



## ***CCD-306 Emergency Preparedness and Response***

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### **Emergency Preparedness and Response**

The City & County of Denver (CCD) Department of Environmental Health has implemented an Emergency Preparedness and Response Program (EPRP) through the Environmental Quality Division (EQ) to prepare for, respond to, mitigate and recover from potential emergency situations that could impact the environment and the environmental health of Denver.

EPRP staff develops and maintain strategies, plans, procedures, capabilities, and resources pertinent to the Department’s emergency preparedness and response program. The program aims to provide the highest level of technical competence, resource support, and services to emergency managers during any disaster or emergency situation that confronts the City and County of Denver. These activities include:

- Developing / updating DEH’s emergency preparedness and response plans
- Maintaining DEH emergency command center functions
- Maintaining DEH emergency response resources and equipment
- Maintaining DEH emergency responder training and certification, and
- Coordination of emergency preparedness and response with other entities

EPRP staff periodically review and, where necessary, revise EPRP procedures subsequent to the exercising of plans and “real world” emergency events. EPRP follows guidance provided in the following documents to conduct these activities:

- Related Document: *CCD-DEH-301.03.06 Emergency Preparedness and Response Environmental Guideline*
- Related Document: *National Response Framework* located at [http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/interapp/editorial/editorial\\_0566.xml](http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/interapp/editorial/editorial_0566.xml)

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- Related Document: *National Incident Management System* located at <http://www.fema.gov/emergency/nims/index.shtm>
- Related Document: *Draft City and County of Denver Emergency Operations Plan* available by request from Bill Benerman, Environmental Health Environmental Quality Division Community Protection Section Supervisor.

### Emergency Preparedness and Response at Selected Agencies

While Environmental Health manages the Emergency Preparedness and Response Program for Denver, certain agencies in the City maintain agency-specific programs for preparing for and responding to environmental and other emergencies that affect their facilities. The Denver Botanic Gardens and the Denver Museum of Nature & Science utilize “Disaster Plans” as required by American Museum Association guidelines.

- Related Document: *Denver Botanic Gardens “Disaster Plan”* available by request from Sue Ann Lee (Assistant Director of Operations), Denver Botanic Gardens
- Related Document: *Denver Museum of Nature & Science “Emergency Procedures Manual”* available by request from James Calder (Building Services Manager), Denver Museum of Nature & Science