

Introduction to toxic chemicals disaster response

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Introduction 1



- Chemicals are widely used to advance our living standards and the technology.
- These chemicals can be dangerous or harmful, to use them safely and should be proper managed.





Introduction 3



Many severe incidents in 1990s and after 2000s happened in the new-industrialized and developing countries.







Figure 2. Chemical Industry Output: Developing Regions* & Countries with Economies in Transition



*As categorized by UN Statistics Division, http://unstats.un.org/unsd/methods/m49/m49regin.htm, accessed 24 November, 2011, with the exception of the Republic of Korea. 1970-1990 Source: U.S. Chemical Manufacturers Association (1998). U.S. Chemical industry Statistical Handbook. Chemical Manufacturers Association, Inc. 2000-2010 Source: American Chemistry Council (2011). "Global Business of Chemistry: Global Chemical Shipments by Country/Region (billions of dollars)." Retrieved from: http://www.americanchemistry.com/Jobs/EconomicStatistics/Industry-Profile/Global-Business-of-Chemistry. Accessed: 11 August, 2011. 2020 Estimation Source: American Chemistry Council, Mid-Year 2011 Situation & Outlook, June 2011.



Top chemical export in the world



• 2019 Top 15 Chemical Export (77% of the world)

http://www.worldstopexports.com/chemical-exports-by-country

- 1. China: US\$73.7 billion (13.5% of total exported chemicals)
- 2. United States: \$50.8 billion (9.3%)
- 3. Ireland: \$36.5 billion (6.7%)
- 4. Germany: \$35.7 billion (6.6%)
- 5. Belgium: \$34.6 billion (6.4%)
- 6. Netherlands: \$26.3 billion (4.8%)
- 7. South Korea: \$26.1 billion (4.8%)
- 8. Japan: \$24.1 billion (4.4%)
- 9. Switzerland: \$22.5 billion (4.1%)
- 10. India: \$20.1 billion (3.7%)
- 11. Saudi Arabia: \$15 billion (2.8%)
- 12. United Kingdom: \$14.9 billion (2.7%)
- 13. France: \$14.8 billion (2.7%)
- 14. Singapore: \$13.5 billion (2.5%)
- 15. Taiwan: \$10.6 billion (2%)



East Asia totaled 27.2%



EU totaled 34%



East Asia's technology disasters after 2010s



Japan's Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant accident 2011.
 Korean's Gumi-si chemical plant toxic leakage accident 2012.
 Taiwan's Kaohsiung gas explosions accident 2014.
 China's Tianjin explosions accident 2015.



http://fukushima-nuclearplant.blogspot.com/2012/02/march-14-31-2011fukushimatdaiichi.html **毒物及化學物質局**





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https://www.dailymail.co.uk/ news/article-2713259

Incident management





Response principles

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Response principles from CSTI,(California Specialized Training Institute)

Command	Rescue	Restore
Command /Management	P rotective equipment	Decontamination & Cleaning
Identification & Hazard Assessment	Containment & Control	Disposal
Action planning	Protection actions	Documentation
	/Management Identification & Hazard Assessment Action	/ManagementequipmentIdentification & Hazard AssessmentContainment & ControlAction planningProtection



Scene







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On-Scene—1.Safety



 Evacuate injured , unrelated personnel – might need emergency decontamination

Ensure personnel' s safety.

- Evaluate Scene
 - I.D. is Safety/Protection
- Id. Hazard Materials
 - GHS
 - SDS
 - Transport document
- Donot enter the scene without efficient resources.

Donot become problem yourself!





Three key points to ensure safety





ON-Scene- 2.Isolation and Deny Entry

Isolation

Separate Scence according to

- Chemical' s characteristics
- Environmental conditions

(wind direction ` terrain)

- Leaking speed/Fire nearby
- Using SDS/ERG as reference



Divide the RED, ORANGE, GREEN zones

- Prevent the responders cross-contaminated.
- Prevent the pollutants from spreading.
- Restrict personnel' s action in the RED area.



On-scene--3. Notification

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- Reporting to relevant or command agencies initially and regularly.
- Report:
 - Ŵho
 - When
 - Where
 - What
 - What
 - How
 - Request support







Command







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4 Command and Management

- The first responder arrived the scene as the site commander first.
- As more responders arrived, the responsible or capable party would serve as the commander. The commandership could be transferred after the situation worsened and more aids arrived.
- The previous commander could serve as the advisor.
- The commander need to use information to assess the incident.
- Jobs- Staff assignments
 - Situation Assessment
 - Pans and Measures









- Main step to respond to HAZMAT
- First, identify the chemical(s) and to assess hazards.



