

# FENTANYL CLEANUP: SUMMARY OF STATE LAWS

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## SUMMARY

In 2013, the United States Drug Enforcement Administration first noted an unusually high number of overdose deaths caused by the opioid fentanyl.<sup>1</sup> According to the most recent data, by October 2024, fatal fentanyl overdoses had grown to 56,365 people in a year.<sup>2</sup> Fentanyl and its analogues are demonstrably lethal to those who misuse them, but they also pose a separate and unique danger to bystanders. The risk of accidental overdose is enormous, for multiple reasons. First, potency: a lethal dose of fentanyl is only about 2-3 milligrams, no greater in size than 5-7 grains of table salt.<sup>3</sup> Second, the ease of absorption by the body: crushing fentanyl into pill form produces dust, which floats in the air and covers surfaces,<sup>4</sup> and because fentanyl can be “ingested orally, inhaled through the nose or mouth, or absorbed through the skin or eyes,” there are then multiple avenues for accidental exposure.<sup>5</sup> The onset of overdose symptoms takes mere minutes.

These risks make thorough decontamination of fentanyl-tainted sites especially important, but at the same time they make the task considerably more difficult for those who perform the decontamination. The increased danger comes with an increased price tag: in 2018, private cleanup companies charged between \$5,000 and \$50,000 per job, even for a site no larger than a car trunk.<sup>6</sup> Unfortunately, the scientific and policy responses have lagged behind, and there are no comprehensive federal standards on fentanyl cleanup. The elevated risk, cost, and uncertainty make for a particularly treacherous combination. Hesitancy in taking on a dangerous and expensive job is understandable in the absence of detailed procedures, but the risk of accidental lethal exposure is even greater.

In 2021, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published its *Voluntary Guidelines for Methamphetamine and Fentanyl Laboratory Cleanup*, an update of its earlier guidelines that focused solely on methamphetamine lab decontamination.<sup>7</sup> This document, which the EPA stresses is not intended to set or establish quantitative cleanup standards, provides “guidance and suggestions” for fentanyl decontamination.<sup>8</sup> The recommendations include minimizing the amount of dust created on-site, wearing personal protective equipment (PPE) to protect the eyes, mouth, and other areas of exposed skin, and applying a neutralization solution to inactivate any fentanyl present.<sup>9</sup> In the absence of official standards, private companies fill the void, deploying new chemical agents to neutralize fentanyl and establish best practices in the

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<sup>1</sup> *Fentanyl: A Briefing Guide for First Responders*. U.S. Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration. 2017. [https://www.iaclea.org/assets/uploads/pdfs/Fentanyl\\_BriefingGuide\\_June2017.pdf](https://www.iaclea.org/assets/uploads/pdfs/Fentanyl_BriefingGuide_June2017.pdf).

<sup>2</sup> *Provisional Drug Overdose Death Counts*. National Center for Health Statistics. April 2025. <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/vsrr/drug-overdose-data.htm>.

<sup>3</sup> *Fentanyl: A Briefing Guide for First Responders*, *supra* note 1.

<sup>4</sup> Michelle Blevins. “Fentanyl Lab Cleanup & the Growing Need for Educated Remediators.” *Restoration & Remediation*. March 7, 2017. <https://www.randrmagonline.com/articles/87303-fentanyl-lab-cleanup-the-growing-need-for-educated-remediators>.

<sup>5</sup> *Fentanyl: A Briefing Guide for First Responders*, *supra* note 1.

<sup>6</sup> Will Yankowics. “Drug Labs, Hoarding, and Murder: The Crime Scene Cleanup Industry Is Booming.” *Inc*. February 18, 2018. <https://www.inc.com/will-yakowicz/fentanyl-cleanup-is-the-next-hot-new-industry-in-america.html>.

<sup>7</sup> *Voluntary Guidelines for Methamphetamine and Fentanyl Laboratory Cleanup*. Environmental Protection Agency. August 2021. [https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/documents/meth\\_lab\\_guidelines.pdf](https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/documents/meth_lab_guidelines.pdf)

<sup>8</sup> *Id*.

<sup>9</sup> *Id*.

field through their own experiences. To remove tiny particles from the environment, these firms rely upon high-efficiency vacuums that, once contaminated, must be incinerated after use.<sup>10</sup> Then workers use specialized chemicals to disinfect the space, some of which promise to “neutralize fentanyl in five minutes.”<sup>11</sup> Several such products exist, with their manufacturers competing to become the go-to, EPA-approved method for fentanyl decontamination. As of now, the EPA only asserts that these peracetic acid-based products “may be effective,” but none is endorsed for neutralizing fentanyl on surfaces.<sup>12</sup>

For the cleanup of biohazards like blood or other illicit drugs like methamphetamine, ample guidance exists at the federal or state levels. Many U.S. states have laws requiring sellers to disclose that properties are the sites of former methamphetamine labs.<sup>13</sup> Although fentanyl is considerably more dangerous to public health, no similar policies have been established. In this survey, first published in 2021 and updated periodically since then, the Legislative Analysis and Public Policy Association (LAPPA) examines the legislative and regulatory response at the state level to the issue of fentanyl cleanup. In Section I, we present the existing laws and regulations on decontamination of fentanyl production sites or areas contaminated by fentanyl in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. territories. Findings are presented jurisdiction by jurisdiction for easy comparison among the states.

Current state-level policy on fentanyl cleanup is largely a vacuum. Over half of U.S. states do not address the issue. As of April 2025, 18 states, the District of Columbia, and all U.S. territories have no laws on the books whatsoever governing the cleanup of sites contaminated by controlled substances. Another 11 states have enacted statutes designed for the cleanup of methamphetamine laboratories, but as written, they pertain to cleanup standards, property use restrictions, or cleanup liability for those labs alone. Nineteen states have statutes originally written for cleaning up methamphetamine labs (or occasionally a handful of other drugs such as GHB, LSD, or MDMA), but the language refers to “clandestine laboratories” or “controlled substance manufacturing sites” in general. Though these third types of laws seemingly apply to fentanyl contamination, none of these states have regulations specifically tailored for it.

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<sup>10</sup> Jeff Mordock. “Fentanyl leaves a lethal mess that’s costly and complicated to clean up.” *The Washington Times*. December 27, 2018. <https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2018/dec/27/fentanyl-secondary-exposure-can-kill-small-amounts/>.

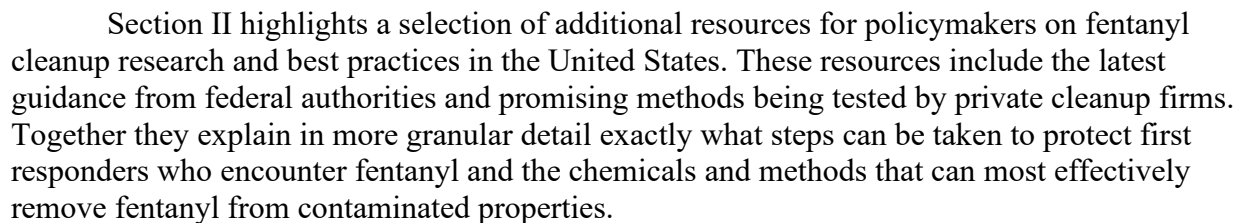
<sup>11</sup> Yankowics, *supra* note 6.

