PROCEDURES FOR EMERGENCY WORK

In the event that standard Type 2 or Glove Bag procedures cannot strictly be observed due to the urgency of the situation to which the workers are responding, some judgement will be required of the person responsible for the work, and other staff or contractors responding to the emergency. The general principles of emergency response work is to protect the workers performing the repairs and to minimize the exposure of others to airborne asbestos. The procedures given below should be followed to the extent possible or modified as required given the specific circumstances surrounding each emergency.

1. Clear area of all non-essential personal. Provide personal protective gear to all persons required to remain.

2. Isolate the affected area by establishing a perimeter barricade (i.e. by placing a rope or tape barrier) or by closing all exits, windows, doors, etc.. If time permits, post signage at all points of entry clearly identifying the area as being temporarily off limits to all personal.

3. Shut down ventilation systems servicing or otherwise affected by the emergency work.

4. Worker(s) responding to the emergency shall wear protective respirator and disposable coveralls. If normal work clothes are worn they must be laundered or disposed of following the completion of the work.

5. Provide drop sheet in the immediate area of the work to minimize contamination and to aid clean-up efforts.

6. Wherever the use of water does not pose an additional hazard, workers shall ensure the asbestos or suspect asbestos-containing material in question is saturated both prior to and throughout its disturbance.

7. Perform emergency repairs with minimum disturbance of asbestos.

8. As workers are required to exit the controlled work area, other then on an emergency basis (i.e. explosion, fire, etc.) each worker shall first wipe off or vacuum clean all protective gear and footwear. If disposable coverall were used, they shall be removed prior to exiting the work area. Worker shall then proceed to a pre-established wash area and wash-up.

9. Notify the Asbestos Programs Officer of the need to have performed emergency work and obtain his/her direction as to the extent of required clean-up and desired course of action while continuing to restrict access to the area in question.

10. Obtain the necessary asbestos abatement equipment then proceed with a clean-up of the affected area and in a manner consistent with the direction provided by the Asbestos Programs Officer or Designated Inspection Agency. At a minimum, such an effort must address the clean-up of all visible debris and/or settled dust in the immediate area of the work. Dispose of all waste materials and cleaning supplies as contaminated waste.

11. Proceed with the dismantlement of any barricades only after the results of any final air clearances are made available and the Asbestos Programs Officer or Designated Inspection Agency has reviewed the area and his/her subsequent authorization to proceed is granted.

The above emergency procedure would in most instances be appropriate in the event of a breach or failure of a Type 2, Glove Bag or Type 3 enclosure.