

CHEMPACK Plan

Items to Delete, Modify, or Add:

1. Provide a definition of who is a competent authority in the jurisdiction. MTDPHHS defines a competent authority as:
 - a. A competent requesting authority is defined as a public health, DES, hospital, EMS, or other medical professional or any organization identified and trained by the local public health jurisdiction.
2. Transportation
 - a. Ensure plan outlines that the transportation is the responsibility of the requesting agency, not the host facility, or the county the container resides.
 - b. When outlining the transportation piece in the plan, do not put contact information for entities you do not have agreements with for transportation of CHEMPACK Assets. (Ex. Mercy Flight, Sheriff, Montana Highway Patrol)
3. County and Tribal Contact information
 - a. Avoid using specific people's names
 - b. Use Titles and 24 hour contact information
4. Include a basic inventory list of assets
5. Delete from plans
 - a. Pharmaceutical Caches (antibiotics)
 - b. Antiviral/Tamiflu Caches
 - c. Hospital Preparedness Caches
 - d. PPE Caches
 - e. Radiological Caches
6. Correct format/spelling: CHEMPACK
7. Definition of CHEMPACK
 - a. CHEMPACK is a national program funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). CHEMPACK is a first responder asset that provides antidotes for individuals exposed to intentional or accidental nerve agent release and large-scale organophosphate (pesticide) poisonings. The purpose of CHEMPACK is to implement a nationwide program for the "forward" placement of nerve agent antidotes and to provide state and local governments a sustainable resource that increases their capability to respond quickly to a nerve agent event.
8. Update State Contacts
 - a. SNS Coordinator: 406-444-6072

- b. Public Health Duty Officer: 406-444-3075
- 9. Include updated host facility contact list.
- 10. Add additional host facilities to plans.
 - a. If the jurisdiction could easily access a CHEMPACK container from more than 1 host site (i.e. county is between two host sites with equal or lesser distance to county) include the additional sites.
- 11. Include Patient Tracking Log
- 12. Include Request Information Form
- 13. If describing the Shelf Life Extension Program use this definition
 - a. The federal Shelf Life Extension Program (SLEP) extends the expiration dates on qualifying drugs and other materiel in federal stockpiles. SLEP is administered by the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) in cooperation with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The program is an acknowledgement that the actual shelf life of drugs and other medical products may be longer than their stated expiration date, depending on their storage conditions. The purpose of SLEP is to defer replacement costs of stockpiled drugs by extending their useful life.
- 14. Spell out acronyms once before using
- 15. Roles and responsibilities (if including roles and responsibilities, use these definitions)
 - a. **Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Division of Strategic National Stockpile (DSNS)**
 - i. Procure and provide CHEMPACK containers with appropriate nerve agent response antidotes and associated medical supplies.
 - ii. Provide technical expertise to advise the sites in:
 - 1. Implementing environmental criteria for selected locations.
 - 2. Ensuring each storage location meets DEA specifications (diazepam is a schedule IV controlled substance).
 - 3. Ensuring quality control of the stored product.
 - iii. Maintain CHEMPACK material throughout the life cycle of the project.
 - iv. Product surveillance:
 - 1. Monitor the environmental conditions of stored containers and pharmaceuticals and maintain documentation from the temperature monitoring devices for SLEP.
 - 2. Conduct product sampling.
 - 3. Replace stock, as required, to ensure it is in a ready-for-use state.
 - v. Conduct periodic Quality Assurance/Quality Control (QA/QC) inspections.

b. MTDPHHS

- i. Support CDC and host sites as outlined through contractual agreements and MOU's to maintain CHEMPACK caches.
- ii. Collaborate with host sites, response, and requesting agencies to ensure formal procedures are in place to facilitate recognition of events and rapid distribution of assets.
- iii. Provide training as necessary to host sites and first response agencies. Periodically review CHEMPACK procedures with first responders and other organizations to make them aware of CHEMPACK procedures and plans.
- iv. Share information about the CHEMPACK program and review local CHEMPACK procedures annually.

c. Host Sites

- i. Store materials in the manner agreed upon with CDC/MT DPHHS
- ii. Allow CDC and MT DPHHS personnel access to the CHEMPACK.
- iii. Notify CDC and MT DPHHS of changes in contact information.
- iv. Provide a 24/7 contact number for host site for local requesters to rapid access to the CHEMPACK throughout the region.
- v. Notify MT DPHHS to report use of assets or any change in the assets as soon as possible.

d. Local & Tribal health agencies

- i. Train stakeholders on requesting, mobilizing, distributing and use of caches
- ii. Collaborate with stakeholders to ensure plans are in place to rapidly request and utilize cache assets.
- iii. Notify the DPHHS DOC of request for mobilization and use of cache assets.
- iv. Plan for and coordinate the transportation or shipping of EMC cache assets as defined by the policies located in the cache specific attachments
- v. Annually review and share plan with local stakeholders.