

- Entering cloud of chlorine released in a railroad accident.
- Handling and moving drums suspected and/or known to contain substances that were skin destructive or absorbable.
- Responding to accidents involving cyanide, arsenic, or undiluted pesticides.

C. Level B

While Level B protection does not afford the maximum skin (and eye) protection as does a fully encapsulating suit, a good quality, hooded, chemical-resistant, one-or-two-piece garment, with taped joints, provides a reasonably high degree of protection. At most abandoned hazardous waste sites, ambient atmospheric gas/vapor levels have not approached concentrations sufficiently high to warrant maximum protection. In all but a few circumstances, Level B should provide the protection needed for initial entry. Subsequent operations require a re-evaluation of Level B based on the probability of being splashed by chemicals, their effect on the skin, or the presence of hard-to-detect air contaminants.

IV. ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

In addition to the topics previously addressed, there are other factors which should be considered in selecting the appropriate Level of Protection.

A. Protective Clothing

No adequate criteria are available, similar to the respiratory protection decision-logic, for selecting protective clothing. A concentration of a known substance in the air approaching a TLV or permissible exposure limit for the skin does not automatically warrant a fully encapsulating suit. A hooded, high quality, chemical-resistant suit may provide adequate protection. The selection of Level A over Level B is a judgment that should be made by a qualified individual considering the following factors:

- Effect of the material on skin:
 - highly hazardous substances are those that are easily absorbed through the skin, causing systemic effects, or that cause severe skin destruction. Liquids are generally more hazardous than vapors/gases and particulates.
 - less hazardous substances are those that are not easily absorbed through the skin, causing systemic effects, or that cause severe skin destruction

- Concentration of the material - the higher the concentration, the higher the risk.
- The potential for contact with the material due to the work being done and the probability of direct exposure to the small area of skin unprotected by Level B or C chemical-resistant clothing.

B. Chemicals Toxic to Skin

The chemicals listed in Appendix III are identified in the Oil and Hazardous Materials Technical Assistance Data Base System (OHMTADS) as having adverse skin effects ranging from irritation to absorption into the body. Knowledge concerning the presence or absence of these materials could be useful in selecting the necessary Level of Protection. Other substances affecting the skin, but not listed in OHMTADS, may be present. Therefore, a major effort should be made to identify all substances.

C. Atmospheric Conditions

Atmospheric conditions such as stability, temperature, wind direction, wind velocity, and pressure determine the behavior of contaminants in air or the potential for volatile material getting in air. These parameters should be considered in determining the need for and Level of Protection required.

D. Air Monitoring

A program must be established for periodic monitoring of the air during site operations. Without an air monitoring program, any changes could go undetected and jeopardize response personnel. Monitoring can be done with various types of air pumps and filtering devices followed by analysis of filtering media; portable real-time monitoring instruments located strategically on-site; personal dosimeters; and periodic walk-throughs by personnel carrying survey instruments.

E. Work in Exclusion Zone

For operations in the on-site Exclusion Zone (area of potential contamination), different Levels of Protection may be selected, and various types of chemical-resistant clothing may be worn. This selection would be based not only on measured air concentrations, but also on the job function or reason for being in the area and the potential for skin contact or inhalation of the materials present.

F. Escape Masks

The use of escape masks is an option in Level C and D protection. A specialist should determine their use on a case-by-case basis. Escape masks could also be strategically located on-site in areas that have higher possibilities of vapors, gases, or particulates.

APPENDIX B

DECONTAMINATION

A. EQUIPMENT WORN

The full decontamination procedure outlined is for workers wearing Level A protection (with taped joints between gloves, boots, and suit) consisting of:

- Fully encapsulating suit with integral boots and gloves.
- Self-contained breathing apparatus.
- Hard hat (optional).
- Chemical-resistant, steel toe and shank boots.
- Boot covers.
- Inner and outer gloves.

B. PROCEDURE FOR FULL DECONTAMINATION

Station 1: Segregated Equipment Drop

Deposit equipment used on-site (tools, sampling devices and containers, monitoring instruments, radios, clipboards, etc.) on plastic drop cloths or in different containers with plastic liners. Each will be contaminated to a different degree. Segregation at the drop reduces the probability of cross-contamination.

Equipment: various size containers
plastic liners
plastic drop cloths

Station 2: Boot Cover and Glove Wash

Scrub outer boot covers and gloves with decon solution or detergent/water.

