Our services

WSP specializes in rapid mobilization and deployment of resources and technical expertise to confront complex and quickly escalating crises. We leverage the expansive technical expertise across our organization to deliver time-critical holistic thinking and integrated solutions. Our environmental, health and safety specialists offer broad knowledge and expertise to assist with preparedness planning, hazard assessment, decontamination and regulatory compliance support.

WORKING PLAN

— Infectious disease preparedness and decontamination and disinfection response
— Business/contingency plan updating and development
— Emergency notification
— Internal and public communications (e.g., water reduction and replenishment) and communicating anticipated results.
— Stakeholder engagement: Identifying and consulting stakeholders on program design, priorities and progress.
— Program implementation: Executing on water stewardship strategies including developing partnerships with internal and external stakeholders to achieve program goals and objectives.

OVERSIGHT AND MANAGEMENT

— Emergency and disaster response
— Cleaning and disinfection/decontamination
— Subcontractor management
— Documentation of response activities and reporting

REGULATORY SUPPORT

— New OSHA reportable requirements for COVID-19 (29 CFR 1904)
— Government regulation and best practice guideline updates
— Departments of transportation shipping
— Safety management systems
— Remote video regulatory inspection and auditing

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

— Personnel training and lessons learned
— Communications and outreach
— Business continuity
— Management systems
— Sourcing and procurement

Beyond its acute global health implications, the COVID-19 pandemic is presenting a range of associated challenges to communities, public agencies and businesses. Rapid escalation requires emergency provisions and guidance for protecting the health and well-being of citizens and employees; increasing cases of infection require urgent decontamination of critical facilities; and the distancing necessary to contain the spread creates internal organizational issues related to business operations and continuity.

WSP USA’s top priority is helping our clients implement all measures needed to control the spread of the disease, maintain operational continuity and ensure public safety. We are leveraging multidisciplinary capabilities from across our organization to mobilize quickly. Integrating our environmental, health and safety experts with our emergency management team, we are tapping thousands of expert resources across the U.S. to provide wrap-around response management and technical solutions.
Our Team

WSP’s environment practice comprises approximately 1,200 U.S.-based professionals with broad knowledge and proficiency, including more than 500 with OSHA Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response training (HAZWOPER 29 CFR 1910.120). Our HAZWOPER 29 CFR 1910.120 professionals are experienced with all aspects of environmental work, from hazardous materials planning and response to compliance reporting and consulting.

Our team includes more than 100 certified industrial hygienists (CIHs), certified safety professionals (CSPs), certified professional environmental auditors (CPEAs), human health risk assessors, community relations specialists and experts in emergency preparedness planning and response.

Our Experience

WSP has decades of experience with emergency response, including infectious diseases and natural and man-made disasters, as well as supporting clients with risk management, hazardous materials and industrial hygiene, and health and safety compliance services. We provided support for the post-9-11 World Trade Center attack effort, and response to the anthrax attacks in New York City. Now we are providing specialty COVID-19 response services to government agencies such as the U.S. Postal Service (USPS), Army Corps of Engineers and various state emergency service departments, as well as to private sector clients.

USPS PROCESSING AND DISTRIBUTION CENTER, WESTCHESTER, NY

Two USPS employees tested positive on a Friday. WSP mobilized Saturday morning and performed a disinfection sweep by midnight Sunday, allowing the facility to reopen immediately. Disinfection of the three-floor,1,000,000 square-foot building (offices, cubical, conference rooms, restrooms and sorting floors) was performed per USPS requirements and inspected by a WSP Certified Industrial Hygienist to ensure that the specified procedures were followed. A final report documenting activities and waste disposal was prepared.

USPS NETWORK DISTRIBUTION CENTER, SEATTLE, WA

WSP mobilized on a Saturday within three hours of a request for disinfection. Our health and safety staff conducted a site survey, determined a cleaning workflow process with exclusion, contamination reduction and decontamination areas, prescribed appropriate personal protection equipment and managed all activities. Work was certified complete in accordance with USPS guidance and a report was issued. The facility reopened on time.

USPS CARRIER ANNEX, WHITE PLAINS, NY

A USPS employee tested positive on a Tuesday afternoon. WSP mobilized resources including health and safety supervisors and a crew of 15 trained disinfection technicians and began cleaning that evening. Disinfection was performed on the main work room floor, and selected offices, locker rooms and restrooms, lobbies and service areas. USPS operations resumed at 3:00 AM the next day.

About WSP USA

WSP USA is the U.S. operating company of WSP, one of the world’s leading engineering and professional services firms. Dedicated to serving local communities, we provide the full spectrum of emergency and disaster preparedness, response, recovery and logistics services. WSP’s emergency management team includes preeminent field leaders and technical experts adept at rapid response and experienced in managing emergency health and natural disaster events of all kinds. We leverage a network of more than 10,000 professionals in over 160 offices across the U.S. and more than 50,000 global resources to meet challenges where and when they occur.

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