Identification & Hazard Assessment (2/4)



Three directions to assess the hazard

Is there any factors would cause damage? (flammability ,TIH)

What is the source of the hazard ? (leak, fire)

How does the hazard happens ? (leak, transport) Who could be hurt ? (workers, responders...)

How bad the damage could be ? (fire ` explosion)



Identification & Hazard Assessment (3/4)



- Assess the hazards to personnel, environment, and equipment.
- Predict possible trends and outcomes



Identification & Hazard Assessment (4/4)



- Hazard identification:
 - Location
 - Shapes of the containers
 - Signs and their colors(GHS)
 - Notices and Labels
 - Transport document and SDS
 - Others (Warning, Diagram.....)





6 Action planning (1/3)

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- First Q: "What if I did not do anything?"
- Preparing for the worst scenarios before response—Evac route
 - Who could be injured ?
 - How big is the effected area ?
 - What kind of hazard would

the chemical cause ?

- Predict with model simulation.







6 Action planning (2/3)



- Draw up action plans:
 - STRATEGY v.s. TACTICS
 - OFFENSIVE v.s. DEFENSIVE
 - Set response goals.
- Choose response types and personal protection.
 - Determine priority.
 - **<u>Regularly</u>** evaluate the situation.

Do not become a problem







Rescue







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Protective equipment









8 Containment & Control



- Contain contaminated area with means- Sawdust, chemical sorbent, mini-boom..
- Control means:
 - Stop leak, move container..
- Factors:
 - Chemical Characteristics
 - Leaking speed and leakage
 - Weather and terrain
 - Time, support, equipment...
 - Nearby environment





9 Protection actions



- Responders have to protect nearby civilians, environment, properties as well.
- Monitor and document the data continuously.
- Take actions to protect civilians if necessary:
 - Evacuation : Guide civilians to safe area.
- Sheltering-in-place : Keep civilians in place from contamination.
- Evacuate or shelter-in-place?
 - Chemical' s characteristic
 - Nearby population distribution
 - How much resource do we have?
 - Situation



Reference for evacuation

Detection device's value	Actions HAZMAT FRO TH
< PAC-1 or the concentration is very low.	No evacuation action needed
PAC-1 ~ PAC-2	Issue control area and the alert for shelter-in-place.
> PAC-2	Issue control area and the alert for shelter-in-place, or evacuate.
> PAC-3.	Issue the alert for evacuation , force the evacuation if necessary.

* The PACs dataset is a hierarchy-based system of the three common public exposure guideline systems: AEGLs, ERPGs, and TEELs.





Restore







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10 Decontamination & Cleaning Why:

 If Personnel and equipment are not properly decontaminated, the pollutants will be pollute the medical staff, and other personnel, causing secondary pollution.

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Cold

zone

Warm

zone

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Hot

zone

Where:

- Time for decontamination needs to be considered.
- warm zone and upwind
- Benefit to the traffic flow
- Decontamination traffic flow:
 - Single : Minor leakage, few injure
 - Double : separate responder and
- injured, more efficient
 - Multiple : Mass leakage, many injured



11 Disposal

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- Consideration:
 - Safety first
 - Characteristic
 - Choose appropriate container and PPE
 - Choose appropriate method
 - Shipped by registered hazardous waste carriers
- What to dispose of:
 - Damaged building or equipment
 - Waste produced during the response
 - Leakage
 - Water that sprayed during the response





12 Documentation



Good documentation is beneficial for reviewing and improving

- Record from the start.
- Camera, DV, paper,...
- Content:
 - Time, location, hazard, injured
 - Situation, witness' s statement, device' s data
 - Action, personnel, equipment
 - Resource, cost





Incident Command System ICS



ICS developments



5.Shared communication frequency and system

4. Common terminology/co mmunication 1. Single command system
2. Resource distribution

3. System work among different units/agencies



ICS structure





Small incident : Commander for all
Big incident : Commander authorizes others


Modular Organization



- ICS for small and/or big events.
- ICS could expand or downsiz to be suitable.
- Top-down modular/organization.
- Positions set up as needs.
- for multiple use.
- Efficient management.





Roles and responders





Incident Commander

Who should be the commander?

