

GUIDANCE FOR ADDRESSING RELEASES OF LESS THAN THE APPLICABLE REPORTABLE QUANTITY

Left unattended, spills can migrate impacting important receptors.

Responsible parties must ensure the clean-up of spills for which they are responsible as quickly as possible to minimize the impact on human health and the environment.

IDENTIFY WHETHER THE SPILL IS REPORTABLE

Determine the quantity and source of the spill.

- Oil spills less than 5 gallons that have not impacted water or caused an emergency do not need to be reported provided that they are contained, removed, or otherwise properly mitigated within 2 hours.
- Spills of either less than ten (10) pounds or less than one-and-a-half (1.5) gallons of a reportable material other than oil or petroleum unless, do not need to be reported provided that they are contained, removed, or otherwise properly mitigated within two (2) hours of discovery by **properly trained personnel**.
- All reportable releases must be reported within 1 hour of discovery by a person required to report a release by calling **860-424-3338** or Toll Free at 1-866-DEP-SPIL (**1-866-337-7745**). Connecticut's New Release Reporting Regulations promulgated in March 2022 states:
"Person required to report a release" means any of the following: (A) An operator; (B) Any person whose act or omission results, or has resulted in, a release or an imminent release; (C) Any person who owns or controls any reportable material which is released, or which is creating an imminent release.

CONTAIN, REMOVE, OR OTHERWISE PROPERLY MITIGATE



Spill kits contain the right mix of spill response equipment to contain, remove, and properly mitigate spills. Major components of this kit are as follows:

- Booms
- Absorbent Pads
- Pourable dry absorbent
- Shovel
- Broom
- Green cleaning solution
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Trained staff are essential to limit the extent of a spill and to manage the clean-up. On the other hand, a lack of training leads to ineffective clean-up, spread of contamination, and potential injuries.



1. Don appropriate PPE and make sure the source of the spill is isolated by closing a valve, up righting the container, or otherwise stopping the source of the spill.
2. Contain the spill to prevent spreading. It is vital to keep a spill away from drains or other receptors.
3. Remove all of the spilled material, including digging up soil where the spill has created an impact and excavate until all visible traces have been removed. Hard surfaces should be scrubbed using a green cleaner and all wash water and/or cleaner collected for proper disposal.

NOTE: A proper mitigation is one in which the spill, all impacted materials, and all materials used to contain and clean the spill have been removed and no environmental impact persists. The Department will not consider a spill properly mitigated if it is only contained but remains in place or in the environment after mitigation activities are performed. In that case, the release becomes reportable after 2 hours by calling 860-424-3338 or Toll Free at 1-866-DEP-SPIL (1-866-337-7745).

4. A permitted spill contractor should transport all waste for proper disposal in accordance with applicable requirements.
5. Restock spill kit - replenish the PPE, booms, and absorbents used to clean up the spill. This step should be accomplished as soon as possible to prevent a situation where you are unable to respond to a spill due to lack of spill response materials.

