

Notice of New Environmental Regulations

Agency: Department of Energy and Environmental Protection

Regulation: **Release Reporting Regulations**

Sections 22a-450-1 through 22a-450-6, inclusive

- 22a-450-1 – General Provisions
- 22a-450-2 – Releases Subject to Reporting
- 22a-450-3 – Exemptions to Reporting
- 22a-450-4 – Reporting
- 22a-450-5 – Relationship to Other Requirements
- 22a-450-6 – Appendix to the Release Reporting Regulations

Purpose: The purpose of the Release Reporting Regulations is to define when the discharge, spillage, uncontrolled loss, seepage or filtration (collectively referred to as “releases”) of oil or petroleum, chemical liquids, solid liquid or gaseous products or hazardous waste (collectively referred to as reportable materials”) must be reported to the Commissioner, when any such report must be submitted, and what information must be included in any such report.

Under section 22a-450 of the Connecticut General Statutes, absent adoption of regulations by the Commissioner, all releases of reportable materials are required to be reported to the Commissioner. The Release Reporting Regulations specify that if certain thresholds of reportable materials are released, the release must be reported to the Commissioner. By specifying these thresholds, the effect of these regulations is to reduce the number of releases that must be reported; promote more timely intervention and mitigation of releases; improve the quality of information reported; and enhance the effectiveness of the Department’s Emergency Response and Spill Prevention Division by allowing it to concentrate its limited resources on releases of greatest concern.

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The Release Reporting Regulations and a Flowchart for Quick Reference are Available at: [Emergency Response and Spill Prevention \(ct.gov\)](#)

These regulations provide for 3 categories of reportable quantities:

- 1) **5 gallons** - Oil and Petroleum
- 2) **Any quantity** – Certain High-Risk Releases & Materials of Special Concern (Appendix A)
- 3) **1.5 gallons or 10 pounds** - All other reportable materials not covered by (1) or (2)

They also specify:

- 1) **How to report,**
- 2) **What information must be provided in the report, and**
- 3) **Timeframes for reporting.**