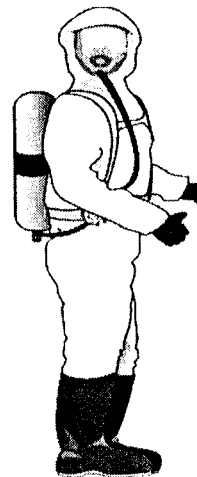


RECOMMENDED PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT FOR OIL SPILL WORKERS

LEVEL B: (to be worn by workers who are directly exposed to the contaminants; Depends on the type of work and levels of the contaminants in the environment; For works with H₂S levels; vapors and gases beyond the threshold limit values)

- SCBA or positive-pressure, supplied-air respirator with escape SCBA
- Hooded chemical-resistant clothing (overalls; chemical splash suit or coveralls; disposable chemical resistant overalls). May also be encapsulating.
- Gloves – outer/inner, chemical resistant
- Boots- chemical resistant, steel toe and shank
- Boot covers
- Face shield



Level C: Depend on the type of work to be done/ environmental monitoring data; no H₂S exposure and vapors and gases are within threshold limit values

- Full-face or half-face mask air-purifying respirators with appropriate cartridges
- Chemical-resistant clothing (coveralls)
- Gloves – outer/inner, chemical resistant
- Boots - steel toe and shank as appropriate to spilled product
- Boot covers



LEVEL D – LOWEST LEVEL OF PROTECTION

- Coveralls – chemically resistant
- Gloves (neoprene/nitrile)
- Boots/shoes - steel toe and shank as appropriate to spilled product
- Boot covers
- Safety glasses or chemical splash goggles

Note: Respiratory protection should only be worn by responders operating under respirator operating procedures (i.e., orientation/training, fit testing, medical monitoring, inspection, cleaning, storage and periodic program evaluations). Proper decontamination procedures should be adopted if PPE would be re-used. Washings should be stored in containers and disposed of as hazardous wastes.

