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# Spill Reporting

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# // Agenda

## Going from Regulatory Requirements to Solutions

- What is a spill?
- You've had a spill, what now?
  - Discovery – Identification of the spill
  - Containment / Cleanup
  - Resolution - Record Keeping and Reporting
- Planning for the Future
- Tips & Lessons learned


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# WHAT IS A SPILL?

- Any liquid, solid, or gas that goes where it doesn't belong
- What about Reportable Spills?
  - Any amount of oil to waters of the state;
  - Oil spills on land in excess of 42 gallons (1 Barrel of oil) to meet federal requirements;
  - Hazardous materials that are equal to, or greater than its reportable quantity
    - 40 CFR Part 302 (List of Hazardous Substances and Reportable Quantities)
    - EPA's Consolidated List of Lists
- State specific regulations can be more stringent

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# What is a Spill?

DIFFERENT SPILLS = DIFFERENT DECISIONS

NOT ALL SPILLS ARE CREATED EQUAL

- What
- Where
- When
- Who, Why and How
  - Important for record keeping, reporting, and long-term resolution

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# // Different Decisions for Every Scenario

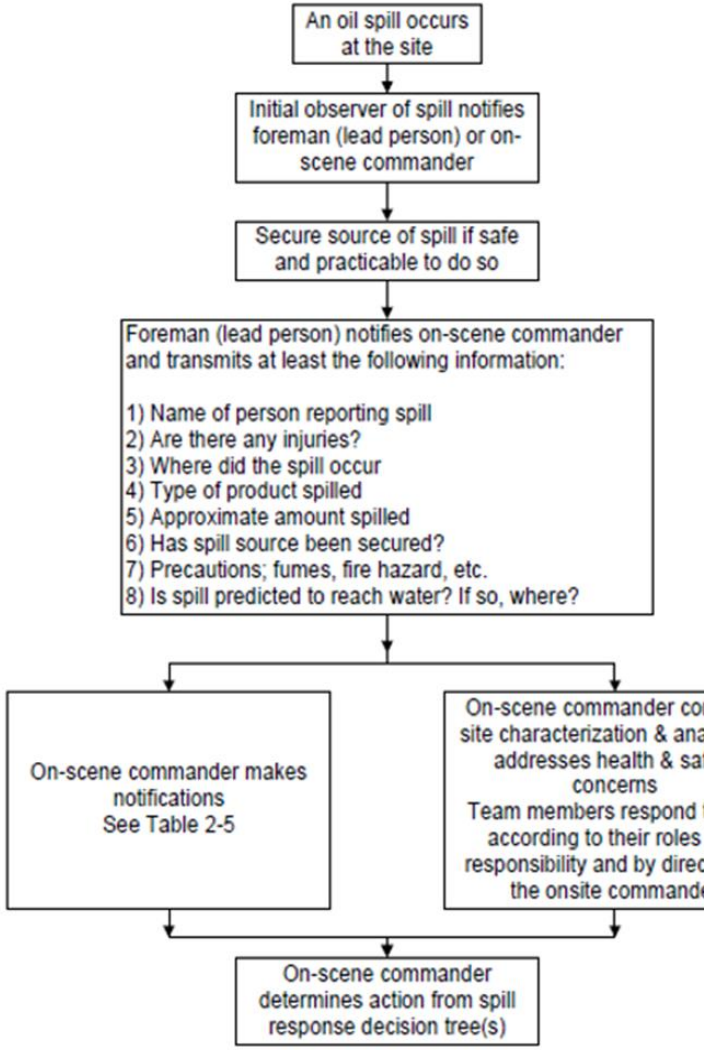


Exhibit 2: Flow Chart of Initial Discovery, Notifications and Evaluation of Spill

