

Regional Emergency Operations Center

Region 6 response personnel have access to a wide range of resources and technologies centralized in one location to help them assess and respond in the event of a chemical spill, weather emergency or other incident.

The Regional Emergency Operations Center contains state-of-the-art equipment that allows staff to communicate continuously with field workers as well as local, state and federal agencies so they can quickly evaluate an incident and formulate an effective and efficient response. The space also has several secure conference rooms, screens, overhead projectors, and wireless Internet that can quickly accommodate staff for meetings and presentations.

The center is used as a staging area for emergency team members to address the early phases of an event—such as a chemical spill or natural disaster—while the on-scene coordinators decide whether to establish a field office closer to the incident. Since the team is comprised of EPA employees from departments like human resources or management, the center provides a quiet place for them to concentrate on the incident without everyday work interruptions. The resources available at the Regional Emergency Operations Center allow Region 6 to respond quickly and effectively to a wide variety of incidents.