE Spill Report. Fire/EMS companies are limited to five (5) bags of clay granule-style absorbent.
- G. An Incident Commander can request DECON30 from Station 10 to be dispatched on spills greater than 55 gallons.

IV. RECISION

This Standard Operating Procedure rescinds all directives regarding Absorbent Use and Replenishment or similar content previously issued for personnel of the Carroll County Department of Fire & EMS Department.