Equipment: container (20-30 gallons)
decon solution
or
detergent water
2-3 long-handle, soft-bristle scrub brushes

Station 3: Boot Cover and Glove Rinse

Rinse off decon solution from Station 2 using copious amounts of water.
Repeat as many times as necessary.

Equipment: container (30-50 gallons)
or
high-pressure spray unit
water
2-3 long-handle, soft-bristle scrub brushes

Station 4: Tape Removal

Remove tape around boots and gloves and deposit in container with plastic liner.

Equipment: container (20-30 gallons)
plastic liners

Station 5: Boot Cover Removal

Remove boot covers and deposit in container with plastic liner.

Equipment: container (30-50 gallons)
plastic liners
bench or stool

Station 6: Outer Glove Removal

Remove outer gloves and deposit in container with plastic liner.

Equipment: container (20-30 gallons)
plastic liners

Station 7: Suit/Safety Boot Wash

Thoroughly wash fully encapsulating suit and boots. Scrub suit and boots with long-handle, soft-bristle scrub brush and copious amounts of decon solution or detergent/water. Repeat as many times as necessary.

Equipment: container (30-50 gallons)
decon solution
or
detergent/water
2-3 long-handle, soft-bristle scrub brushes

Station 8: Suit/Safety Boot Rinse

Rinse off decon solution or detergent/water using copious amounts of water. Repeat as many times as necessary.

Equipment: container (30-50 gallons)
or
high-pressure spray unit
water
2-3 long-handle, soft-bristle scrub brushes

Station 9: Tank Change

If worker leaves Exclusion Zone to change air tank, this is the last step in the decontamination procedure. Worker's air tank is exchanged, new outer gloves and boots covers donned, and joints taped. Worker then returns to duty.

Equipment: air tanks
tape
boot covers
gloves

Station 10: Safety Boot Removal

Remove safety boots and deposit in container with plastic liner.

Equipment: container (30-50 gallons)
plastic liners
bench or stool
boot jack

Station 11: Fully Encapsulating Suit and Hard Hat Removal

With assistance of helper, remove fully encapsulating suit (and hard hat). Hang suits on rack or lay out on drop cloths.

Equipment: rack
drop cloths
bench or stool

Station 12: SCBA Backpack Removal

While still wearing facepiece, remove backpack and place on table. Disconnect hose from regulator valve and proceed to next station.

Equipment: table

Station 13: Inner Glove Wash

Wash with decon solution or detergent/water that will not harm skin.
Repeat as many times as necessary.

Equipment: basin or bucket
decon solution
or
detergent/water
small table

Station 14: Inner Glove Rinse

Rinse with water. Repeat as many times as necessary.

Equipment: water
basin or bucket
small table

Station 15: Facepiece Removal

Remove facepiece. Deposit in container with plastic liner. Avoid touching face with fingers.

Equipment: container (30-50 gallons)
plastic liners

Station 16: Inner Glove Removal

Remove inner gloves and deposit in container with plastic liner.

Equipment: container (20-30 gallons)
plastic liners

Station 17: Inner Clothing Removal

Remove clothing soaked with perspiration. Place in container with plastic liner. Do not wear inner clothing off-site since there is a possibility that small amounts of contaminants might have been transferred in removing fully encapsulating suit.

Equipment: container (30-50 gallons)
plastic liners

Station 18: Field Wash

Shower if highly toxic, skin-corrosive or skin-absorbable materials are known or suspected to be present. Wash hands and face if shower is not available.

Equipment: water
soap
small table
basin or bucket
field showers
towels

Station 19: Redress

Put on clean clothes. A dressing trailer is needed in inclement weather.