- Initially, the first supervisor on scene.
- Later, resource manager or legal duty agency

Commander's duties:

- Determining strategy
- Selecting incident tactics
- Creating the action plan
- Developing the ICS organization
- Managing resources
- Coordinating resource activities
- Providing for scene safety

• Releasing information about the incident 電物及化學物質局 With outside agencies

The seven Hazwoper requirements for the IC



- 1. Identify all hazardous substances or conditions present.
- 2. Based on identification, implement appropriate operations, and assure use of proper personal protective equipment.
- 3. Assure personnel exposed to inhalation hazard wear SCBA.
- 4. Limit number of personnel on-site, but use Buddy System.
- 5. Assure back-ups and standby EMS are available.
- 6. Designate "Safety Official" with knowledge of safe operations.
- 7. Implement appropriate decontamination; etc.





Pubic information officer(PIO

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Recommendations on related news

Release news by commander's authorization

Commander



PIO

Information exchanges



Supervisors

Information exchanges

Establish good relations with media



Media and publics

Liaison officer (LO)



Helps commander communicate with or request supports from other units



Commander



LO

Answer questions from other units



Medical staff

Engineering staff / Technical staff



Operation



Specific

Responsible for main operations

- Implement commander' s plan /Provides professional opinions and services
- Rescue, Mitigation, leaking/Hazard control



- Combined : Integrate two factors above.



Planning

Evaluation and application of the event and resources

- Help to set up plan
- Predict and prepare alternative plans
- Data record and document management
- Resource team : In charge of resource

usage

- Situation team : Gather and analyze the information about current situation
- Document team : Document management
- Evacuation team : Responsible for evacuation plan when emergency happens







- Medic team : Provide medical assistance.
- Food team : Provide foods and water for all personnel.



Finance(omit for small/simple task)

Financial management

- Records/monitors the usage of supply, equipment and all the expenses
- Fund dispatch is important when encountering a big or long incident.
- Personnel' s salary, compensation,
- Timing team : Confirm and record all personnel's work time
- Order team : Responsible for the supply and equipment's orders and contracts
- Compensation team : Record personnel' s injury, diseases, responsible for lodging a claim and compensation,
- **Cost team** : Collect record, provides evaluation for costs.







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07.31 Kaohsiung Gas Explosion Summary

- 1. Time: July 31, 2014, 20:46
- 2. Place: Kaixuan 3rd Rd. and Ersheng Rd.

intersection, Qianzhen Dist.,

Kaohsiung City

- 3. Casualties: 30 dead, 305 injured
- 4. Type of Accident: Gas Explosion
- 5. Disaster Area: about 4.3kilometer X 0.5kilometer
- 6. Chemical: Propylene



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Propylene(C₃H₆) Properties •Physical Description: Colorless gas, faint odor

- •Flash Point: Ignite in room temperature
- •Ignition Temperature: 455℃
- •Vapor Density: 1.5 (Air=1)
- •Explosion Limit : 2%~11%



•Health Effects : 6.4~75% concentration leads to central nervous system depression, other symptoms like headaches, nausea, vomiting,

dizziness and unconsciousness.



Kaohsiung Gas Explosion Location Map

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Culvert pipeline accident



According to the specialist team, the 4-iche pipeline hole of 榮化 was the leaking point, the leaking propylene followed the fire fighting water and widespread in the sewer.



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Taiwan Kaohsiung gas explosion





HF leak at Container Field

HF leaking at a Container Field, Keelung Habor





HF leaking at a Container Field, Keelung Habor

Summary :

- HF leaking out from a 20 ton ISOtank at a container field, Keelung.
- Calcium Chloride was used to adsorb leaking HF. Another ISO-tank was used to transfer the remaining HF.

Cause : bleach on tank wall

• leaking at welded and corroded seam on ISO-tank.



HF leaking at a Container Field, Keelung Habor Location



HF leaking at a Container Field, Keelung Habor





15:27 3rd attempt to
stop leakage
16:00
Leak stop and ready to



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Decontamination

Transfering

HF leaking at a Container Field, Keelung Habor

Consequence management

- No HF was detected at near-by areas after ISO TANK transfering.
- Both ISO-tanks moved to safe place and verified with thermal imaging with NO leakage.
- After a de-briefing meeting, EPB monitor the site clearing.



Fire at a pharmaceutical manufacturer

A FIRE AT A PHARMACEUTICAL MANUFACTURER, TAI-CHUNG

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Lo	Pharmaceutical Plant
Ту	Fire at processing area
• Summary :	



Area Map

A pharmaceutical plant at Tai-Chung was caught on fire at 5am and involved toxic chemicals of Methyl isobutyl ketone(MIK) **660 kg and methyl chloride (MC) 9,000 kg. There were one injury and one fatality with damage area 1500 m²**. The wastewater 490 tons was treated by its WWTP and the remaining 1800 kg MC was delivered back to suppliers.