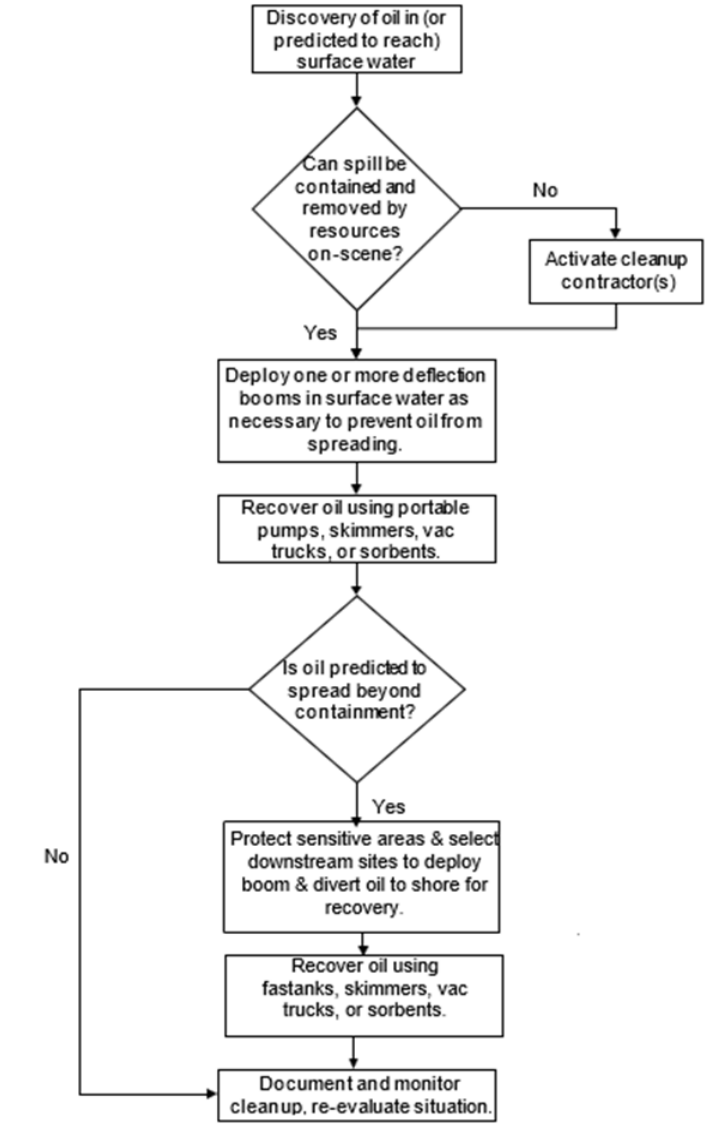


Exhibit 3: Decision Tree for Spill Occurring in or Predicted to Reach Surface Water

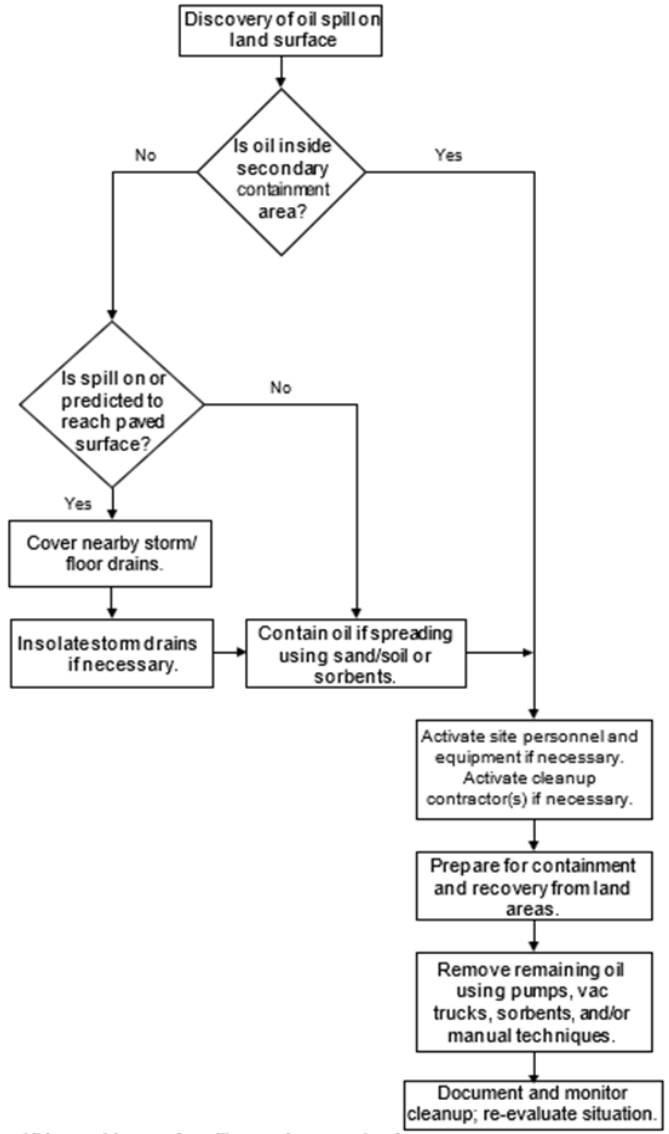


Exhibit 4: Decision Tree for Spills Occurring on Land Surface

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# // Discovery – Identification of Spill

