

Ohio EPA Emergency Response Unit Northeast District Office



Emergency Response Role of the On-Scene Coordinator

- Respond to Spills of Oil & Hazardous Materials
- Provide Technical Assistance and Guidance
- Implement Containment & Corrective Actions
- Coordinate Cleanup Efforts
- Determine Cleanup Levels



Response

- 24 hrs./day/7 days/week
- Initiated by call to Ohio EPA Hotline
- Initially prioritized by the Duty Officer
- Ohio EPA contacts other Agencies
- Assistance call or response to scene

3750 Release Reporting

- Section 3750.06 of the Ohio Revised Code requires notification of spills or releases of oil or hazardous material within 30 minutes of discovery.

8 am – 5 pm



5 pm – 8 am



Spill Reporting Requirements ORC 3750

→ Two Requirements

1. Exceeds the reportable quantity
2. Must have off-site impact

Release Reporting requirements ORC 3750

→ Oil

25 gallons or more to the environment
or
Visible sheen on a navigable waterway

→ THE SPILLER IS REQUIRED TO REPORT

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→ Chemicals

Each reportable chemical has its own level as listed in the "List of Lists"

THE SPILLER IS REQUIRED TO REPORT

Who should be notified?

- Local Fire Department
- Local Emergency Planning Agency
- Ohio EPA (Emergency Response Section)

What happens when we are notified?

- Reported release is prioritized based on the severity, size, location, impact, weather, etc.
- Emergency Responder is contacted and obtains information to determine if a response is necessary
- If necessary, response is made and the release is cleaned up or mitigated

Releases to Water of the State

- Chapter 6111 of the Ohio Revised Code gives authority to the Ohio EPA to investigate and terminate release to waters of the state.
- "No person shall cause pollution, or place, or cause to be placed, any sewage, sludge, sludge materials, industrial waste, or other wastes in a location where they cause pollution of any waters of the state." "Waters of the state" include any surface water contained in ditches, streams, or wetlands that are connected to navigable waters.

How it worked in the past?

- Emergency Response received a report of a release
- Release was prioritized and responded to based on the prioritization.
- Emergency Response worked with local authorities, fire departments, sewer departments, waste water treatment facilities, service departments, etc. to identify and terminate un-authorized releases.

How might it work in the future?

- Emergency Response receives a report of a release
- Release will be prioritized and responded to based on the prioritization.
- Emergency Response will work with local authorities, fire departments, sewer departments, waste water treatment facilities, service departments, etc to identify and terminate un-authorized releases.

How can we coordinate?

- Non-spilling entities have no obligation to report releases to waters of the state
- We ask that non-spilling entities report any releases discovered to the Emergency Response Hotline.

1-800-282-9378

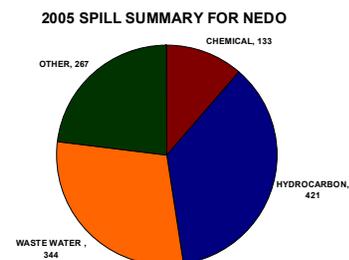
What will happen when you call?

- Information will be collected by the Ohio EPA Duty Officer.
- Based on the information provided, you will be contacted by an Emergency Response person
- The Ohio EPA will coordinate with you if a response is necessary and how the response will be conducted

What will happen if you don't call?

- No response by Ohio EPA
- No assistance in locating or coordinating to working with responsible parties
- No authority under 6111 to force compliance

1,165 Spills Reported 2005 NEDO



Release Response

- Petroleum Releases
 - Transportation
 - Fixed Facility
 - Home Heating oil
- Chemical Releases
 - Transportation
 - Fixed Facility
 - Mercury







