

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EMERGENCY RESPONSE LEVELS

Level I

- Requires the response of at least one Technician from the County's Certified Hazardous Materials Response Team (HMRT).
- The incident is small and can be handled by local emergency responders in consultation with the Technician from the certified HMRT.
- The incident is not life threatening and no significant public protection is required.
- The environmental impact (or potential) is minimal.

Level II

- Requires the response of several Technicians from the County's HMRT to assist with product identification, air monitoring, spill containment and/or decontamination.
- The incident can be handled by local emergency responders along with additional certified HMRT personnel and equipment.
- There may be a moderate level of public protection actions required within a localized area
- The environmental impact (or potential) is moderate.

Level III

- Requires a full certified HMT response.
- The release may be difficult to control even with special resources.
- There may be major public protection actions required for a large area.
- The environmental impact (or potential) is severe.

NOTE: Certain fuel spills from motor vehicle fuel tanks and home heating systems may not require the response of certified HMRT personnel. Refer to PEMA Circular 1993-1 for more details.