- First instinct, what is it?
  - Familiarity with facility, and materials on-site
- Safety
  - Do I clean it up, or do I need specific PPE?
  - Is there a designated team/process for cleanup?
- Clean up materials
  - where are they?
  - Specialized materials for spilled materials?

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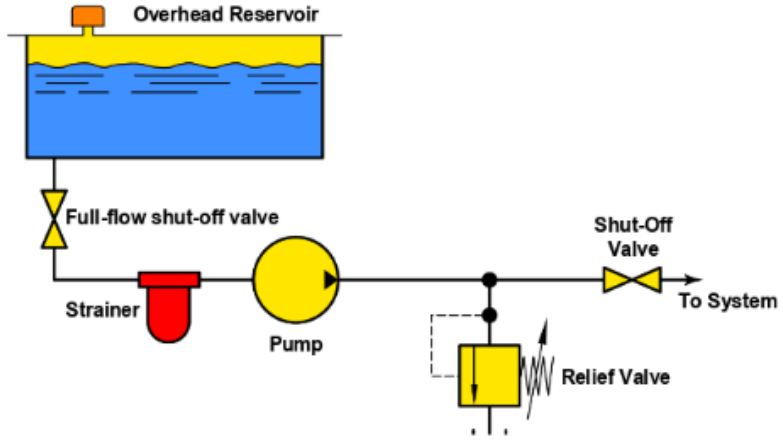
# // Containment / Cleanup

## INITIAL RESPONSE

- Control the source of the spill (if safe to do so)
  - Stop flow of product (secure valves/pumps)
  - Shut off ignition sources if present
- Contain the spill (if safe to do so)
  - Sorbent pads/booms/kitty litter, trenching/diking, construct berms
- Communicate the situation
  - Call or talk with someone (supervisor, consultant, response contractor, lawyer, regulator)



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# // Containment / Cleanup

## CONTINUED RESPONSE

- Delineate Extent of Impacts
  - Sampling, determine monitoring points
- Start cleanup/removal
  - Pumping / skimming / vacuum trucks to remove free product
  - Changing out sorbent materials
- Properly dispose of wastes
  - Recycling or disposal at appropriate facility

Don't let your cleanup become the source for another cleanup!



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# //Resolution - Recordkeeping and Reporting

Once spill is contained, IF reportable.... time to notify**

## In Oregon:

- Oregon Emergency Response System: 1-800-452-0311
  - City of Portland 24-hour hotline: 503-823-7180

## In Washington:

- Washington Emergency Management Division:1-800-258-5990
- SERC / LEPC

## In Montana:

- Disaster & Emergency Services (DES): 406-431-0411

## In Idaho:

- Idaho Office of Emergency Mgmt: 1-800-632- 8000
- LEPC

## Federal Reporting

- States first reporting contact (federal or tribal lands or EPA jurisdiction rather than state
  - NRC Contact: (800) 424-8802

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Reporting requirements

Spills - If you spill

# What to do if you spill oil or hazardous substances

Dangerous substances can spill to land, water, or air. The sooner a spill is reported, the sooner we can respond. Failure to report a spill you're responsible for could result in penalties.

There are no penalties for reporting a spill unnecessarily, but there may be significant penalties for not reporting one.

