



# **NYS DEC Requirements – Oil Spills**

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# Definition:

What is an oil spill?



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- Any action resulting in the releasing, spilling, leaking, pumping, emitting, emptying or dumping of petroleum into the waters of the State or onto lands from which it might flow or draining into said waters ...
- The terms “spill”, “release”, “leak” and “discharge” are the same and are interchangeable within the regulations.
- To summarize, an oil spill\* is basically the release of a liquid petroleum product (oil, oil sludge, gasoline, hydraulic fluid, etc.) into the environment.

\* If Possible, Immediately Contain the Spill & Isolate Source.

# Reporting Spills

**All petroleum spills\* that occur within NYS, including NYC, must be reported to the NYS Spill Hotline (1-800-457-7362) within 2-hours of discovery by the property owner\*\* or anyone with immediate knowledge.**

- NYSDEC will assign a spill # within the on-line data base and an agency contact.
- Also Notify DASNY Code Compliance Unit-Asbestos Abatement & Environmental.

\* See next slide for limited exceptions

\*\* Utilize environmental consultant (EC) for reporting



# Petroleum spills meeting all of the following conditions do not require reporting to the NYS Spill Hotline:

- Quantity is less than 5 gallons; and
- Spill is contained and under control; and
- Spill has not & will not reach the State's Water or any land; and
- Spill is cleaned up within 2 hours of discovery.



# Clean-up & Spill Closure



# Investigation & Cleanup Design

- Utilize EC to Investigate Extent of Soil & Water (surface & ground) Contamination.
- EC to Coordinate Cleanup Procedures with NYSDEC, as Necessary.
- EC to Develop Cleanup Scope of Work and Utilize DASNY Boiler Plate Specs for Contaminated Soil/UST Removals.



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# Cleanup

- **Comply with design documents, DASNY, & NYSDEC Requirements.**
- **Oversight & Liaison with the NYSDEC, as Necessary.**
- **All Sampling (PID Instrument & Soil) by the EC.**



# Spill Closure

- EC Coordinates with NYSDEC for Approval to Backfill.
- EC Develops & Submits Spill Closure Report to NYSDEC.
- NYSDEC Approves Report and Closes the Spill #.



## **Code Compliance-Asbestos Abatement & Environmental (AAE) Deliverables**

**Forward copies of the following:**

- **Investigation report and design documents for review.**
- **Submittals (Pre-Work & Closeout) for review.**
- **Draft spill closure report for review.**
- **For UST closures, also NYSDEC registration revisions.**
- **All NYSDEC correspondence.**

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