<sup>12</sup> “Fact Sheet for OSCs: Fentanyl and Fentanyl Analogs.” Environmental Protection Agency. May 22, 2018. [https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2018-07/documents/fentanyl\\_fact\\_sheet\\_ver\\_7-26-18.pdf](https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2018-07/documents/fentanyl_fact_sheet_ver_7-26-18.pdf).

<sup>13</sup> Mordock, *supra* note 10.



# Fentanyl Cleanup Laws in the United States



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<b><u>ALABAMA</u></b>	
<b>Statute(s) and/or regulation(s)</b>	None
<b>Effective date or most recent substantive amendment</b>	N/A
<b>Are those laws explicitly restricted to non-fentanyl drugs (methamphetamine, etc.)?</b>	N/A
<b>Do those laws specifically establish cleanup guidance for fentanyl or similar opioids?</b>	N/A
<b>Recently proposed legislation</b>	None



<b><u>ALASKA</u></b>	
<b>Statute(s) and/or regulation(s)</b>	ALASKA STAT. ANN. §§ 46.03.500-599 (West 2025)
<b>Effective date or most recent substantive amendment</b>	July 17, 2003
<b>Are those laws explicitly restricted to non-fentanyl drugs (methamphetamine, etc.)?</b>	<p>No.</p> <p>Alaska statutes regulate the “Cleanup of Illegal Drug Sites,” in which an “illegal drug manufacturing site” is defined as “property on which there is reasonable cause to suspect contamination with chemicals associated with the manufacturing of a controlled substance.”</p> <p>These statutes create a mechanism by which sites of former drug labs can be deemed “fit for use” by placing restrictions on contaminated property until cleanup is conducted following guidelines established by the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC).</p>
<b>Do those laws specifically establish cleanup guidance for fentanyl or similar opioids?</b>	<p>No.</p> <p>Although the relevant statutes make no reference to specific controlled substances, the DEC has only established cleanup guidelines and fit-for-use standards for methamphetamine.<sup>15</sup> Nothing prohibits it from establishing similar standards for fentanyl.</p>
<b>Recently proposed legislation</b>	None

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<sup>15</sup> “Guidance and Standards for Cleanup of Illegal Drug-Manufacturing Sites.” Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation. April 19, 2007. <https://dec.alaska.gov/spar/csp/meth-lab/>.

<b><u>ARIZONA</u></b>	
<b>Statute(s) and/or regulation(s)</b>	None.  None: Arizona formerly had a statute regulating cleanup of laboratories used to manufacture methamphetamine, ecstasy, or LSD, but it was repealed in 2016.
<b>Effective date or most recent substantive amendment</b>	N/A
<b>Are those laws explicitly restricted to non-fentanyl drugs (methamphetamine, etc.)?</b>	N/A
<b>Do those laws specifically establish cleanup guidance for fentanyl or similar opioids?</b>	N/A
<b>Recently proposed legislation</b>	None

<b><u>ARKANSAS</u></b>	
<b>Statute(s) and/or regulation(s)</b>	ARK. CODE ANN. §§ 8-7-1401 to 1407 (West 2025)
<b>Effective date or most recent substantive amendment</b>	July 31, 2007
<b>Are those laws explicitly restricted to non-fentanyl drugs (methamphetamine, etc.)?</b>	No.  Arkansas's Controlled Substances Contaminated Property Cleanup Act requires that the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) shall "establish standards for the remediation of properties contaminated through the manufacture of controlled substances," and that the Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission shall promulgate rules certifying contractors for inspection and cleanup of drug manufacturing sites. The language does not specify any subset of controlled substances.
<b>Do those laws specifically establish cleanup guidance for fentanyl or similar opioids?</b>	No. <sup>16</sup>  ADEQ's Required Cleanup Standards as promulgated "apply only to meth labs." Those seeking to clean up properties affected by drugs other than methamphetamine are "encouraged to contact ADEQ for advice regarding sampling and cleaning of those sites." Nothing prohibits the Department from establishing similar standards for fentanyl.
<b>Recently proposed legislation</b>	None

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<sup>16</sup> "Clandestine Laboratory Remediation Cleanup Standards." Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality. May 2008. <https://www.adeq.state.ar.us/emergency/cscpc/pdfs/clandestine-lab-cleanup-standards.pdf>.

<b><u>CALIFORNIA</u></b>	
<b>Statute(s) and/or regulation(s)</b>	CAL. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE §§ 25400.10 to 25400.47 (West 2025)
<b>Effective date or most recent substantive amendment</b>	January 1, 2020
<b>Are those laws explicitly restricted to non-fentanyl drugs (methamphetamine, etc.)?</b>	<p>No.</p> <p>Many states' drug cleanup laws are phrased such that fentanyl could be included only because it is not expressly excluded. California, however, is one of only two states that expressly mentions fentanyl among its list of drugs requiring remediation. Following legislation that went into effect in 2020, California regulates fentanyl decontamination under the "Methamphetamine or Fentanyl Contaminated Property Cleanup Act."</p>
<b>Do those laws specifically establish cleanup guidance for fentanyl or similar opioids?</b>	<p>Yes.</p> <p>Cleanup of fentanyl laboratories generally follows the procedures required for methamphetamine labs, with differing requirements where appropriate. The procedures require restricted access to former fentanyl labs while testing and cleanup is performed until such time as a local health officer deems the site safe for occupancy. The local health officer inspects the property to make a determination of contamination, after which the property owner "shall utilize the services of an authorized contractor to remediate the contamination." That contractor must then submit a work plan to the local health officer for approval before removing the contamination. After remediation, the property owner must provide notice to future purchasers that the property was the site of a fentanyl laboratory, with a monetary penalty for noncompliance.</p>

<b><u>CALIFORNIA</u></b>	
<b>Do those laws specifically establish cleanup guidance for fentanyl or similar opioids? (continued)</b>	<p>For now, certain fentanyl-specific standards are set by statute that might in the future be handled by administrative rulemaking. For instance, health officers will deem former fentanyl labs safe for human occupancy only if fentanyl levels on indoor surfaces are “below the detection level” for testing equipment. This statutory standard will become inoperative, however, when a health-based remediation target is set for fentanyl by any state or federal agency.</p> <p>This statute has primarily amended the earlier methamphetamine lab statute such that instances of “methamphetamine” are replaced by “methamphetamine or fentanyl.” The “below detection level” requirement is the only unique standard applied to fentanyl. No California rulemaking authorities have established additional regulations for fentanyl cleanup at this point, such as particular decontamination methods.</p>
<b>Recently proposed legislation</b>	None