## Reporting different types of spills

| Type of spill | Reporting requirements | Required contacts |
|---|---|---|
| Oil and hazardous substance spills to water | • Report immediately. | • The National Response Center at 1-800-424-8802<br>• Washington Emergency Management Division at 1-800-258-5990 |
| Release of hazardous or extremely hazardous substance | • Report immediately.<br>• See full EPCRA reporting | • The State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) at 1-800-258-5990 |

Spills - If you spill - Washington State Department of Ecology


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# // Consequences of Failing to Act and Report

| Date Received | Date Issued | Location | Entity | Amount | Program | Violation Description | Environmental Impact |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9/30/2025 | 9/25/2025 | Pendleton | Oregon Department of Corrections | $54,396.00 | Land | Failing to have functioning release detection equipment, failing to have overfill prevention equipment, failing to test the spill prevention and overfill prevention equipment, failing to protect underground piping from corrosion, and more. | Human Health |
| 9/11/2025 | 9/8/2025 | Sheridan | Stella-Jones Corp. | $1,055,825.00 | Land | Violation Description Numerous violations of hazardous waste, spill response and cleanup, and water quality regulation at wood treating facility in Yamhill County. | Human Health |
| 7/12/2025 | 5/22/2025 | Arlington | Edward Stanton | $43,800.00 | Water | Failing to immediately collect and remove diesel oil that spilled from the Mermaid, a vessel docked in Arlington, into the Columbia River. | Fish and Aquatic Life |
| 3/10/2025 | 3/6/2025 | Portland | Claremont Civic Association | $3,600.00 | Land | Spilling used oil into a creek and adjacent wetlands. | Fish and Aquatic Life |
| 1/16/2025 | 1/14/2025 | Portland | N & S Oil LLC | $6,617.00 | Land | Underground storage tank violations, including failing to test spill and overflow prevention equipment. | Human Health |
| 2/12/2024 | 9/12/2023 | Troutdale | Sandhar Warriors, Inc. | $22,835.00 | Land | Failing to immediately clean up oil and petroleum spill, and for failing to immediately report the spill | Fish and Aquatic Life, Transparency and Accountability, Wildlife |
| 12/9/2023 | 12/7/2023 | Albany | DS Albany LLC | $12,275.00 | Land | Underground storage tank violations, including failing to report and investigate a suspected release of fuel and failing to test spill prevention equipment | Human Health |
| 11/10/2023 | 11/7/2023 | Portland | Orbit Enterprises, Inc. dba Economy Auto Parts | $6,000.00 | Land | Failing to clean up oil spills, failing to properly store and label used oil and failing to properly manage waste tires. | Human Health |
| 10/18/2023 | 10/17/2023 | Brookings | Alpha Omega Trucking | $10,400.00 | Land | Failing to immediately report and clean up an oil spill. | Transparency and Accountability |

Source: Department of Environmental Quality : Enforcement Actions : State of Oregon


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# // Planning for the Future

## An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure

- Stormwater Pollution Control/Prevention Plan (SWPCP / SWPPP)
  - Procedure for preventing and responding to spills
  - Cleanup and notification procedures
- Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure (SPCC)
  - Operating procedures at the facility
  - Control measures (secondary containment) installed to prevent oil spill from reaching waterways
  - Countermeasures detailing action plans (containment, cleanup, and mitigation in the event of a release)
- Facility Response Plan (FRP)
  - Details action plan to respond to a worst-case discharge of oil

These plans are living, breathing documents – as site conditions/operations change, so too should the plans


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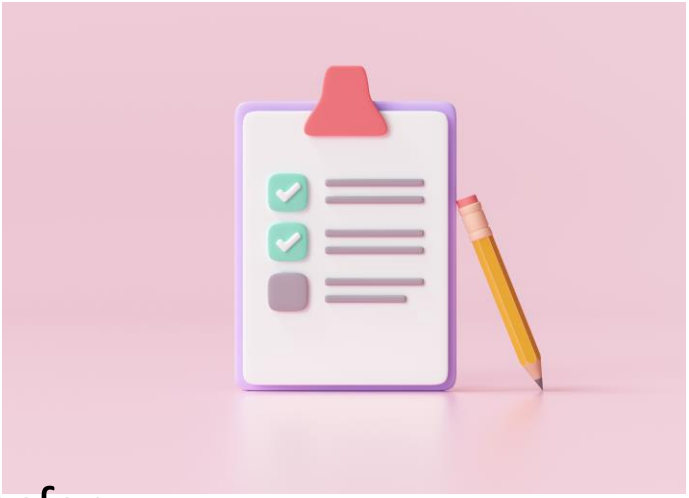
# Tips & Lessons Learned
# Spill Prevention



- Label & document chemicals and wastes on-site
- Keep up with preventative maintenance program
- Properly store materials
- Use drip pans & secondary containment for products, wastes, transfer, storage, etc.
- Confirm that spill kits are stocked and nearby
- If a spill occurs, clean it up promptly!

