Bath Township Fire Department			Standard Operating Guideline	
Section Special Operations	**Referral No.** S0-04	**Subject:** Mercury Spills Response	**Date Issued** 4/06	**Date Revised** 3/08

Purpose:

- To provide guidelines for safe response and containment of a reported Mercury Spill.

Scope:

- This standard operating applies to all personnel.

Responsibilities:

- Officer
  - Ensure that personnel respond properly.
  - Provide direction based on the Incident Management System.
  - Ensure the safety of all personnel.
- Personnel
  - All personnel have the responsibility of following the direction of Incident Command.
  - All personnel have the responsibility to wear the proper safety equipment.

Guidelines:

- Definition for the purpose of defining size of spill:
  Small spill - Contain to one area and under 3 grams. (The size of a thermometer)
  Large spill – Spread over a larger area and/or more than 3 grams.
- Notify EMA/DHS and Allen County Health Dept.
- Identify potential exposed individuals
- Identify possible satellite spill locations.
- Evacuate immediate area and do not allow pregnant women, small children or pets in to the area. Individuals within the spill zone should remove shoes prior to exiting the area.
- If mercury came in contact with clothing, including shoes remove and place in plastic bag and seal. Place plastic bag containing contaminated clothing out of doors and downwind.
- If mercury came in contact with exposed skin, immediately wash exposed areas with warm water and mild detergent and contain water run off.
- Turn off HVAC and/or other ventilation to and from the impact area.
- Open windows to the outside.
- **Do not re-enter area**
- **If the spill is in a school or other public location identify one person to coordinate and manage incident with parents, media, response contractor and others who may be impacted by the incident.**

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