<b><u>COLORADO</u></b>	
<b>Statute(s) and/or regulation(s)</b>	COLO. REV. STAT. ANN. §§ 25-18.5-101 to 109 (West 2025)
<b>Effective date or most recent substantive amendment</b>	August 7, 2013
<b>Are those laws explicitly restricted to non-fentanyl drugs (methamphetamine, etc.)?</b>	No. Colorado’s statute on illegal drug laboratories regulates “areas where controlled substances... have been manufactured, processed, cooked, disposed of, used, or stored and all proximate areas that are likely to be contaminated as a result of the manufacturing, processing, cooking, disposal, use, or storage.” The language does not specify any subset of controlled substances. It further empowers the State Board of Health to promulgate rules necessary for implementation, including “Procedures for testing contamination, evaluating contamination, and establishing the acceptable standards for cleanup of illegal drug laboratories involving methamphetamine.” Although the language specifically requires standards for methamphetamine, it does not prohibit similar guidelines for other controlled substances.
<b>Do those laws specifically establish cleanup guidance for fentanyl or similar opioids?</b>	No. Colorado has only promulgated cleanup standards for methamphetamine. Nothing prohibits the State Board of Health from establishing similar standards for fentanyl.
<b>Recently proposed legislation</b>	None

<b><u>CONNECTICUT</u></b>	
<b>Statute(s) and/or regulation(s)</b>	None
<b>Effective date or most recent substantive amendment</b>	N/A
<b>Are those laws explicitly restricted to non-fentanyl drugs (methamphetamine, etc.)?</b>	N/A
<b>Do those laws specifically establish cleanup guidance for fentanyl or similar opioids?</b>	N/A
<b>Recently proposed legislation</b>	None



<b><u>DELAWARE</u></b>	
<b>Statute(s) and/or regulation(s)</b>	DEL. CODE ANN. tit. 16, § 4760A (West 2025)
<b>Effective date or most recent substantive amendment</b>	August 27, 2013
<b>Are those laws explicitly restricted to non-fentanyl drugs (methamphetamine, etc.)?</b>	<p>No.</p> <p>Under Delaware statute, any person convicted of operating a clandestine laboratory “shall be responsible for all reasonable costs, if any, associated with remediation of the site of the clandestine laboratory and any costs associated with the cleanup of any substances or materials or hazardous waste, and for the cleanup of any other site resulting from the operation or disposal of substances or materials from a clandestine laboratory.” The definition of “clandestine laboratory” encompasses manufacture of any controlled substance and does not specify any subset of controlled substances.</p>
<b>Do those laws specifically establish cleanup guidance for fentanyl or similar opioids?</b>	<p>No.</p> <p>Delaware has produced no specific guidelines for the cleanup of any controlled substances from clandestine laboratories.</p>
<b>Recently proposed legislation</b>	None

<b><u>DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA</u></b>	
<b>Statute(s) and/or regulation(s)</b>	None
<b>Effective date or most recent substantive amendment</b>	N/A
<b>Are those laws explicitly restricted to non-fentanyl drugs (methamphetamine, etc.)?</b>	N/A
<b>Do those laws specifically establish cleanup guidance for fentanyl or similar opioids?</b>	N/A
<b>Recently proposed legislation</b>	None

<b><u>FLORIDA</u></b>	
<b>Statute(s) and/or regulation(s)</b>	None
<b>Effective date or most recent substantive amendment</b>	N/A
<b>Are those laws explicitly restricted to non-fentanyl drugs (methamphetamine, etc.)?</b>	N/A
<b>Do those laws specifically establish cleanup guidance for fentanyl or similar opioids?</b>	N/A
<b>Recently proposed legislation</b>	None

<b><u>GEORGIA</u></b>	
<b>Statute(s) and/or regulation(s)</b>	None
<b>Effective date or most recent substantive amendment</b>	N/A
<b>Are those laws explicitly restricted to non-fentanyl drugs (methamphetamine, etc.)?</b>	N/A
<b>Do those laws specifically establish cleanup guidance for fentanyl or similar opioids?</b>	N/A
<b>Recently proposed legislation</b>	None

<b><u>HAWAII</u></b>	
<b>Statute(s) and/or regulation(s)</b>	HAW. REV. STAT. ANN. § 322-1 (West 2025)
<b>Effective date or most recent substantive amendment</b>	June 5, 2006
<b>Are those laws explicitly restricted to non-fentanyl drugs (methamphetamine, etc.)?</b>	Yes. Hawaii's law has the specific purpose of establishing procedures and guidelines for decontamination and cleanup of illegal methamphetamine manufacturing sites. Similar regulations for fentanyl cleanup would require new legislation.
<b>Do those laws specifically establish cleanup guidance for fentanyl or similar opioids?</b>	No.
<b>Recently proposed legislation</b>	None

<b><u>IDAHO</u></b>	
<b>Statute(s) and/or regulation(s)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IDAHO CODE ANN. §§ 6-2601 to 2608 (West 2025)</li> <li>• IDAHO ADMIN. CODE r. 16.02.24.500 (2025)</li> </ul>
<b>Effective date or most recent substantive amendment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• July 1, 2005 (§§ 6-2601 to 2608)</li> <li>• April 11, 2006 (r. 16.02.24.500)</li> </ul>
<b>Are those laws explicitly restricted to non-fentanyl drugs (methamphetamine, etc.)?</b>	<p>No.</p> <p>Idaho's Clandestine Drug Laboratory Cleanup Act instructs the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare to promulgate "rules establishing the acceptable process and standards for the cleanup of clandestine drug laboratories." Clandestine drug laboratories include "the areas where controlled substances or their immediate precursors... have been, or were attempted to be, manufactured, processed, cooked, disposed of or stored." The language does not specify any subset of controlled substances.</p>
<b>Do those laws specifically establish cleanup guidance for fentanyl or similar opioids?</b>	<p>No.</p> <p>The Department of Health and Welfare has established cleanup standards for methamphetamine only: Standards for other drugs "may be established...on a case by case basis, based on an inventory of chemicals found, and after consultation with the Department, the property owner, law enforcement, and a qualified industrial hygienist." No standards for fentanyl have yet been promulgated.</p>
<b>Recently proposed legislation</b>	None

<b><u>ILLINOIS</u></b>	
<b>Statute(s) and/or regulation(s)</b>	None
<b>Effective date or most recent substantive amendment</b>	N/A
<b>Are those laws explicitly restricted to non-fentanyl drugs (methamphetamine, etc.)?</b>	N/A
<b>Do those laws specifically establish cleanup guidance for fentanyl or similar opioids?</b>	N/A
<b>Recently proposed legislation</b>	None



