

Spill Cleanup Instructions

This instruction sheet is provided to you as a guide to step you through cleaning up a spill or other loss of pollutants to the environment. If the loss resulted from a motor vehicle accident, be aware that we do not assign blame or responsibility for the cleanup based on “who was at fault”. Regulations specify that the source of the pollutant is responsible for the cleanup. If the pollutant (gasoline, motor oil, diesel fuel etc.) came from your vehicle, you are the Responsible Party (RP). If more than one vehicle spilled material, each will be given these instructions. Not all instructions will apply to all incidents, nor does this document attempt to address all potential situations.

Be advised that the Ft. Myers office of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) will be notified of this incident. The attached form contains all pertinent information regarding this incident and failure to adhere to the timeline below will result in the incident being referred to FDEP for enforcement or other appropriate action.

- If the pollutant has impacted any body of water or waterway, whether flowing or stagnant, an immediate response is required.
- Within twenty-four (24) hours of the pollutant entering the environment, our office must be advised of your selection for Emergency Response Contractor. A list of such providers is attached.
- Within seventy-two (72) hours the Emergency Response Contractor must notify us when they will be on scene to remove the pollutant.
- Within Florida Statutes 376.09 & 376.305 (see reverse) the pollutant and all contaminated material must be removed from the site.

Commercial Carriers

- Notify your company and insurance company. Advise them of the above timeline. Regardless of any insurance issues or other circumstances, you are still the RP and will be held responsible for removing the pollutant and adhering to the timeline. Select an Emergency Response Contractor.
- When you have contracted with an Emergency Response Contractor, call our office at the number below to advise us of the contractor selected or provide it to the inspector on scene who provided you with this information.

Emergency Response Contractor

- Call our office at the number below to advise us of when you will be on scene to remediate the site. Adhere to the above timetable.
- Following remediation, provide our office with a copy of the final report indicating final results of cleaned site.

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