

Subject: National Veterinary Stockpile 3D Response Support Services

Q: What are 3D Response Support Services?

A: In addition to physical countermeasures, the NVS maintains contracts with multiple hazardous material (HAZMAT) emergency response companies that are highly trained in emergency response, self-sufficient capable of deploying with their own equipment and supplies. 3D is the acronym for “depopulation, disposal, and decontamination” and represents activities commonly demanding rapid deployment of large numbers of response personnel and equipment. The NVS program serves as the single point of contact for 3D Response Support Services. NVS staff will select the best-qualified contractor(s) to support the depopulation, disposal, decontamination efforts of incident command (IC).

Q: What services are provided?

A: NVS 3D Response Support Services include:

- Surge personnel for hazardous waste operations and emergency response (HAZWOPER) fully equipped with personal protective equipment.
- Decontamination equipment and mobile teams to support field responders on-farm
- Carcass and debris recovery, handling, permitting and disposal (waste management and disposal)
- Hazardous and infectious material transportation and limited access to landfills
- Staging area setup and operations for distribution of equipment and materials
- Certified operators for special equipment (fork lifts, skid loaders, heavy trucks/equipment)
- Special equipment (owned and leased), such as mobile command centers, emergency power and lighting, temporary housing for responders, pumps/pressure washers, material handling equipment, satellite terminal and hand-held radio communications
- Safety professionals and medical technicians
- Air monitoring

The NVS program also maintains APHIS contracts with 3D contractors to strategically store maintain and operate on NVS-owned equipment including:

- Storage, maintenance and deployment of NVS poultry depopulation foam units
- Storage, maintenance and deployment of NVS animal handling equipment for cattle and swine, and small ruminants.

Q: How can I be confident that the 3D contractors are competent in responding to an agricultural emergency?

A: The 3D contractors operate within the National Incident Management System and are experts in decontamination and disposal services, including state requirements for transporting and disposing of hazardous materials.

Q: How fast can the 3D contractors be on site and what is their surge capability?

A: The 3D contractors' initial management staff arrive within 24 hours of deployment orders and report to the incident management team. Depending upon services required, the 3D contractors could deploy approximately 600 personnel within 72 hours and 1,000 within a week.

Q: What if there are simultaneous emergencies and requests come from multiple States, Tribes, or Territories?

A: The NVS program works with multiple 3D contractors to accommodate redundancy. It is a common business practice in the All-Hazard emergency HAZMAT response industry that for companies to work together to get the job done. For example, to test readiness during the first days of the 2010 BP oil spill, the NVS staff performed an unannounced notification exercise on 3D contractors while conducting a full-scale deployment exercise with the Southern Agriculture and Animal Disaster Response Alliance (SAADRA). All 3D contractors verified their capability to respond to an agricultural emergency while concurrently responding to the oil spill.

Q: How do I request 3D services in an emergency?

A: Contact the National Center for Animal Health and Emergency Management 24/7 emergency hotline: 800-940-6524

Q: How does my State, Tribe, or Territory find out more about the NVS 3D Response Support Services?

A: E-mail us at nvs@aphis.gov.