

Report petroleum spills and releases to the National Response Center (NRC) at **800-424-8802**. This publication provides a quick reference but does not replace or supplant applicable, existing laws, or regulations.

## OIL SPILL EMERGENCY RESPONSE

### Issue

An oil spill\* occurred in the last 24 hours or a spill is occurring now.

### Immediate Action

In the event of a release or emergency\*\* response:

- Call 911, if available, and the emergency response services in your area
- Stop the source of the spill
- Warn people in the area and evacuate
- Shut off ignition sources
- Notify landowners
- Report the Spill
- Report oil spills that come in contact with a waterway to the National Response Center (NRC) at 800-424-8802

### Who to Contact

Call 911, if available, and the emergency response services in your area

To report an oil spill, call the NRC at **800-424-8802**

[www.nrc.uscg.mil](http://www.nrc.uscg.mil)

## ABOVE GROUND STORAGE TANK (AST) RELEASE

### Issue

A release from an AST has occurred.

### Immediate Action

In the event of a release or emergency\*\* response:

Follow the Immediate Actions listed under OIL SPILL EMERGENCY RESPONSE of this brochure and contact the NRC at 800-424-8802

You may also need to submit an oil spill report to your EPA regional office. If you are required to have a Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasure (SPCC) Plan, then follow the spill reporting requirements listed in your plan when there is a spill to a waterway of more than 1,000 gallons or two spills to a waterway larger than 42 gallons in a 12-month period.

### Who to Contact

For additional information on spill prevention call the Superfund, Toxics Release Inventory (TRI), Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA), Risk Management Program (RMP) and Oil Information Center

**800-424-9346** or **703-412-9810**

TDD **800-553-7672** or **703-412-3323**

[www.epa.gov/superfund/contacts/infocenter/index.htm](http://www.epa.gov/superfund/contacts/infocenter/index.htm)

[www.epa.gov/emergencies](http://www.epa.gov/emergencies)

## UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK (UST) RELEASE

### Issue

A release from a petroleum UST system has occurred or is suspected.

### Immediate Action

Follow the federal UST regulations referenced and summarized below. These regulations can be found on EPA's website at [www.epa.gov/ust](http://www.epa.gov/ust):

#### An UST release has occurred:

Follow the requirements in the federal UST regulations at 40 CFR Subpart F, which include:

- Within 24 hours:
  - Take immediate action to prevent further release
  - Identify and mitigate fire, explosion, and vapor hazards
  - Report to your EPA regional office
- Assemble information in accordance with the federal UST release reporting, investigation, and confirmation requirements
- Clean up the release in accordance with the federal UST release response and corrective action requirements

#### An UST release is suspected:

Follow the requirements in the federal UST regulations at 40 CFR Subpart E, which include:

- Report the suspected release to your EPA regional office within 24 hours
- Investigate immediately
- Confirm the suspected release within 7 days

### Who to Contact

If the release or spill is an emergency\*\*, contact EPA's NRC at **800-424-8802**

For all underground storage tank releases, contact your EPA regional office. See [www.epa.gov/ust/underground-storage-tank-ust-contacts](http://www.epa.gov/ust/underground-storage-tank-ust-contacts) for regional contacts.

## PETROLEUM BROWNFIELDS ASSESSMENT AND CLEANUP

### Issue

A property has suspected historic petroleum contamination, such as an old, abandoned gas station.

### Next Steps

When addressing a potential petroleum brownfield site:

- Obtain as much historical information (e.g., former uses, suspected environmental contamination, property ownership) about the property and contamination as possible
- Contact your EPA regional office to discuss funding opportunities and determine property eligibility

### Who to Contact

If you are interested in assessing a property to determine if a historic release or spill caused contamination to the environment, contact the appropriate EPA regional office listed at:

[www.epa.gov/brownfields/brownfields-contacts-epa-regional-offices](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/brownfields-contacts-epa-regional-offices)

\* Common causes of oil spills that require immediate action include, but are not limited to: tanker truck accidents; boat accidents; pipeline explosions; tank overfills; and train derailments.

