**SOP for Cleanup of Large Biohazardous Spills**

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*List lab spaces to be covered under SOP:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

1. Leave room immediately, restrict access to space, and allow 20 minutes for aerosols which may have been generated during spill to settle

2. Don proper PPE for cleaning of spill, minimum to include: examination gloves, lab coat, safety goggles, and proper laboratory attire (if this level of PPE is not sufficient to ensure adequate protection, contact SRM [Biosafety Office](mailto:mtelliot@vcu.edu) for assistance)

3. Gently apply layer of paper towels which have been saturated with freshly prepared 10% bleach solution over entire spill area (note: if spill involves sharps contact [Biosafety Office](mailto:mtelliot@vcu.edu) for assistance prior completing steps below)

4. Mist entire paper towel covered area and marginal surface areas thoroughly with freshly prepared 10% bleach solution, and allow 20 minutes contact time

5. Remove towels, wipe down spill area thoroughly, and apply one final misting of bleach solution – allow final application to air dry

6. Dispose of all waste materials generated during cleanup via red-bagging

7. Wash hands thoroughly with soap and water

8. If spill involves potential staff exposure to biozardous/recombinant DNA materials, affected staff will report to Employee Health as soon as possible and the event will be reported to the [Biosafety Office](mailto:mtelliot@vcu.edu) within 24 hours of occurrence.