<b><u>INDIANA</u></b>	
<b>Statute(s) and/or regulation(s)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• IND. CODE ANN. § 16-19-3.1-1 (West 2025)</li><li>• 410 IND. ADMIN. CODE 38-5-2 (West 2025)</li></ul>
<b>Effective date or most recent substantive amendment</b>	July 1, 2018
<b>Are those laws explicitly restricted to non-fentanyl drugs (methamphetamine, etc.)?</b>	No.  By statute, the Indiana Department of Health shall “establish a program to certify individuals as qualified inspectors to perform decontamination of a site that has been contaminated by the illegal manufacture of controlled substances.” This includes adopting rules on certifying inspectors as well as the actual “inspection and remediation of sites used in the illegal manufacturing of a controlled substance.” The language does not specify any subset of controlled substances.
<b>Do those laws specifically establish cleanup guidance for fentanyl or similar opioids?</b>	No.  The Department of Health has issued rules on decontamination for several drugs, including methamphetamine, GHB, LSD, MDMA, and PCP, but not for fentanyl or related opioids. Nothing prohibits the creation of similar standards for fentanyl.
<b>Recently proposed legislation</b>	None

<b><u>IOWA</u></b>	
<b>Statute(s) and/or regulation(s)</b>	IOWA CODE ANN. §§ 124C.1 to 124C.7 (West 2025)
<b>Effective date or most recent substantive amendment</b>	July 1, 2009
<b>Are those laws explicitly restricted to non-fentanyl drugs (methamphetamine, etc.)?</b>	No.  Iowa statute authorizes the state commissioner of public safety to carry out decontamination of clandestine laboratory sites, defined as a location or operation to illegally manufacture controlled substances, including fentanyl. The commissioner is also authorized to recover the costs of decontamination from property owners and to promulgate necessary administrative rules.
<b>Do those laws specifically establish cleanup guidance for fentanyl or similar opioids?</b>	No.  No regulations have been promulgated for cleanup of fentanyl-related clandestine laboratory sites.
<b>Recently proposed legislation</b>	None

<b><u>KANSAS</u></b>	
<b>Statute(s) and/or regulation(s)</b>	KAN. STAT. ANN. § 21-5704 (West 2025)
<b>Effective date or most recent substantive amendment</b>	July 1, 2009
<b>Are those laws explicitly restricted to non-fentanyl drugs (methamphetamine, etc.)?</b>	No.  Under Kansas law, all costs and expenses resulting from the seizure, disposition and decontamination of an unlawful manufacturing site of a controlled substance shall be assessed against defendants.
<b>Do those laws specifically establish cleanup guidance for fentanyl or similar opioids?</b>	No.  Kansas has not established cleanup standards for any drugs.
<b>Recently proposed legislation</b>	None

<b><u>KENTUCKY</u></b>	
<b>Statute(s) and/or regulation(s)</b>	KY. REV. STAT. ANN. § 224.1-410 (West 2025)
<b>Effective date or most recent substantive amendment</b>	June 25, 2013
<b>Are those laws explicitly restricted to non-fentanyl drugs (methamphetamine, etc.)?</b>	Yes.  By statute, Kentucky requires standards and procedures for the decontamination of “properties contaminated with hazardous chemical residues created by the manufacture of methamphetamine.” Similar regulations for fentanyl cleanup would require new legislation.
<b>Do those laws specifically establish cleanup guidance for fentanyl or similar opioids?</b>	No.
<b>Recently proposed legislation</b>	None

<b><u>LOUISIANA</u></b>	
<b>Statute(s) and/or regulation(s)</b>	LA. STAT. ANN. § 40:983 (2025)
<b>Effective date or most recent substantive amendment</b>	June 7, 2023
<b>Are those laws explicitly restricted to non-fentanyl drugs (methamphetamine, etc.)?</b>	<p>No.</p> <p>In Louisiana, anyone convicted of the crime of creating or operating a clandestine laboratory—defined as the use of “any material, compound, mixture, preparation, supplies, equipment, or structure with the intent that it be used for the unlawful manufacture of a controlled dangerous substance”—may be responsible for the costs incurred by the state government in the “cleanup of any hazardous waste” resulting from the laboratory’s operations. No subset of controlled substances is specified by the statute.</p>
<b>Do those laws specifically establish cleanup guidance for fentanyl or similar opioids?</b>	<p>No.</p> <p>Louisiana’s statute imposing liability for cleanup of clandestine laboratories does not establish any cleanup standards or procedures for cleanup of any controlled substances.</p>
<b>Recently proposed legislation</b>	None

<b><u>MAINE</u></b>	
<b>Statute(s) and/or regulation(s)</b>	None
<b>Effective date or most recent substantive amendment</b>	N/A
<b>Are those laws explicitly restricted to non-fentanyl drugs (methamphetamine, etc.)?</b>	N/A
<b>Do those laws specifically establish cleanup guidance for fentanyl or similar opioids?</b>	N/A
<b>Recently proposed legislation</b>	None

<b><u>MARYLAND</u></b>	
<b>Statute(s) and/or regulation(s)</b>	MD. CODE ANN., CRIM. LAW § 5-610 (West 2025)
<b>Effective date or most recent substantive amendment</b>	October 1, 2006
<b>Are those laws explicitly restricted to non-fentanyl drugs (methamphetamine, etc.)?</b>	No.  In Maryland, a person convicted of a drug manufacturing offense may be ordered by a court to pay restitution for costs incurred in cleaning up laboratories for the illegal manufacture of a controlled dangerous substance. The statute does not specify any subset of controlled substances.
<b>Do those laws specifically establish cleanup guidance for fentanyl or similar opioids?</b>	No.  There are no cleanup standards provided for any controlled substance, including fentanyl.
<b>Recently proposed legislation</b>	None



<b><u>MASSACHUSETTS</u></b>	
<b>Statute(s) and/or regulation(s)</b>	None
<b>Effective date or most recent substantive amendment</b>	N/A
<b>Are those laws explicitly restricted to non-fentanyl drugs (methamphetamine, etc.)?</b>	N/A
<b>Do those laws specifically establish cleanup guidance for fentanyl or similar opioids?</b>	N/A
<b>Recently proposed legislation</b>	None

<b><u>MICHIGAN</u></b>	
<b>Statute(s) and/or regulation(s)</b>	MICH. COMP. LAWS ANN. § 333.12103(2) (West 2025)
<b>Effective date or most recent substantive amendment</b>	July 6, 2006
<b>Are those laws explicitly restricted to non-fentanyl drugs (methamphetamine, etc.)?</b>	No.  By statute, Michigan’s Department of Community Health, consulting the Department of Environmental Quality, shall develop a guidance document on “cleanup of clandestine drug labs” focused on site assessment, remediation, and risk to human health post-cleanup. The language covers a “site of illegal drug manufacturing” and does not specify any subset of illegal drugs.
<b>Do those laws specifically establish cleanup guidance for fentanyl or similar opioids?</b>	No. <sup>17</sup>  The Department of Community Health’s guidance document acknowledges that methamphetamine is not the only illegal drug manufactured in clandestine labs, but nevertheless it is the sole focus of the document. It adds that “This guidance will be updated to address...any additional illicit drugs as needed,” but it has not been updated since 2008 and there are currently no standards for fentanyl or related opioids.
<b>Recently proposed legislation</b>	None

<sup>17</sup> “Cleanup of Clandestine Drug Laboratory Guidance.” Michigan Department of Community Health. June 5, 2007. [https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdch/MI\\_Guidelines\\_459934\\_7.pdf](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdch/MI_Guidelines_459934_7.pdf).