\*\* Incidents that immediately threaten public safety, health and welfare.

## OIL SPILL EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Be prepared to provide the following information to the NRC:

- Address, location, phone number of facility
- Source or cause of the discharge
- Estimated total discharged on land and water
- Damages or injuries caused
- Actions used to stop and mitigate discharge
- Whether an evacuation may be needed
- Other individuals or organizations contacted

### For Additional Information

Call the Superfund, Toxics Release Inventory (TRI), Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA), Risk Management Program (RMP) and Oil Information Center:

**800-424-9346** or **703-412-9810**

TDD **800-553-7672** or **703-412-3323**

[www.epa.gov/oil-spills-prevention-and-preparedness-regulations/contact-us-about-oil-spill-prevention-and-1](http://www.epa.gov/oil-spills-prevention-and-preparedness-regulations/contact-us-about-oil-spill-prevention-and-1)

Visit the Office of Emergency Management (OEM)  
[www.epa.gov/oil-spills-prevention-and-preparedness-regulations](http://www.epa.gov/oil-spills-prevention-and-preparedness-regulations)

For more information on oil spill reporting requirements  
[www.epa.gov/oil-spills-prevention-and-preparedness-regulations/overview-discharge-oil-regulation-sheen-rule](http://www.epa.gov/oil-spills-prevention-and-preparedness-regulations/overview-discharge-oil-regulation-sheen-rule)



## ABOVE GROUND STORAGE TANK (AST) RELEASE

### For Additional Information

Oil Pollution Prevention Regulation:  
[www.epa.gov/oil-spills-prevention-and-preparedness-regulations/overview-spill-prevention-control-and](http://www.epa.gov/oil-spills-prevention-and-preparedness-regulations/overview-spill-prevention-control-and)

To prevent oil spills from ASTs, many facilities are required to develop an oil spill prevention plan under the Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasure (SPCC) regulation.

Steps to prevent oil spills from ASTs include, but are not limited to:

- Using tanks compatible with the oil stored
- Providing overfill prevention for oil tanks
- Providing secondary containment for tanks
- Inspecting and testing aboveground piping and oil tanks

Basic Information on the SPCC Rule:

- A Facility Owner/Operator's Guide to Oil Pollution Prevention: [www.epa.gov/oil-spills-prevention-and-preparedness-regulations/facility-owneroperators-guide-oil-pollution](http://www.epa.gov/oil-spills-prevention-and-preparedness-regulations/facility-owneroperators-guide-oil-pollution)
- SPCC Guidance for Regional Inspectors: [www.epa.gov/oil-spills-prevention-and-preparedness-regulations/spcc-guidance-regional-inspectors](http://www.epa.gov/oil-spills-prevention-and-preparedness-regulations/spcc-guidance-regional-inspectors)



## UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK (UST) RELEASE

### For Additional Information

EPA's Office of Underground Storage Tanks (OUST):  
**202-564-0663**

[www.epa.gov/ust/](http://www.epa.gov/ust/)

Information on the UST Program in Indian Country:  
[www.epa.gov/ust/underground-storage-tanks-usts-program-indian-country](http://www.epa.gov/ust/underground-storage-tanks-usts-program-indian-country)



## PETROLEUM BROWNFIELDS ASSESSMENT AND CLEANUP

### For Additional Information

The Brownfields Program awards brownfields grants for the assessment and cleanup of petroleum brownfields (e.g., those determined to be a relatively low-risk priority). The assessment, cleanup, and reuse of petroleum brownfields, such as old abandoned gas stations, benefits communities across the country.

For more information on petroleum brownfields, please visit:

Information on Petroleum Brownfields:

[www.epa.gov/ust/petroleum-brownfields](http://www.epa.gov/ust/petroleum-brownfields)

Opportunities for Petroleum Brownfields:

[www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2014-03/documents/pbfopportunities.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2014-03/documents/pbfopportunities.pdf)

Information on Brownfields:

[www.epa.gov/brownfields](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields)

Information on Land Revitalization:

[www.epa.gov/land-revitalization](http://www.epa.gov/land-revitalization)