Equipment: tables
chairs
lockers
clothes

C. FULL DECONTAMINATION (SIT. 1) AND THREE MODIFICATIONS

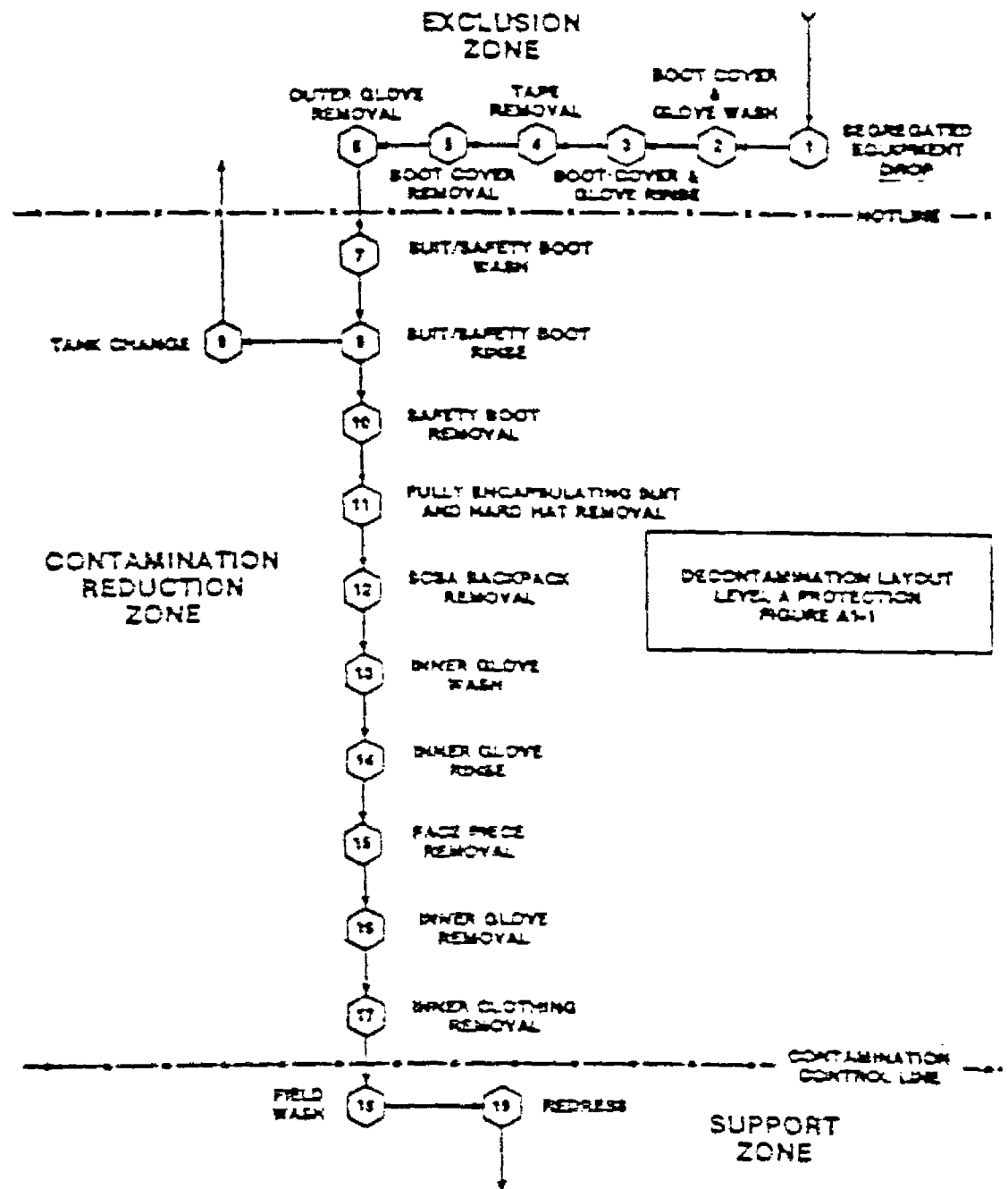
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Situation 1: The individual entering the Contamination Reduction Corridor is observed to be grossly contaminated or extremely toxic substances are known or suspected to be present.

Situation 2: Same as Situation 1 except individual needs new air tank and will return to Exclusion Zone.

Situation 3: Individual entering the CRC is expected to be minimally contaminated. Extremely toxic or skin-corrosive materials are not present. No outer gloves or boot covers are worn. Inner gloves are not contaminated.

Situation 4: Same as Situation 3 except individual needs new air tank and will return to Exclusion Zone.



LEVEL A DECONTAMINATION, MINIMUM LAYOUT

A. EQUIPMENT WORN

The decontamination procedure outlined is for workers wearing Level A protection (with taped joints between gloves, boots, and suit) consisting of:

- Fully encapsulating suit with integral boots and gloves.
- Self-contained breathing apparatus.
- Hard hat (optional).
- Chemical-resistant, steel toe and shank boots.
- Boot covers.
- Inner and outer gloves.

B. PROCEDURE FOR FULL DECONTAMINATION

Station 1: Segregated Equipment Drop

Deposit equipment used on-site (tools, sampling devices and containers, monitoring instruments, radios, clipboards, etc.) on plastic drop cloths or in different containers with plastic liners. Each will be contaminated to a different degree. Segregation at the drop reduces the probability of cross-contamination.

