Spill Notification

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Spill Prevention, Preparedness, and Response Program

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We prevent, prepare for, and respond to oil and hazardous materials spills.

Response Section

- 24/7/365 response to oil spills and hazardous material releases
- Approx. 4,800 spill reports annually
- Drug lab response and assistance
- Ecology equipment and restoration grants
- Dangerous waste management

Importance of Spill Notification

- Public Health and Safety
- Minimize Environmental Damage
- Reduce Response and Cleanup Costs
- Minimizing Economic Impacts
- Technical Assistance
- Reduce Liability

Consequences of Not Notifying

- Possibility of Penalties
- Higher Cleanup Costs
- Timely Technical Assistance Might Save Work and Cost
- Community Impacts
  - Public Health and Safety
  - Economic Impacts

When and Who to Notify

Oil and Hazardous Substances to Water

- Immediate Notification (within 1 hour)
- Washington State Military Department, Division of Emergency Management (WA EMD)
  - 800-258-5990 or
  - 800-OILS-911
- National Response Center (USCG)
  - 800-424-8802

When and Who to Notify

Oil and Hazardous Substances to Soil

- Federal
  - Spills of Hazardous Substances Exceeding the Reportable Quantity (RQ)
    - The RQ is the weight of material spilled and is unique for each Hazardous Substance
    - 40 CFR 302.4 Table
    - Immediate notification
- Washington State has no RQ

When and Who to Notify

Oil and Hazardous Substances to Soil

- Washington
  - 90-days to the Ecology Region Office

Northwest	206-594-0000
Southwest	360-407-6300
Central	509-575-2490
Eastern	509-329-3572

Please consider earlier notification

When and Who to Notify

Oil and Hazardous Substances to Air

- Federal
  - Spills of Hazardous Substances Exceeding the Reportable Quantity (RQ)
    - The RQ is the weight of material spilled and is unique for each Hazardous Substance
    - 40 CFR 302.4 Table
    - Immediate notification

When and Who to Notify

Oil and Hazardous Substances to Air

- Washington
  - 90-days to the Ecology Region Office

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Southwest	360-407-6300
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When and Who to Notify

Leaking Underground Storage Tanks

- Washington
  - 24-hours to the Ecology Region Office

Northwest	206-594-0000
Southwest	360-407-6300
Central	509-575-2490
Eastern	509-329-3572

When and Who to Notify

Dangerous Waste

- Washington
  - Immediate notification to the Ecology Region Office

Northwest	206-594-0000
Southwest	360-407-6300
Central	509-575-2490
Eastern	509-329-3572

Note: After business hours, Region Office phones transfer to WA EMD

Potentially Required Notifications

- 911 or Local Emergency Planning Committee
- Tribes
- Local Jurisdiction
- Permit Requirement
- State Emergency Response Commission
- Property Owners

FAQ

Common Spill Reporting Questions

- Who is required to make notification?
- Someone else reported it, does that meet the spillers notification requirement?
- I spilled a biological oil (such as canola), do I have to report it?
- A company selling "*environmentally friendly oil*" told me that purchasing their oil would mean it was not regulated - is that true?
- I spilled oil but cleaned it up with dish soap. Do I still need to report?

Thank you

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