<b><u>MINNESOTA</u></b>	
<b>Statute(s) and/or regulation(s)</b>	MINN. STAT. ANN. § 152.0275(1) (West 2025)
<b>Effective date or most recent substantive amendment</b>	June 3, 2005
<b>Are those laws explicitly restricted to non-fentanyl drugs (methamphetamine, etc.)?</b>	Yes.  Minnesota has established guidelines and procedures for cleanup of clandestine lab sites, defined as “any structure or conveyance or outdoor location occupied or affected by conditions or chemicals typically associated with the manufacturing of methamphetamine.” Similar regulations for fentanyl cleanup would require new legislation.
<b>Do those laws specifically establish cleanup guidance for fentanyl or similar opioids?</b>	No.
<b>Recently proposed legislation</b>	None

<b><u>MISSISSIPPI</u></b>	
<b>Statute(s) and/or regulation(s)</b>	None
<b>Effective date or most recent substantive amendment</b>	N/A
<b>Are those laws explicitly restricted to non-fentanyl drugs (methamphetamine, etc.)?</b>	N/A
<b>Do those laws specifically establish cleanup guidance for fentanyl or similar opioids?</b>	N/A
<b>Recently proposed legislation</b>	None

<b><u>MISSOURI</u></b>	
<b>Statute(s) and/or regulation(s)</b>	MO. ANN. STAT. § 640.040 (West 2025)
<b>Effective date or most recent substantive amendment</b>	May 27, 1998
<b>Are those laws explicitly restricted to non-fentanyl drugs (methamphetamine, etc.)?</b>	No.  Missouri’s statute on cleanup of controlled substances laboratories empowers the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to provide resources and personnel to “assist in the cleanup and disposal of the hazardous substances including, but not limited to chemicals intended for use in or resulting from the manufacture or production of controlled substances,” recover the costs of such cleanup from responsible parties and adopt rules necessary to implement the statute. It further creates a “Controlled Substances Cleanup Fund.” The language does not restrict cleanup to a subset of controlled substances.
<b>Do those laws specifically establish cleanup guidance for fentanyl or similar opioids?</b>	No. <sup>18</sup>  The DNR has researched the creation of testing and cleanup standards for former methamphetamine laboratories, but “[has] not established a need for them at this time.” There is no discussion of establishing comparable standards for fentanyl.
<b>Recently proposed legislation</b>	None

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<sup>18</sup> “Methamphetamine Cleanup Guidance.” Missouri Department of Natural Resources.  
<https://health.mo.gov/atoz/pdf/MethLabCleanupGuidelines.pdf>.

<b><u>MONTANA</u></b>	
<b>Statute(s) and/or regulation(s)</b>	MONT. CODE ANN. §§ 75-10-1301 to 1306 (West 2025)
<b>Effective date or most recent substantive amendment</b>	April 28, 2005
<b>Are those laws explicitly restricted to non-fentanyl drugs (methamphetamine, etc.)?</b>	Yes.  Montana’s statute is targeted specifically at remediation of “properties are being contaminated with hazardous chemical residues created by the manufacture of methamphetamine” and sets decontamination standards for methamphetamine alone. Similar regulations for fentanyl cleanup would require new legislation.
<b>Do those laws specifically establish cleanup guidance for fentanyl or similar opioids?</b>	No.
<b>Recently proposed legislation</b>	None

<b><u>NEBRASKA</u></b>	
<b>Statute(s) and/or regulation(s)</b>	NEB. REV. STAT. ANN. §§ 71-2432 to 2435 (West 2025)
<b>Effective date or most recent substantive amendment</b>	July 10, 2007
<b>Are those laws explicitly restricted to non-fentanyl drugs (methamphetamine, etc.)?</b>	Yes.  Nebraska's Clandestine Drug Labs statute uses a narrow definition of drug lab: "any area where glassware, heating devices, or other equipment or precursors, solvents, or related articles or reagents are used to unlawfully manufacture methamphetamine." The state Department of Health's guidance is accordingly tailored to methamphetamine laboratories alone. Similar regulations for fentanyl cleanup would require new legislation.
<b>Do those laws specifically establish cleanup guidance for fentanyl or similar opioids?</b>	No.
<b>Recently proposed legislation</b>	None



<b><u>NEVADA</u></b>	
<b>Statute(s) and/or regulation(s)</b>	NEV. REV. STAT. ANN. § 439.4797 (West 2025)
<b>Effective date or most recent substantive amendment</b>	July 1, 2009
<b>Are those laws explicitly restricted to non-fentanyl drugs (methamphetamine, etc.)?</b>	No.  By statute, Nevada requires its State Environmental Commission to adopt regulations concerning the removal or remediation of controlled substances and standards by which former controlled substance manufacturing sites may be deemed safe for habitation. The language does not specify a subset of controlled substances.
<b>Do those laws specifically establish cleanup guidance for fentanyl or similar opioids?</b>	No.  Despite the statutory mandate, the State Environmental Commission has adopted no regulations governing cleanup of any controlled substance manufacturing sites. No legal obstacles exist to prevent it doing so for fentanyl or any other controlled substance.
<b>Recently proposed legislation</b>	None

<b><u>NEW HAMPSHIRE</u></b>	
<b>Statute(s) and/or regulation(s)</b>	N.H. REV. STAT. ANN. § 477:4-g (2025)
<b>Effective date or most recent substantive amendment</b>	January 1, 2007
<b>Are those laws explicitly restricted to non-fentanyl drugs (methamphetamine, etc.)?</b>	Yes.  New Hampshire requires the Department of Environmental Services to determine if remediation cleanup standards are met for “any property on which methamphetamine production has occurred.” Similar regulations for fentanyl cleanup would require new legislation.
<b>Do those laws specifically establish cleanup guidance for fentanyl or similar opioids?</b>	No.
<b>Recently proposed legislation</b>	None

<b><u>NEW JERSEY</u></b>	
<b>Statute(s) and/or regulation(s)</b>	None
<b>Effective date or most recent substantive amendment</b>	N/A
<b>Are those laws explicitly restricted to non-fentanyl drugs (methamphetamine, etc.)?</b>	N/A
<b>Do those laws specifically establish cleanup guidance for fentanyl or similar opioids?</b>	N/A
<b>Recently proposed legislation</b>	None

