

## **F. Radioactive Spills or Releases**

Decontamination shall be the responsibility of the Authorized User or properly trained individual that caused the spill. For large spills (i.e., greater than 10 microcuries) or spills that are difficult to clean up, the work should be carried out under the supervision of the RSO or designee.

Appropriate protective clothing shall be worn during decontamination activities. Steps to respond to spill incidents are:

1. Stop work and confine the spill immediately using an absorbent, enclosure, etc. Call EHSRM immediately.
2. Warn others of the hazard and isolate the area.
3. Monitor personnel during and after cleanup for contamination.
4. Collect all used cleanup materials as radioactive waste. Remove and bag all contaminated clothing or cleanable items for removal by EHSRM.
5. Commence wipe surveys and decontamination. Ensure surveys of surrounding areas are performed to ensure that all contaminated areas are identified.
6. Prepare a written report on the incident and send a copy to EHSRM