Material hazard characteristics

METHYL ISOBUTYL KETONE - Highly flammable liquid and vapour



Causes serious eye irritation and respiratory irritation. Repeated exposure may cause skin dryness or cracking.

➤Conditions to avoid

Heat, flames and sparks. Extremes of temperature and direct sunlight.

>Incompatible materials

Oxidizing agents, Strong bases

Material hazard characteristics

Chloromethane - Extremely flammable gas





- Suspected of causing cancer. Suspected of damaging fertility. Suspected of damaging the unborn child.
- May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure. Precautionary statement(s).
- Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions Carbon oxides, Hydrogen chloride gas.

Incident Supports










ammonia leakage and response for XX optoelectronic

- Time : July,2013
- Place : x, Keya Rd., Daya Dist., Taichung City, Taiwan (R.O.C.)
- Casualties and scale : 0 injured . damage area35 square meters
- Chemicals : liquid ammonia(CAS No : 7664-41-7 · UN No:1005) •
- Summary :

Safety valve of horizontal ammonia cylinder bleached in XX optoelectronic company and the factory initiated emergency response team using water mist to protect and to reduce dispersion to adjacent areas. Failed to stop leakage, the factory reported to authorities and ask for helps. The authority of the Central Taiwan Science Park activated the mutual aids and dispatched the assistants.



Factory layout

Gas Room



Response Stage 1



On emergency scene —safety , isolation and report

- In a incident, the safety of workers on-the-spot should be cared first.
- A blockade line and traffic control should be set up to divide cold, warm, hot zones. The action of prohibiting non-related personnel into the scene should be enforced.
- A reporting should be activated to authorities- the Central Taiwan Science Park Bureau, the Fire Department, the Environmental Protection Agency (for activating Environmental Incidents Specialist Team) to request for assistances.



Response Stage 2-1

- Incident management-command/management

 Identification and hazard assessment
 - The site contingency response command center was set up by CTSP Bureau to respond to the incident. There were several units responded to the incident including the factory, CTSP, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the Environmental Protection Agency Environmental Incidents Specialist Team. A meeting was held to discussion the situation and to handle the action.
 - The hazards of ammonia were identified and situation was assessed.



Ammonia hazards/ characteristics



Ammonia hazard

- Corrosive gas
- Inhalation would damage lung and could be fatal
- Liquefied gas could cause frostbite and damages eyes and skin
- Particular hazard
 - Avoid to mix with an oxidant (perchlorate , chlorate , etc.) will react violently or explode.
 - Avoid to mix with heavy metals and salts (gold, silver, etc.) will be explosive mixture
 - Avoid to mix with calcium will have exothermic reaction, high temperature will ignite.



Ammonia hazards/ characteristics



• Physical and chemical properties

Material condition : Gas	Shape : compress or liquefied gas	
Color: colorless	Smell : pungent smell	
pH value : 11.6 (soluble in water , based on 25° C)	Boiling point/Boiling point range : -33.4 $^{\circ}$ C	
Autoignition temperature: 850°C	Explosion limits : 15.5 % ~ 25 %	
Vapor pressure ∶ 7.76 atm @21.1 °C	Steam density: 0.6	
Density : $0.682 @ -33^{\circ}C (water = 1)$	Solubility : soluble in water	
Evnose allowable concentration		

Expose allowable concentration

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- > The average allowable concentration for eight hours (TWA):50ppm
- The average allowable concentration for a short period of time (STEL):75ppm

esponse Stage 2-2



Action plan

- First, the action plan was discussed and palnned. The action was to confirm horizontal cylinder safety valve and the bleaching location.
- The protection of water mist was continuously to protect the evacuating workers and adjacent areas.
- The gas supplier was notified and ready to move in to support
- Before the XX gas response team arriving, the technical team recommended to fill the leak point to stop leak and to gradually slow the rate of leakage.





mmonia protection1



Escape :

• Use gas masks with organic vapor protection

Hand protection :

Eyes protection :

- Use chemical safety goggles, mask, eyewash equipment
- Skin and body protection :
 - Use coveralls protective clothing, protective boots



mmonia protection2



Personal protective equipment(breathing protection) :

Under250ppm :

• Us respirators with Anti-ammonia cartridge of chemical cartridge; air supply or self-contained breathing respirators

Unknown concentration :

