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Emergency Spill Response

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Where do we fit in Ecology?

- Air Quality
- Climate Pollution Reduction
- Environmental Assessment Program
- Hazardous Waste and Toxics Reduction
- Nuclear Waste Program
- Shorelands and Environmental Assistance
- Solid Waste Management
- Spill Prevention, Preparedness, and Response
- Toxics Cleanup Program
- Water Quality
- Water Resources

Spill Prevention, Preparedness, and Response

PREVENT OIL SPILLS FROM VESSELS AND OIL HANDLING FACILITIES

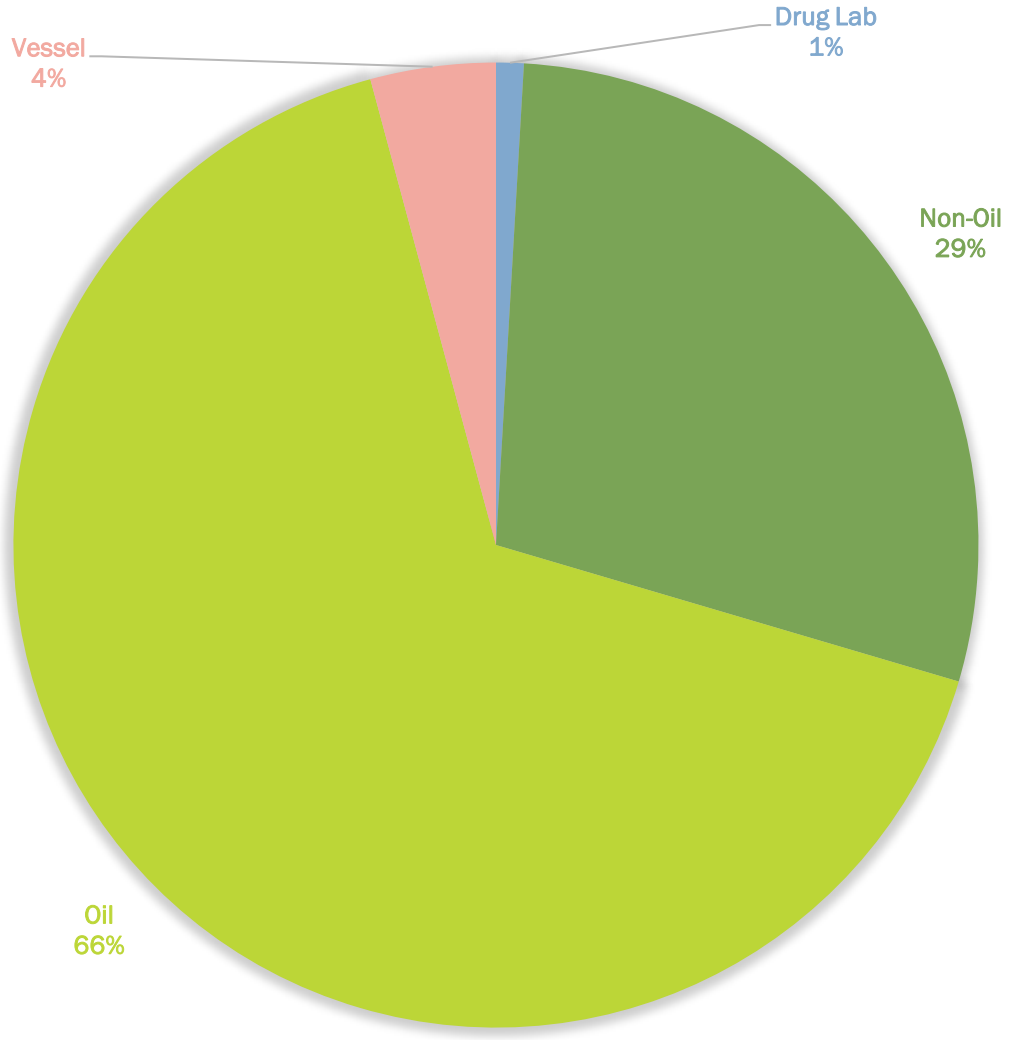
PREPARE FOR AGGRESSIVE RESPONSE TO OIL AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENTS

RAPIDLY RESPOND TO AND CLEANUP OIL AND HAZARDOUS MATERIAL SPILLS

RESTORE PUBLIC NATURAL RESOURCES DAMAGED BY OIL SPILLS

What does WA Spills Response do?