Equipment: various size containers
plastic liners
plastic drop clothes

Station 2: Outer Garment, Boots, and Gloves Wash and Rinse

Scrub outer boots, outer gloves, and fully-encapsulating suit with decon solution or detergent water. Rinse off using copious amounts of water.

Equipment: containers (30-50 gallons)
decon solution
or
detergent water
rinse water
2-3 long-handle, soft-bristle scrub brushes

Station 3: Outer Boot and Glove Removal

Remove outer boots and gloves. Deposit in container with plastic liner.

Equipment: container (30-50 gallons)
plastic liners
bench or stool

Station 4: Tank Change

If worker leaves Exclusion Zone to change air tank, this is the last step in the decontamination procedure. Worker's air tank is exchanged, new outer gloves and boot covers donned, joints taped, and worker returns to duty.

Equipment: air tanks
tape
boot covers
gloves

Station 5: Boot, Gloves, and Outer Garment Removal

Boots, fully-encapsulating suit, and inner gloves removed and deposited in separate containers lined with plastic.

Equipment: containers (30-50 gallons)
plastic liners
bench or stool

Station 6: SCBA Removal

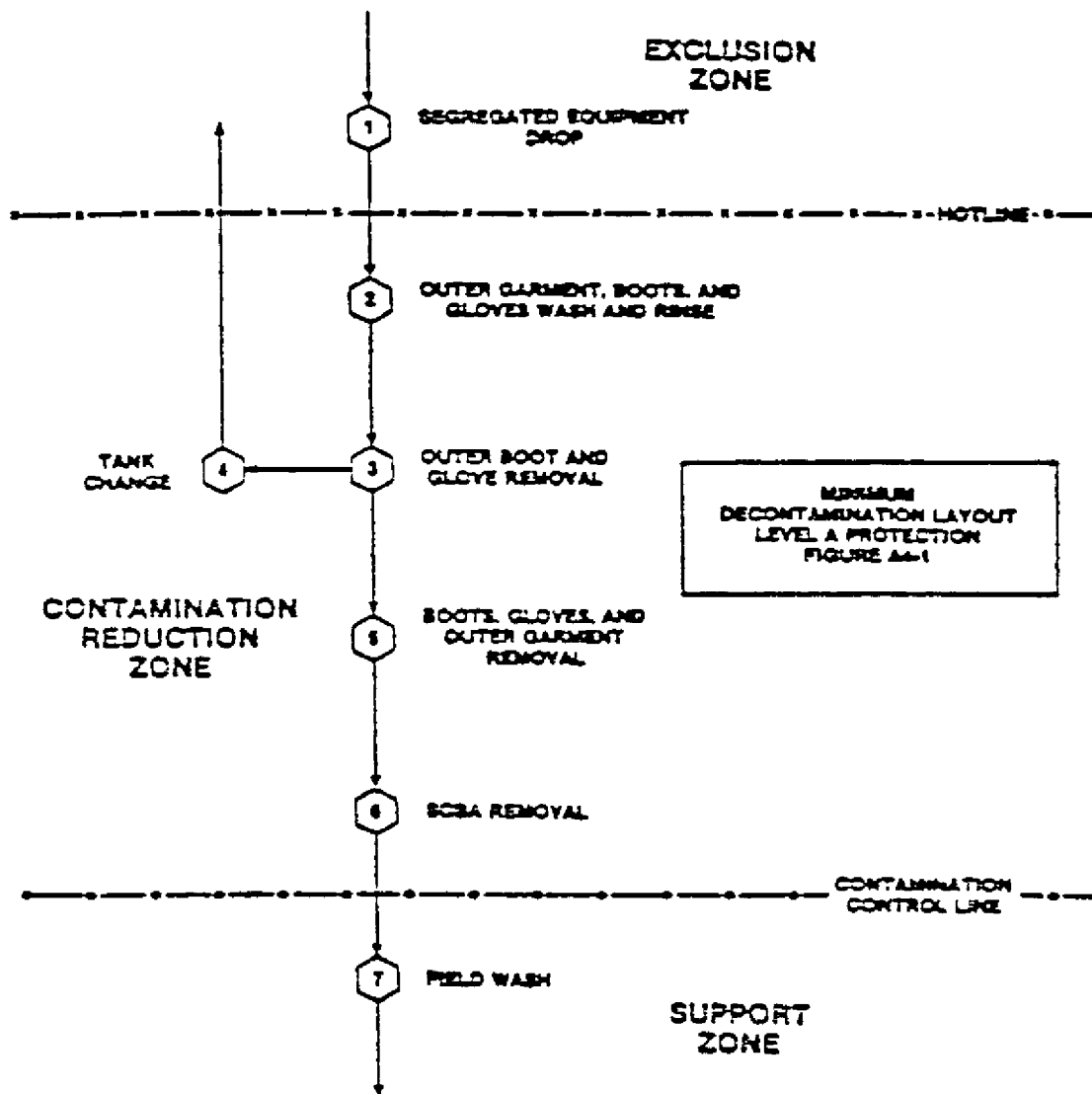
SCBA backpack and facepiece is removed. Hands and face are thoroughly washed. SCBA deposited on plastic sheets.