<b><u>NEW MEXICO</u></b>	
<b>Statute(s) and/or regulation(s)</b>	N.M. ADMIN. CODE 20.4.5 (2025)
<b>Effective date or most recent substantive amendment</b>	January 1, 2008
<b>Are those laws explicitly restricted to non-fentanyl drugs (methamphetamine, etc.)?</b>	<p>No.</p> <p>New Mexico’s Environmental Improvement Board, under its statutory authority to protect the community from hazardous waste generally, has issued regulations for declaring a site a “clandestine drug laboratory,” providing notice to the property owner, restricting some use and transfer of the property, remediation procedures for the property, maximum levels for contaminating substances, and approval of remediation.</p> <p>There is no restriction to non-fentanyl drugs: “clandestine drug laboratory” is defined as “property on which any controlled substance is being unlawfully manufactured or on which there is an attempt to unlawfully manufacture, or where a person is arrested for having on any property any chemicals or equipment used in manufacturing any controlled substance.”</p>
<b>Do those laws specifically establish cleanup guidance for fentanyl or similar opioids?</b>	<p>No.</p> <p>In the absence of any reference to other specific controlled substances, these standards would presumably apply to fentanyl contamination and remediation.</p> <p>Property owners of fentanyl-producing sites would thus have to retain a “remediation firm” under the supervision of a certified industrial hygienist or that has been approved and registered by New Mexico or any other state for perform such assessments of contaminated property. The regulations provide no additional qualifications required to perform fentanyl cleanup.</p>
<b>Recently proposed legislation</b>	None

<b><u>NEW YORK</u></b>	
<b>Statute(s) and/or regulation(s)</b>	None
<b>Effective date or most recent substantive amendment</b>	N/A
<b>Are those laws explicitly restricted to non-fentanyl drugs (methamphetamine, etc.)?</b>	N/A
<b>Do those laws specifically establish cleanup guidance for fentanyl or similar opioids?</b>	N/A
<b>Recently proposed legislation</b>	None

<b><u>NORTH CAROLINA</u></b>	
<b>Statute(s) and/or regulation(s)</b>	N.C. GEN. STAT. ANN. § 130A-284 (West 2025)
<b>Effective date or most recent substantive amendment</b>	January 1, 2005
<b>Are those laws explicitly restricted to non-fentanyl drugs (methamphetamine, etc.)?</b>	Yes.  North Carolina’s statute is targeted at “Decontamination of property used for the manufacture of methamphetamine.” Similar regulations for fentanyl cleanup would require new legislation.
<b>Do those laws specifically establish cleanup guidance for fentanyl or similar opioids?</b>	No.
<b>Recently proposed legislation</b>	None

<b><u>NORTH DAKOTA</u></b>	
<b>Statute(s) and/or regulation(s)</b>	None
<b>Effective date or most recent substantive amendment</b>	N/A
<b>Are those laws explicitly restricted to non-fentanyl drugs (methamphetamine, etc.)?</b>	N/A
<b>Do those laws specifically establish cleanup guidance for fentanyl or similar opioids?</b>	N/A
<b>Recently proposed legislation</b>	None

<b><u>OHIO</u></b>	
<b>Statute(s) and/or regulation(s)</b>	OHIO REV. CODE ANN. § 3745.13 (West 2025)
<b>Effective date or most recent substantive amendment</b>	December 20, 2012
<b>Are those laws explicitly restricted to non-fentanyl drugs (methamphetamine, etc.)?</b>	Yes.  When emergency action is required to protect the public health or safety or the environment, any person responsible for the operation of an illegal methamphetamine manufacturing laboratory is liable to the local government entity with jurisdiction over the property for the removal of any decontamination.
<b>Do those laws specifically establish cleanup guidance for fentanyl or similar opioids?</b>	No.
<b>Recently proposed legislation</b>	None



<b><u>OKLAHOMA</u></b>	
<b>Statute(s) and/or regulation(s)</b>	None
<b>Effective date or most recent substantive amendment</b>	N/A
<b>Are those laws explicitly restricted to non-fentanyl drugs (methamphetamine, etc.)?</b>	N/A
<b>Do those laws specifically establish cleanup guidance for fentanyl or similar opioids?</b>	N/A
<b>Recently proposed legislation</b>	None

<b><u>OREGON</u></b>	
<b>Statute(s) and/or regulation(s)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OR. REV. STAT. ANN. §§ 453.855 to 912 (West 2025)</li> <li>• OR. ADMIN. R. 333-040-0010 to 0230 (2025)</li> </ul>
<b>Effective date or most recent substantive amendment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• July 23, 1999 (§§ 453.855 to 912)</li> <li>• January 24, 2000 (R. 333-040-0010 to 0230)</li> </ul>
<b>Are those laws explicitly restricted to non-fentanyl drugs (methamphetamine, etc.)?</b>	<p>No.</p> <p>Oregon’s statutory language applies broadly to “chemical contamination that may result from illegal drug manufacturing,” without restricting to a subset of controlled substances. The Oregon Health Authority is authorized to adopt appropriate rules for licensing remediation contractors to conduct decontamination once the determination has been made that a property is an illegal drug manufacturing site.</p>
<b>Do those laws specifically establish cleanup guidance for fentanyl or similar opioids?</b>	<p>No.</p> <p>Oregon’s regulations make no explicit provisions for fentanyl. Methamphetamine is the only drug named in the regulations, but there are fewer exact remediation procedures or measurable standards for contamination compared to those of other states. There is, however, comparatively more attention given to the licensing standards required for remediation contractors. The Oregon Health Authority requires meeting minimum education and experience requirements, special training in hazardous materials and clandestine drug laboratories, and regular recertification. The regulations then require that those licensed contractors rely upon “industry-recognized standards and protocols” and “standard methods and procedures when available.” Given the lack of state or federal standards for fentanyl cleanup, this provides limited guidance to remediation teams for fentanyl-contaminated sites.</p>
<b>Recently proposed legislation</b>	None

<b><u>PENNSYLVANIA</u></b>	
<b>Statute(s) and/or regulation(s)</b>	18 PA. STAT. AND CONS. STAT. ANN. § 1110 (West 2025)
<b>Effective date or most recent substantive amendment</b>	January 18, 2005
<b>Are those laws explicitly restricted to non-fentanyl drugs (methamphetamine, etc.)?</b>	No.  Pennsylvania's only statute on drug cleanup sites is a requirement that those convicted under the Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act "shall... make restitution for the costs incurred in the cleanup, including labor costs, equipment and supplies, of any clandestine laboratory used by the person to manufacture the controlled substance," with clandestine laboratory defined as applying to the manufacture of any controlled substance.
<b>Do those laws specifically establish cleanup guidance for fentanyl or similar opioids?</b>	No.  Pennsylvania has not enacted cleanup standards for any illegal drug, including fentanyl.
<b>Recently proposed legislation</b>	None

<b><u>RHODE ISLAND</u></b>	
<b>Statute(s) and/or regulation(s)</b>	None
<b>Effective date or most recent substantive amendment</b>	N/A
<b>Are those laws explicitly restricted to non-fentanyl drugs (methamphetamine, etc.)?</b>	N/A
<b>Do those laws specifically establish cleanup guidance for fentanyl or similar opioids?</b>	N/A
<b>Recently proposed legislation</b>	None

<b><u>SOUTH CAROLINA</u></b>	
<b>Statute(s) and/or regulation(s)</b>	S.C. CODE ANN. § 44-53-376 (2025)
<b>Effective date or most recent substantive amendment</b>	May 4, 2006
<b>Are those laws explicitly restricted to non-fentanyl drugs (methamphetamine, etc.)?</b>	Yes.  Any person who disposes of waste from methamphetamine manufacture, in a manner that requires an emergency environmental response, is required by statute to make restitution and cover reasonable cost to public entities involved in the emergency response.
<b>Do those laws specifically establish cleanup guidance for fentanyl or similar opioids?</b>	No.
<b>Recently proposed legislation</b>	None