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# // Tips & Lessons Learned

- Communication is key
  - Maintain direct lines of communication with supervisors and relevant stakeholders

- Effective documentation practically write the cleanup report for you
  - Notes
  - Photographs

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# // Need Support?

If you have:

- Health / safety concerns
- Don't have the right equipment
- Size of spill is daunting

You're not alone!

DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY State of Washington

## Washington State Oil and Hazardous Materials Cleanup Contractors

### Washington State Primary Response Contractors

**The following is a list of state-approved primary response contractors that meet the applicable requirements set forth in WAC 173-182-800, -180, -820**

| COMPANY NAME | COMPANY LOCATION | PHONE NUMBER | OIL SPILL Small | OIL SPILL Large | Land Spill | Marine Spill | Vac Truck | Eastern WA | Western WA | Oiled Wildlife |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Able Clean-up Technologies | Spokane | (509) 466-5255 | X | | X | X | X | X | | |
| Clean Harbors | Kent, Clackamas, Moses Lake, Pasco | (800) 645-8265 | X | | X | X | X | X | X | |
| Cowlitz Clean Sweep | Longview, Port Angeles, Aberdeen, Pasco | (888) 423-6316 | X | | X | X | X | X | X | |
| Focus Wildlife | Anacortes | (800) 578-3048 | | | | | | | | X |
| Global Diving and Salvage | Seattle, Anacortes, Port Angeles | (206) 623-0621 | X | | | X | | | X | |
| GrayMar Environmental Services | Moses Lake, Pasco, Troutdale (OR), Auburn | (866)472-9627 | X | | X | | X | X | x | |
| National Response Corporation (NRC)/US Ecology | Seattle, Tacoma, Spokane, Portland, Burlington, Pasco | (800) 899-4672 | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| Oiled Wildlife Care Network (OWCN) | Davis, CA | (877) 823-6926 | | | | | | | | X |
| River City Environmental | Portland, Vancouver | (888) 226-0158 | X | | X | | X | | X | |

PRCs keep updated equipment lists on the Worldwide Response Resource List (WRRL): www.wrrl.world
A map of PRC equipment can be found at the following link: https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/coastalatlas/storymaps/spills/spills_sm.html?CustomMap=y&BBox=-14151192,5581552,-13293874,6376498&Tab=nt7&Opacity=1&Basemap=esriLightGray

### Washington State Class 2 Mobile Facilities

**The following is a list of Class 2 Mobile Facilities that meet the requirements set forth in WAC 173-180**

| COMPANY NAME | COMPANY LOCATION | PHONE NUMBER | OIL SPILL Small | OIL SPILL Large | Land Spill | Marine Spill | Vac Truck | Eastern WA | Western WA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Certified Cleaning Services | Seattle, Tacoma, Spokane, Vancouver | (800) 290-3008 | X | | X | | X | X | X |
| Emerald Services | Seattle, Spokane, Tri-Cities, Vancouver | (206) 713-5148 SPILL | X | | X | | X | X | X |
| Marine Vacuum Service (MARVAC) | Seattle | (800) 540-7491 SPILL<br>(206) 762-0240 non-toll free | X | | X | | X | | X |

### Regional Treatment Center for Petroleum Contaminated Soil

| REGION | COMPANY NAME | COMPANY LOCATION | PHONE NUMBER | SERVICES OFFERED |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Central | Roosevelt Regional Landfill | Roosevelt | (800) 275-5641 | Disposal Only |
| NW | CEMEX | Everett | (425) 673-6800 | Soil Remediation |
| SW | PRS Group (Petroleum Reclaiming Services) | Tacoma | (253) 383-4175 | Stabilization/Disposal |
| SW | Waste Management | Portland, OR | (800) 685-8001 | Disposal Only |

*Updated 4/4/2023*

https://ecology.wa.gov/getattachment/b571de76-2413-476a-98a5-26caf10757cf/HAZMATcontractorListPRC-accessible.pdf

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QUESTIONS?

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