Equipment: plastic sheets
basin or bucket
soap and towels
bench

Station 7: Field Wash

Thoroughly wash hands and face. Shower as soon as possible.

Equipment: water
soap
tables
wash basin/bucket



LEVEL B DECONTAMINATION

A. EQUIPMENT WORN

The full decontamination procedure outlined is for workers wearing Level B protection (with taped joints between gloves, boot, and suit) consisting of:

- One-piece, hooded, chemical-resistant splash suit.
- Self-contained breathing apparatus.
- Hard hat.
- Chemical-resistant, steel toe and shank boots.
- Boot covers
- Inner and outer gloves.

B. PROCEDURE FOR FULL DECONTAMINATION

Station 1: Segregated Equipment Drop

Deposit equipment used on-site (tools, sampling devices and containers, monitoring instruments, radios, clipboards, etc.) on plastic drop cloth or in different containers with plastic liners. Each will be contaminated to a different degree. Segregation at the drop reduces the probability of cross-contamination.

Equipment: various size containers
plastic liners
plastic drop cloths

Station 2: Boot Cover and Glove Wash

Scrub outer boot covers and gloves with decon solution or detergent water.

Equipment: container (20-30 gallons)
decon solution
or
detergent water
2-3 long-handle, soft-bristle scrub brushes

Station 3: Boot Cover and Glove Rinse

Rinse off decon solution from Station 2 using copious amounts of water.
Repeat as many times as necessary.

Equipment: container (30-50 gallons)
or
high-pressure spray unit
water
2-3 long-handle, soft-bristle scrub brushes

Station 4: Tape Removal

Remove tape around boots and gloves and deposit in container with plastic liner.

Equipment: container (20-30 gallons)
plastic liners

Station 5: Boot Cover Removal

Remove boot covers and deposit in container with plastic liner.

Equipment: container (30-50 gallons)
plastic liners
bench or stool

Station 6: Outer Glove Removal

Remove outer gloves and deposit in container with plastic liner.

Equipment: container (20-30 gallons)
plastic liners

Station 7: Suit/Safety Boot Wash

Thoroughly wash chemical-resistant splash suit, SCBA, gloves, and safety boots. Scrub with long-handle, soft-bristle scrub brush and copious amounts of decon solution or detergent/water. Wrap SCBA regulator (if belt-mounted type) with plastic to keep out water. Wash backpack assembly with sponges or cloths.

Equipment: container (30-50 gallons)
decon solution
or
detergent/water
2-3 long-handle, soft-bristle scrub brushes
small buckets
sponges or cloths

Station 8: Suit/SCBA/Boot/Glove Rinse

Rinse off decon solution or detergent/water using copious amounts of water. Repeat as many times as necessary.

Equipment: container (30-50 gallons)
or
high-pressure spray unit
water
small buckets
2-3 long-handle, soft-bristle scrub brushes
sponges or cloths

Station 9: Tank Change

If worker leaves Exclusion Zone to change air tank, this is the last step in the decontamination procedure. Worker's air tank is exchanged; new outer gloves and boots covers donned, and joints taped. Worker returns duty.

Equipment: air tanks
tape
boot covers
gloves

Station 10: Safety Boot Removal

Remove safety boots and deposit in container with plastic liner.

Equipment: container (30-50 gallons)
plastic liners
bench or stool
boot jack

Station 11: SCBA Backpack Removal

While still wearing facepiece, remove backpack and place on table. Disconnect hose from regulator valve and proceed to next station.

Equipment: table

Station 12: Splash Suit Removal

With assistance of helper, remove splash suit. Deposit in container with plastic liner.

Equipment: container (30-50 gallons)
plastic liners
bench or stool

Station 13: Inner Glove Wash

Wash inner gloves with decon solution or detergent/water that will not harm skin. Repeat as many times as necessary.

