

CHAPTER 3: POST-EXECUTION CHECKLIST

I. General Provisions

A. Purpose of Chapter

The purpose of this chapter is to:

1. provide the procedures to be followed after the execution, of the condemned individual;
2. identify the responsibilities for tasks to be completed; and
3. provide for the transfer of the body of the condemned individual from the custody of the BOP.

B. Policy

It is the policy of the BOP that:

1. the condemned individual will be examined by a specified qualified person following the administration of the lethal substances to ensure that death has occurred;
2. the qualified person, when satisfied that death has occurred, will advise the Warden who will announce the time of death to the witnesses;
3. the witnesses to the execution will then be removed from the Execution Facility and returned to their individual staging areas so that they may leave the institution. News media witnesses will be removed to a secondary press location where they will participate in a press conference;
4. the body of the condemned individual will be surrendered to the Vigo County Coroner;
5. after removal of the body, the site will be cleaned and restored to its previous condition.

II. Removing Witnesses from the Execution Facility

A. After the pronouncement of death by the Warden, the witnesses will be escorted from the facility in the following order:

1. news media witnesses;
2. condemned individual's authorized witnesses; and
3. government/community witnesses.

B. Each group of witnesses will be kept separate from the others and escorted to waiting vehicles to be driven to separate designated sites.

III. Removal of the Body of the Condemned Individual

- A. After the witnesses have departed, the restraints will be removed from the condemned individual's body.
- B. The Vigo County Coroner or designee will be escorted into the Execution Facility. The body will be removed by the Vigo County Coroner, who will place it in a coroner's vehicle for transportation.

IV. Site Clean-Up

- A. Under the supervision of an individual designated by the Warden, staff will clean and secure the Execution Facility.
- B. Institution staff will be trained in infectious disease preventive practices and utilize appropriate precautions in cleaning up the Execution Facility.
- C. The Execution Facility will be locked and secured when the Warden is satisfied that clean-up has been completed.

V. Returning to Routine Operations

- A. Following the execution, Department of Justice and BOP staff involved in the execution will be deactivated, as appropriate, under direction of the senior departmental, BOP and USMS staff on-site.
- B. The Warden's designated public affairs representative will determine when to secure the media assembly site after the news conference is complete.
- C. The Warden will bring the institution security back to routine operations as he/she sees fit.