

0. HESMIC

1. SUMMARY OF PLAN

- 1.1 This document is the Hertfordshire Emergency Services Major Incident Committee (HESMIC) Off-site Emergency Plan for the BPA Buncefield Terminal Site at Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire. The plan is a requirement under the Control of Major Accident Hazards Regulations 1999, due to the quantities of dangerous substances present on site.
- 1.2 The Site ~ Controller, or in his absence, the Site Incident Controller will (initiate the alert to Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service (HF&RS), providing" accurate information on the nature of the incident and the weather conditions prevailing at the time. Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service will alert Hertfordshire Constabulary (The Police).
- 1.3 The Site Incident Controller will alert designated domino sites and Cherry Tree Farm cottage inhabitants.
- 1.4 The Police will, if deemed necessary, alert local businesses that an incident has occurred.
- 1.5 The emergency services will respond to the incident and initiate a general alert to all appropriate responding organisations.
- 1.6 Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Ambulance and Paramedic Service (BHAPS) will alert the designated receiving hospital and request the attendance of a Medical Incident Officer if required.
- 1.7 HF&RS will be responsible for opening links with CHEMET, who will monitor the weather conditions and provide forecasts.
- 1.8 The police will set up a Tactical (Silver) Command near to the site but upwind of the incident. It is important that all responding agencies send a representative to that command, as it will be determining the tactical response to, and be affected by, the dynamics of the incident.
- 1.9 The police may also set up the Strategic (Gold) Command Unit at Police Headquarters. All responding agencies will need to be represented by senior management of their organisations, as this unit will be identifying the major, strategic issues.
- 1.10 The police will co-ordinate the response to the media. They will use the HESMIC Media and Information Plan, which details how an inter-agency response to the media will be achieved. All responding organisations will be asked to provide a representative to the designated Media Centre, whose location would be advised at the time of the incident.
- 1.11 The local authorities will assist the emergency services in the response, environmental clean up and restoration, as required.