



Spill Response

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What?

A diesel spill is the most common environmental incident on site, usually small spills during refuelling, but occasionally there are bigger spills that could cause serious environmental harm. All Chemical, fuel and oil spillages must be cleaned up to prevent immediate and future environmental harm.

All Chemicals, fuels and oils must be stored in a bunded store, container or bowser. See [Sust 04 - Fuel & Chemical Storage.pub \(sharepoint.com\)](#) for more information.

All sites must have an appropriate spill kit, located near where chemicals and fuels are stored and used. This might be an oil absorbent spill kit that only absorbs oils, or a general spill kit that absorbs all liquids.

Why?

It is important that everyone on site knows how to respond safely, quickly and calmly in the event of a spillage, to ensure peoples safety and prevent environmental harm.

How?

- [Spill Management Training, ECan - YouTube](#) this is a good video demonstrating a spill response drill
- Discuss the following for the specific site:
 - Where are the chemicals/oils on site, are they stored correctly? Are plant nappies used?
 - Where are the spill kits located? Are they next to potential spills? Are there enough?
 - Where are environmental receptors? Drains, watercourses, protected habitats etc
 - How could the pollutants reach the receptors? How could this be prevented?
- Open a spill kit and discuss how each bit of spill kit can be used. Specify PPE required and how to deal with contaminated waste. Do you have a hazardous waste bin?
- Record any suggestions and actions required and make improvements that have been identified. Amend the Emergency spill response plan.
- Are emergency contact numbers available? Is there an emergency spill clean up contractor for larger spills?

Questions

1. What kind of spill kit does the site have? Is this the right type?
2. Are the spill kits checked and restocked regularly?
3. Are spills reported as near misses?
4. Are there any issues that need amending?