- 24/7/365 response to oil spills and hazardous material releases
- Drug lab response and assistance
- Ecology equipment and restoration grants
- Dangerous waste management


Drug Lab
1%
Vessel
4%
Non-Oil
29%
Oil
66%

Spills Laws and Rules

- RCW 69.50.511 – Cleanup of hazardous substances at illegal drug manufacturing facility

- RCW 90.48 – Water Pollution Control
  - Jurisdiction over state waters
  - Enforcements
  - Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA)

Spills Laws and Rules – RCW 90.56

- Oil and Hazardous Substance Spill Prevention and Response
  - Spill response and State On-Scene Coordinator (SOSC) authority
  - Duty to notify
  - Duty to remove oil
  - Liability for expenses

Spills Liabilities

- Enforcements for violations of state law
- Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA)
- Order for Reimbursement of Expenses (ORE)

Spills Reporting: When to Report

Type of Spill	Reporting Requirements	Reporting Contact
Oil and hazardous substance spill to water	Report Immediately	• National Response Center 1-800-424-8802 • Washington Emergency Management Division 1-800-258-5590
Release of hazardous or extremely hazardous substance	Report Immediately (as required by EPCRA)	• State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) 1-800-258-5990 • Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) • National Response Center 1-800-424-8802

Spills Reporting: When to Report

Type of Spill	Reporting Requirements	Reporting Contact
Dangerous Waste	Report Immediately	• Call 911 • Notify the appropriate Ecology region office • For unplanned episodic events, also contact HWTR region office within 72hrs
Leaking underground storage tanks	Report within 24hrs	• Notify the appropriate Ecology region office
Oil spills to ground	Report within 90 days (Oil industry contingency plan holders may have different reporting timeframes designated by their plans)	• Notify the appropriate Ecology region office

Spills Reporting: Who to Call

- Northwest Region
  206-594-0000
- Southwest Region
  360-407-6300
- Central Region
  509-575-2490
- Eastern Region
  509-329-3400
- EMD 1-800-258-5590
- NRC 1-800-424-8802

Spills Reporting: What to Expect

Reach out for assistance

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Focus on: Spill Response Assistance

Ecology region offices and counties

Central Region
509-575-2490
Benton, Chelan, Douglas, Kittitas, Klickitat, Okanogan, Yakima

Eastern Region
509-329-3400
Adams, Asotin, Columbia, Ferry, Franklin, Garfield, Grant, Lincoln, Pend Oreille, Spokane, Stevens, Walla Walla, Whitman

Northwest Region
206-594-0000
Island, King, Kitsap, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish, Whatcom

Southwest Region
360-407-6300
Clallam, Clark, Cowlitz, Grays Harbor, Jefferson, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, Pierce, Skamania, Thurston, Wahkiakum

Ecology Online Reporting

ecology.wa.gov/SpillsProgram

Special accommodations

To request ADA accommodation including materials in a format for the visually impaired, call Ecology at 360-407-7211 or visit https://ecology.wa.gov/accessibility. People with impaired hearing may call Washington Relay Service at 711. People with speech disability may call TTY at 877-833-6341.

Ecology provides 24/7/365 response and technical assistance to emergency responders in fire departments, law enforcement agencies, public works departments, and other public entities throughout Washington State.

To request assistance from the Department of Ecology, call the appropriate field office or the Washington State Emergency Management Division at 1-800-258-5990.

Ecology assistance

Ecology can respond to or provide technical assistance with:

- Oil or hazardous materials releases/spills
- Illegal/clandestine drug manufacturing facilities
- Abandoned drums and containers
- Clean up and disposal of waste
- Hiring clean-up or response contractors
- Community air monitoring
- Distressed or deceased fish/wildlife related to an oil or hazardous materials releases/spill
- Notification or messaging to other agencies, stakeholders, or the public

Other Assistance

Emerging environmental issues

Ecology works to stay informed on emerging environmental issues related to oil and hazardous materials releases/spills and responses. We are continuously seeking opportunities to coordinate with emergency responders on these topics such as PFOS/PFOA, emerging battery technologies, etc.