• Use positive pressure self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA), positive pressure comprehensive air supply respiratory protection with auxiliary pressure self-contained breathing apparatus



esponse Stage 3-1



- Protection Equipment, Contain/Control Action-
- As XX gas response team arrived, they wear class A protective clothing to stop leaking but failed due to limited space.
- Then, they changed to class B protective clothing with selfcontained breathing apparatus (SCBA) to enter small space to stop leaking.





esponse Stage 3-2



Protective Action

- The wastewater from the water mist was pumped to the waste water treatment on site .
- **CTSP Wastewater Service Center** help to close the nearby manholes to protect the downstream areas and to avoid the wastewater into the stormwater drains.





esponse Stage 3-3



protective action

- From the beginning, the manufacturers set up two streams of water mist for perimeter protection
- Specialist team assisted in the perimeter monitoring and about leakage . the ammonia gas detector showed at the upper wind measurement 30 ppm downhill 4 ppm
- The wastewater from the water mist was measured at pH 10.



esponse Stage 4-1



- Decontamination/Clean up, disposal and record
 - XX gas response team finished the operation of stopping leakage, staff, equipment start to cleaning.
 - The cylinders in the accident will handle by gas supplier , 40 metric ton of fire waste water recycle to waste storage equipment and handle after .





esponse Stage 4-2



- Clean up the mess-decontamination , disposal and record
 - Central Taiwan Science Park Bureau,
 Environmental Protection Bureau, specialist team, manufacturers, gas suppliers, etc. 氣體供應商等
 Hold a conference of clean up and recover.





Response procedure Constant of the site Disaster situation in the site 2014 1.Start response team in the 1. Start response team in the



field

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Notification

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2. Set up blockade line on site
3.Start to evacuate in the field
1.Set up staffs control station
2. Set up blockade line on site
1.Set up staffs control station
2.Adjust staffs on/off duty route
3.Start up staffs control

field

 Central Taiwan Science Park Bureau , Environmental Incidents Specialist Team , Environmental Protection Bureau , Special Police , fire bureau °
 Inform Lien Hwa Central Taiwan Science Park Bureau , Environmental Incidents Specialist
 Team , Environmental Protection
 Bureau , Special Police, Central
 environmental police unit
 Inform Lien Hwa

Response procedure

1.XX set up emergency response team

2. Central Taiwan Science Park Bureau

serve as response commander on site



Command and Assessment

Command

/Management

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Hazard Assessment

辨識及評估

Action

planning

行動規劃

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 1.XX set up emergency response team
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1. Ammonia flammable, corrosive
toxic gases, soluble in water, heat may
explode, liquefied ammonia may
cause frostbite1. Ammonia flammable, corrosive
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 Water mist perimeter protection
 Contact with XX gas supplier
 fill the leak point to stop leak, gradually slow the rate of leakage. Water mist perimeter protection
 Contact with XX gas supplier , use a sleeve to force a rupture disc to stop the plug.

Response procedure

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rotect	2014	2016
Protective equipment 防護裝備	 Responders wear class B protective clothing and with self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA), then enter to stop leaking 	1. Responders wear class B protective clothing and with self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA), then enter to stop leaking
Containment & Control 圍阻 _及 控制	1.XX gas staffs enter to stop leaking 2.Stop leakage Finished : 2hours and 37 minutes \circ	1.XX gas staffs enter to stop leaking 2.Stop leakage Finished : 1hours and 24 minutes
Protection actions 保護行動	 Water mist perimeter protection Ammonia gas detector at the upper wind measurement 30 ppm downhill 4 ppm Fire waste water pH value is 10 pump to waste water equipment 	 Water mist perimeter protection Ammonia gas detector at the upper and downhill wind measurement 0 ppm Waste water pH value at 7 to 8 pump to waste water equipment
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Response procedure Consecutive analysis(4/4)			
Clean up and recover	2014	2016	
D _{econtamination} & Cleaning 除污 _及 清理	1. 40 metric ton of fire waste water recycle to waste storage equipment and central science park waste water system	 24 metric ton of fire waste water recycle to waste storage equipment and central science park waste water system 	
Disposal 棄置	 The cylinders will handle by XX gas supplier to do after treatment 	 The cylinders will handle by XX gas supplier to do after treatment 	
Documentation 紀錄	 Finished a conference about clean up and recover Check toxic chemicals Ammonia affect or not 	 1.Finished a conference about clean up and recover 2.Check toxic chemicals Ammonia affect or not 	
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Thanks for You Attentions!