<b><u>SOUTH DAKOTA</u></b>	
<b>Statute(s) and/or regulation(s)</b>	None
<b>Effective date or most recent substantive amendment</b>	N/A
<b>Are those laws explicitly restricted to non-fentanyl drugs (methamphetamine, etc.)?</b>	N/A
<b>Do those laws specifically establish cleanup guidance for fentanyl or similar opioids?</b>	N/A
<b>Recently proposed legislation</b>	None

<b><u>TENNESSEE</u></b>	
<b>Statute(s) and/or regulation(s)</b>	TENN. CODE ANN. § 68-212-502 (West 2025)
<b>Effective date or most recent substantive amendment</b>	March 30, 2005
<b>Are those laws explicitly restricted to non-fentanyl drugs (methamphetamine, etc.)?</b>	Yes.  Tennessee’s statute on drug cleanup is targeted specifically at “properties in which a process intended to result in the manufacture of methamphetamine has occurred.” Similar regulations for fentanyl cleanup would require new legislation.
<b>Do those laws specifically establish cleanup guidance for fentanyl or similar opioids?</b>	No.
<b>Recently proposed legislation</b>	None

<b><u>TEXAS</u></b>	
<b>Statute(s) and/or regulation(s)</b>	None
<b>Effective date or most recent substantive amendment</b>	N/A
<b>Are those laws explicitly restricted to non-fentanyl drugs (methamphetamine, etc.)?</b>	N/A
<b>Do those laws specifically establish cleanup guidance for fentanyl or similar opioids?</b>	N/A
<b>Recently proposed legislation</b>	None



<b><u>UTAH</u></b>	
<b>Statute(s) and/or regulation(s)</b>	UTAH CODE ANN. §§ 19-6-901 to 906 (West 2025)
<b>Effective date or most recent substantive amendment</b>	May 3, 2004
<b>Are those laws explicitly restricted to non-fentanyl drugs (methamphetamine, etc.)?</b>	<p>No.</p> <p>Although Utah’s “Illegal Drug Operations Site Reporting and Decontamination Act” is aimed primarily at methamphetamine—and indeed specifies “hazardous materials as a result of the use, production, or presence of methamphetamine in excess of decontamination standards”—it also addresses the decontamination of “hazardous materials that cause property to be unfit for human habitation or use due to immediate or long-term health hazards,” which includes “any illegally manufactured controlled substance.”</p> <p>The Department of Health is required to adopt rules to establish decontamination and sampling standards, testing methods, and when to require contamination testing, and the Department of Environmental Quality Waste Management and Radiation Control Board is similarly required to adopt rules on certification standards for decontamination firms.</p>
<b>Do those laws specifically establish cleanup guidance for fentanyl or similar opioids?</b>	<p>No.</p> <p>Utah’s regulations impose decontamination standards for methamphetamine (and its precursors), ecstasy, lead, and mercury, but not for fentanyl or related opioids. There is no legal obstacle to the relevant health authorities establishing similar standards for fentanyl.</p>
<b>Recently proposed legislation</b>	None

<b><u>VERMONT</u></b>	
<b>Statute(s) and/or regulation(s)</b>	None
<b>Effective date or most recent substantive amendment</b>	N/A
<b>Are those laws explicitly restricted to non-fentanyl drugs (methamphetamine, etc.)?</b>	N/A
<b>Do those laws specifically establish cleanup guidance for fentanyl or similar opioids?</b>	N/A
<b>Recently proposed legislation</b>	None

<b><u>VIRGINIA</u></b>	
<b>Statute(s) and/or regulation(s)</b>	VA. CODE ANN. § 32.1-11.7 (West 2025)
<b>Effective date or most recent substantive amendment</b>	July 1, 2012
<b>Are those laws explicitly restricted to non-fentanyl drugs (methamphetamine, etc.)?</b>	Yes.  Virginia’s statute on drug cleanup requires the State Board of Health to “establish guidelines for the cleanup of residential property and other buildings formerly used as sites to manufacture methamphetamine to certify that the methamphetamine level at such property is at or below the post cleanup target.” Similar regulations for fentanyl cleanup would require new legislation.
<b>Do those laws specifically establish cleanup guidance for fentanyl or similar opioids?</b>	No.
<b>Recently proposed legislation</b>	None

<b><u>WASHINGTON</u></b>	
<b>Statute(s) and/or regulation(s)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• WASH. REV. CODE ANN. § 64.44.070 (West 2025)</li><li>• WASH. ADMIN. CODE § 246-205-541 (2025)</li></ul>
<b>Effective date or most recent substantive amendment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• July 25, 1999 (§ 64.44.070)</li><li>• January 23, 2003 (§ 246-205-541)</li></ul>
<b>Are those laws explicitly restricted to non-fentanyl drugs (methamphetamine, etc.)?</b>	No.  By statute, Washington’s Department of Health shall adopt rules to “establish decontamination standards for hazardous chemicals, including but not limited to methamphetamine, lead, mercury, and total volatile organic compounds.”
<b>Do those laws specifically establish cleanup guidance for fentanyl or similar opioids?</b>	No.  Despite the relevant statute’s use of the phrase “including but not limited to,” the Department of Health has only established decontamination standards for the original list of methamphetamine, lead, mercury, and volatile organic compounds. There is no legal obstacle to their establishing similar standards for fentanyl.
<b>Recently proposed legislation</b>	None

<b><u>WEST VIRGINIA</u></b>	
<b>Statute(s) and/or regulation(s)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• W. VA. CODE ANN. §§ 60A-11-1 to 6 (West 2025)</li> <li>• W. VA. CODE R. §§ 64-92-1 to 16 (2025)</li> </ul>
<b>Effective date or most recent substantive amendment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• June 8, 2007 (§§ 60A-11-1 to 6)</li> <li>• April 2, 2008 (§§ 64-92-1 to 16)</li> </ul>
<b>Are those laws explicitly restricted to non-fentanyl drugs (methamphetamine, etc.)?</b>	<p>No.</p> <p>West Virginia’s Clandestine Drug Laboratory Remediation Act defines “clandestine drug laboratory” as “the area or areas where controlled substances, or their immediate precursors, have been, or were attempted to be, manufactured, processed, cooked, disposed of or stored and all proximate areas that are likely to be contaminated as a result of such manufacturing, processing, cooking, disposing or storing.” The language is not restricted to a subset of controlled substances.</p> <p>The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Services shall propose rules for legislative approval establishing scientific guidelines and decontamination levels for cleanup and a certification program for remediation contractors.</p>
<b>Do those laws specifically establish cleanup guidance for fentanyl or similar opioids?</b>	<p>No.</p> <p>The only standards that govern decontamination of a specific drug refer to methamphetamine alone. The Department could adopt similar regulations for fentanyl, but because of the procedures of West Virginia’s State Administrative Procedures Act, the final rule would require a vote by both houses of the Legislature, effectively requiring new legislation.<sup>19</sup></p>
<b>Recently proposed legislation</b>	None

<sup>19</sup> W. VA. CODE ANN. § 29A-3-12 (West 2025).