Ecology's Equipment Grant Program

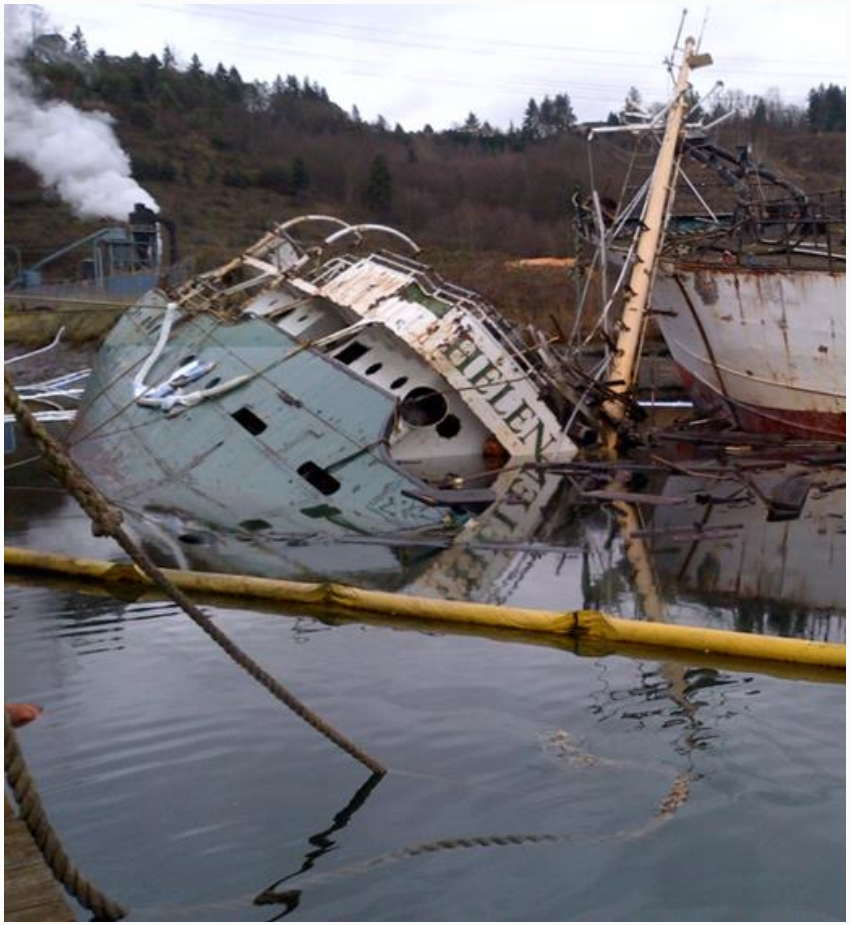
Many communities don't have response resources for spills of oil or hazardous materials. To help solve this problem, Ecology provides equipment and training grants to emergency responders. For more information about Ecology's Grant Program please visit our website at: https://ecology.wa.gov/About-us/Payments-contracts-grants/Grants-loans/Find-a-grant-or-loan/Equipment-cache-grants

Dialogue with Government Agencies

- What, When, Where, Why, and How?
- Are Ecology Responders needed onsite?
- How or when to hire an Environmental Contractor or Consulting Firm.
- Assistance with emergency permits.
- Ensure clean-up meets State and/or Federal guidelines.

Spills to Water

- Try to Control and Contain the spill with boom or absorbent boom/sweep
- Don’t use dispersants
- Call Ecology and the NRC (USCG)



Building a Spill Kit

- Plastic buckets or containers
- Oil or chemical absorbing materials
- Personal Protective Equipment
- Repair materials
- Clean-up materials

Small Spill Containment

- Stop the spill
- Capture spill in container
- Stop spill from spreading further

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2023-2025 Hazmat Equipment and Training Grant

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Thank you!

Questions?