

Anthrax or Other Infectious Disease Threat Guidelines

Hazardous Materials Teams

Actions:

- (1). Develop an action plan
 - a. Briefing on threat analysis.
 - b. Briefing on building layout and mechanical systems.
- (2) Make entry into any potentially contaminated areas and perform a thorough search as soon as possible. Look for tampering with the ventilation system, suspicious packages/devices, powder residue, etc.. Level C PPE is recognized by the DCD as minimum protection for biological agents. Local protocols may call for a higher level of protection.
- (3) Assist in obtaining cultures of potentially contaminated items (e.g., any threatening letter/package, powder residue, environmental samples, nasal swabs, etc.).
- (4) Assist in decontamination of potentially contaminated victims if indicated after threat assessment has been completed.
- (5) Make sure notification is made to the NRC (National Response Center).