

Environmental Emergency Contacts

If you need to report an environmental emergency situation, please dial the 24 hour Pollution Emergency Alert System (PEAS) -

1-800-292-4706 (within Michigan) or 1-517-373-7660 (outside Michigan)

During daytime hours, you may also contact the appropriate [district office](#) directly

Emergency Response Policy (summary):

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) supports the appropriate participation of its employees in emergency response activities for the purpose of protecting public health and the environment. In general, DEQ employees do not serve as "first responder" personnel. Rather, DEQ staff serve as technical consultants to, and coordinate their activity with, an on-scene incident commander, usually the local fire chief. Staff may serve as technical consultants either at the site of the emergency or by telephone or other means of communication. DEQ staff may also employ an environmental response contractor to perform certain emergency response functions.

In areas where Level D personal protective equipment is adequate, employees may: conduct air, water, soil sediment or waste monitoring or sampling; deploy containment devices from the shoreline to control surface water contaminants; construct diversion or containment dikes; and right leaking drums as appropriate to the level of the individual's equipment and training.

Exception: Properly trained and equipped staff of the Waste and Hazardous Materials Division Division may perform first responder, operations level actions at emergencies involving radioactive materials