Equipment: decon solution
or
detergent/water
basin or bucket
small table

Station 14: Inner Glove Rinse

Rinse inner gloves with water. Repeat as many times as necessary.

Equipment: water
basin or bucket
small table

Station 15: Facepiece Removal

Remove facepiece. Avoid touching face with gloves. Deposit in container with plastic liner.

Equipment: container (30-50 gallons)
plastic liners

Station 16: Inner Glove Removal

Remove inner gloves and deposit in container with plastic liner.

Equipment: container (20-30 gallons)
plastic liners

Station 17: Inner Clothing Removal

Remove clothing soaked with perspiration. Place in container with plastic liner. Do not wear inner clothing off-site since there is a possibility small amounts of contaminants might have been transferred in removing fully encapsulating suit.

Equipment: container (30-50 gallons)
plastic liners

Station 18: Field Wash

Shower if highly toxic, skin-corrosive, or skin-absorbable materials are known or suspected to be present. Wash hands and face if shower is not available.

Equipment: water
soap

small tables
basins or buckets
field showers

Station 19: Redress

Put on clean clothes. A dressing trailer is needed in inclement weather.

Equipment: tables
chairs
lockers
clothes

C. FULL DECONTAMINATION (SIT. 1) AND THREE MODIFICATIONS

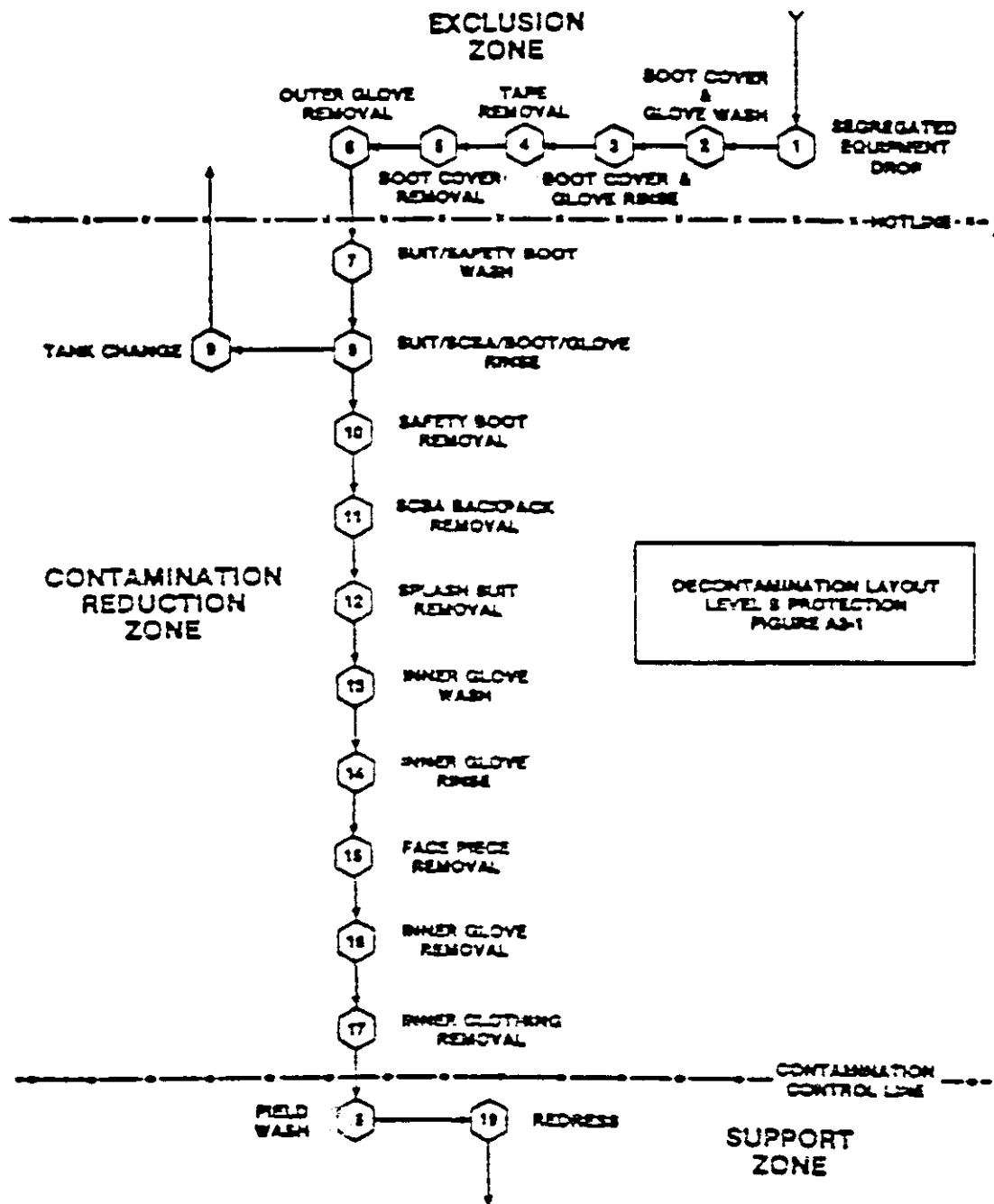
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Situation 1: The individual entering the Contamination Reduction Corridor is observed to be grossly contaminated or extremely toxic substances are known or suspected to be present.

