

Policy on Bioremediation

Because the Upper Mississippi River Spill Response Plan and Resource Manual is designed to provide the first responder and on-scene coordinator with information necessary to make informed decisions in the initial phases of response, bioremediation guidelines are not included in this plan. Bioremediation takes extended periods of time to reduce contaminant mass. It is usually applied to terrestrial environments, including, potentially, riverine shoreline. It is unlikely that oversight of such a project would involve a first responder or on-scene coordinator during the first phase of a response. In the unlikely event that a first responder, on-scene coordinator, or responsible party proposes to use bioremediation measures on or in the navigable waters of the Mississippi River, the [National Contingency Plan](#), subpart J, and state officials should be consulted for authorities, restrictions, and approvals.