<b><u>WISCONSIN</u></b>	
<b>Statute(s) and/or regulation(s)</b>	None
<b>Effective date or most recent substantive amendment</b>	N/A
<b>Are those laws explicitly restricted to non-fentanyl drugs (methamphetamine, etc.)?</b>	N/A
<b>Do those laws specifically establish cleanup guidance for fentanyl or similar opioids?</b>	N/A
<b>Recently proposed legislation</b>	None

<b><u>WYOMING</u></b>	
<b>Statute(s) and/or regulation(s)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WYO. STAT. ANN. § 35-9-153 (West 2025)</li> <li>• 041.0004.2 WYO. CODE R. §§ 1 to 17 (2025)</li> </ul>
<b>Effective date or most recent substantive amendment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• March 2, 2005 (§ 35-9-153)</li> <li>• September 14, 2010 (041.0004.2)</li> </ul>
<b>Are those laws explicitly restricted to non-fentanyl drugs (methamphetamine, etc.)?</b>	<p>No.</p> <p>Under the Wyoming Emergency Response Act, the state emergency response commission shall establish by rule “standards for protection of the safety of responding personnel during clandestine laboratory incident responses, standards for determining a site uninhabitable..., standards for determining the extent of contamination and standards for remediation required to render former clandestine laboratory operation sites safe for re-entry, habitation or use.”</p> <p>In those rules, Wyoming is one of only two states to name fentanyl in discussion of drug lab decontamination: its definition of clandestine laboratory operation, or “Clanlab,” includes laboratories involved in the production of “fentanyl and its analogs.”</p>
<b>Do those laws specifically establish cleanup guidance for fentanyl or similar opioids?</b>	<p>No.</p> <p>Despite the emergency response commission rule’s reference to fentanyl, no further rules have been promulgated governing its cleanup. Rules and procedures exist applying to clandestine labs generally, but standards for specific drugs have only been established for methamphetamine, LSD, and MDMA.</p>
<b>Recently proposed legislation</b>	None

<b><u>AMERICAN SAMOA</u></b>	
<b>Statute(s) and/or regulation(s)</b>	None
<b>Effective date or most recent substantive amendment</b>	N/A
<b>Are those laws explicitly restricted to non-fentanyl drugs (methamphetamine, etc.)?</b>	N/A
<b>Do those laws specifically establish cleanup guidance for fentanyl or similar opioids?</b>	N/A
<b>Recently proposed legislation</b>	None



<b><u>GUAM</u></b>	
<b>Statute(s) and/or regulation(s)</b>	None
<b>Effective date or most recent substantive amendment</b>	N/A
<b>Are those laws explicitly restricted to non-fentanyl drugs (methamphetamine, etc.)?</b>	N/A
<b>Do those laws specifically establish cleanup guidance for fentanyl or similar opioids?</b>	N/A
<b>Recently proposed legislation</b>	None

<b><u>NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS</u></b>	
<b>Statute(s) and/or regulation(s)</b>	None
<b>Effective date or most recent substantive amendment</b>	N/A
<b>Are those laws explicitly restricted to non-fentanyl drugs (methamphetamine, etc.)?</b>	N/A
<b>Do those laws specifically establish cleanup guidance for fentanyl or similar opioids?</b>	N/A
<b>Recently proposed legislation</b>	None

<b><u>PUERTO RICO</u></b>	
<b>Statute(s) and/or regulation(s)</b>	None
<b>Effective date or most recent substantive amendment</b>	N/A
<b>Are those laws explicitly restricted to non-fentanyl drugs (methamphetamine, etc.)?</b>	N/A
<b>Do those laws specifically establish cleanup guidance for fentanyl or similar opioids?</b>	N/A
<b>Recently proposed legislation</b>	None

<b><u>U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS</u></b>	
<b>Statute(s) and/or regulation(s)</b>	None
<b>Effective date or most recent substantive amendment</b>	N/A
<b>Are those laws explicitly restricted to non-fentanyl drugs (methamphetamine, etc.)?</b>	N/A
<b>Do those laws specifically establish cleanup guidance for fentanyl or similar opioids?</b>	N/A
<b>Recently proposed legislation</b>	None

## RESOURCES

Although there is less proactive policy and comprehensive cleanup guidance for fentanyl than for some other drugs, this is not to say that there is none. Government agencies, nonprofit organizations, and private companies have all contributed valuable research and experience that inform the policy and operational response to fentanyl decontamination. Here is a selection of additional sources with more in-depth guidance that may be useful to policymakers seeking to address these challenges.

### Government Agencies

#### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

- [Fentanyl: Emergency Responders at Risk](#). In this guide, the CDC provides important safety recommendations for exposure to a variety of illicit drugs, including fentanyl. It covers safe workplace practices for emergency responders, possible avenues of exposure to drugs, a detailed description of PPE to wear depending on level of exposure, topics for training, and some general decontamination steps.

#### U.S. Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)

- [Fentanyl: A Briefing Guide for First Responders](#). In addition to an overview of the common forms of fentanyl and the history of its spread in the United States, this DEA guide includes recommendations on PPE for first responders, information on accidental exposure and treatment, and suggested safety precautions during decontamination.
- [Fentanyl Safety Recommendations for First Responders](#). This one-sheet guide provides a quick reference focused primarily on what to do in the event of an accidental exposure to fentanyl.

#### Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

- [Voluntary Guidelines for Methamphetamine and Fentanyl Laboratory Cleanup](#) and [Fact Sheet for OSCs: Fentanyl and Fentanyl Analogs](#). These guides include the best U.S. government-issued guidance on the science of fentanyl decontamination. The documents describe the physical properties of fentanyl, exposure pathways, advisory levels and occupational exposure limits, potency and lethality of doses, personal safety and PPE, detection and sampling, several methods for site decontamination, personnel decontamination, and waste management. In discussion of the removal of solids and surface decontamination, the latter document addresses some of the chemical decontamination agents that have been introduced by private companies.

#### Interagency Board for Emergency Preparedness and Response (IAB)

- [Recommendations on Selection and Use of Personal Protective Equipment and Decontamination Products for First Responders Against Exposure Hazards to Synthetic Opioids, Including Fentanyl and Fentanyl Analogues](#). This guide gives a detailed description of the proper technologies and level of PPE that are appropriate based on different levels of fentanyl exposure risk. The IAB breaks down its recommendations based on fentanyl levels that are minimal, moderate, or high, and settings that involve particulates or chemicals.

### Private Companies

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- The [Meth Lab Cleanup Company](#) and [Apple Environmental](#) are two examples of companies that are adapting from their original purpose of methamphetamine lab decontamination to address the new industry of fentanyl decontamination.
- For journalists' coverage of other, similar fentanyl cleanup companies, their methods, and their competition to establish the approved method of fentanyl decontamination, see [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#).

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