Situation 2: Same as Situation 1 except individual needs new air tank and will return to Exclusion Zone.

Situation 3: Individual entering the CRC is expected to be minimally contaminated. Extremely toxic or skin-corrosive materials are not present. No outer gloves or boot covers are worn. Inner gloves are not contaminated.

Situation 4: Same as Situation 3 except individual needs new air tank and will return to Exclusion Zone.



LEVEL C DECONTAMINATION

A. EQUIPMENT WORN

The full decontamination procedure outlined is for workers wearing Level C protection (with taped joints between gloves, boots, and suit) consisting of:

- One-piece, hooded, chemical-resistant splash suit.
- Canister equipped, full-face mask.
- Hard hat.
- Chemical-resistant, steel toe and shank boots.
- Boot covers.
- Inner and outer gloves.

B. PROCEDURE FOR FULL DECONTAMINATION

Station 1: Segregated Equipment Drop

Deposit equipment used on-site (tools, sampling devices and containers, monitoring instruments, radios, clipboards, etc.) on plastic drop cloth or in different containers with plastic liners. Each will be contaminated to a different degree. Segregation at the drop reduces the probability of cross-contamination.

Equipment: various size containers
plastic liners
plastic drop cloths

Station 2: Boot Cover and Glove Wash

Scrub outer boot covers and gloves with decon solution or detergent/water.

Equipment: container (20-30 gallons)
decon solution
or
detergent water
2-3 long-handle, soft-bristle scrub brushes

Station 3: Boot Cover and Glove Rinse

Rinse off decon solution from Station 2 using copious amounts of water.
Repeat as many times as necessary.

Equipment: container (30-50 gallons)
or
high-pressure spray unit
water
2-3 long-handle, soft-bristle scrub brushes

Station 4: Tape Removal

Remove tape around boots and gloves and deposit in container with plastic liner.

Equipment: container (20-30 gallons)
plastic liners

Station 5: Boot Cover Removal

Remove boot covers and deposit in container with plastic liner.

Equipment: container (30-50 gallons)
plastic liners
bench or stool

Station 6: Outer Glove Removal

Remove outer gloves and deposit in container with plastic liner.

Equipment: container (20-30 gallons)
plastic liners

Station 7: Suit/Safety Boot Wash

Thoroughly wash splash suit and safety boots. Scrub with long-handle, soft-bristle scrub brush and copious amounts of decon solution or detergent/water. Repeat as many times as necessary.

Equipment: container (30-50 gallons)
decon solution
or
detergent/water
2-3 long-handle, soft-bristle scrub brushes

Station 8: Suit/Safety Boot Rinse

Rinse off decon solution or detergent/water using copious amounts of water. Repeat as many times as necessary.

Equipment: water
basin or bucket
small table

Station 14: Facepiece Removal

Remove facepiece. Avoid touching face with gloves. Deposit facepiece in container with plastic liner.

Equipment: container (30-50 gallons)
plastic liners

Station 15: Inner Glove Removal

Remove inner gloves and deposit in container with plastic liner.

Equipment: container (20-30 gallons)
plastic liners

Station 16: Inner Clothing Removal

Remove clothing soaked with perspiration. Place in container with plastic liner. Do not wear inner clothing off-site since there is a possibility small amounts of contaminants might have been transferred in removing fully encapsulating suit.

Equipment: container (30-50 gallons)
plastic liners

Station 17: Field Wash

Shower if highly toxic, skin-corrosive or skin-absorbable materials are known or suspected to be present. Wash hands and face if shower is not available.

Equipment: water
soap
tables
wash basins/buckets
field showers

Station 18: Redress

Put on clean clothes. A dressing trailer is needed in inclement weather.

Equipment: tables
chairs
lockers
clothes

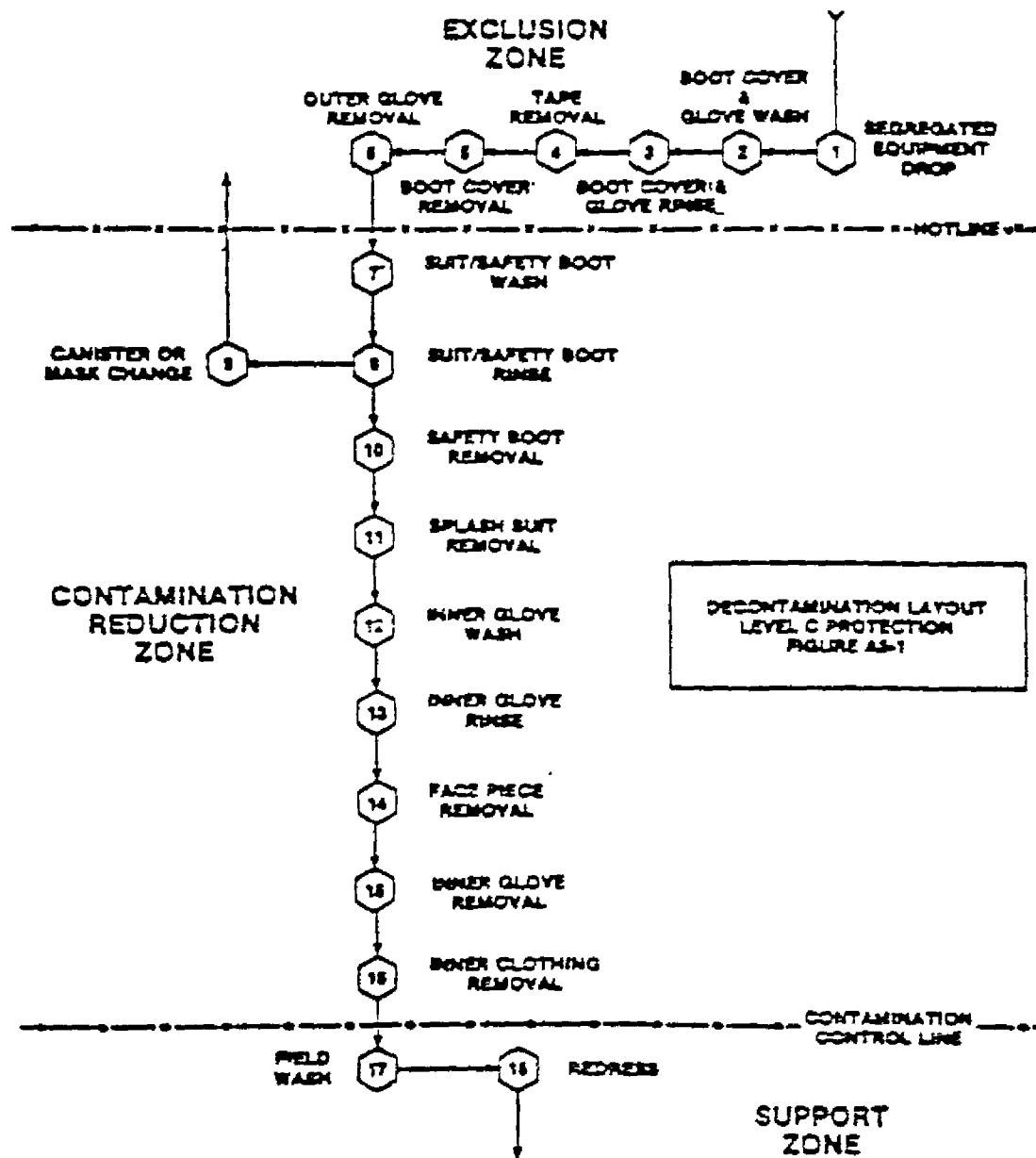
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Situation 1: The individual entering the Contamination Reduction Corridor is observed to be grossly contaminated or extremely skin-corrosive substances are known or suspected to be present.

Situation 2: Same as Situation 1 except individual needs new canister or mask and will return to Exclusion Zone.

Situation 3: Individual entering the CRC is expected to be minimally contaminated. Extremely skin-corrosive materials are not present. No outer gloves or boot covers are worn. Inner gloves are not contaminated.

Situation 4: Same as Situation 3 except individual needs new canister or mask and will return to Exclusion Zone.



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