



Report Spills or Discharges in Texas to 1-800-832-8224

The Who, What, and Where of Spill Reporting

A responsible party must report a spill of a reportable quantity (RQ) as soon as possible but not later than **24 hours after the discovery of the spill or discharge** to the Texas Spill Reporting Hotline at 1-800-832-8224 or the appropriate regional office of the TCEQ during normal office hours.

The RQ depends on the substance released and where it was released. To determine whether you must report and under what rule, use the [Reportable Quantities Table](http://www.tceq.texas.gov/response/spills/spill_rq.html). <www.tceq.texas.gov/response/spills/spill_rq.html>

Depending on location and type of spill, reporting could be to another state agency such as the Texas General Land Office or the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Summary of What to Do After a Spill

Answer these questions:

- What type of material spilled?
- What is the amount of material spilled?
 - Oil, petroleum product, and used oil will be in gallons.
 - Hazardous substances and industrial solid waste will be in pounds.
- Was the spill onto land or into waters of the state?
- Is it a reportable quantity?
 - If so, what is the appropriate agency to report the spill to?

Mitigate, contain, and remediate all spills and discharges.

What to Include in the Initial Report

Contact information:

- The name, address and telephone number of the person making the telephone report.
- If different from above, the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the responsible person and the contact person at the location of the discharge or spill.

What and where:

- The date, time, and location of the spill or discharge.
- A specific description or identification of the oil, petroleum product, hazardous substances or other substances discharged or spilled.
- An estimate of the quantity discharged or spilled and the duration of the incident.
- The source of the discharge or spill.
- The name of the surface water or a description of the waters in the state affected or threatened by it.
- A description of the extent of actual or potential water pollution or harmful impacts to the environment and an identification of any environmentally sensitive areas or natural resources at risk.
- Any known or anticipated health risks.
- A description of any actions that have been taken, are being taken, and will be taken to contain and respond to the discharge or spill.

Response and actions:

- The identity of any governmental representatives, including local authorities or third parties, responding to it.
- Any other information that may be significant to the response action.

For additional information on initial notification requirements, refer to Title 30, Texas Administrative Code Section 327.3.

Examples of Reportable Quantities

Kind of Spill	Where Discharged	Reportable Quantity	Agency
Petroleum product, used oil (e.g. hydraulic fluid)	Onto land, or onto land from a non-exempt PST facility	25 gallons	TCEQ
Petroleum product, used oil	*Onto land, from an exempt PST facility	210 gallons (five barrels)	TCEQ
Any oil	Into coastal waters	As required by the Texas General Land Office	Texas General Land Office (1-800-832-8224)
Industrial solid waste (e.g. lime slurry)	Into waters in the state	100 pounds	TCEQ
Hazardous substance (e.g. 2,4-D herbicide)	Onto land	see Table 302.4 in 40 CFR §302.4	TCEQ

* Petroleum storage tank (PST) exempted facilities are electric service facilities including generation, transmission, distribution equipment and transformers; petrochemical plants; petroleum refineries; bulk loading facilities; and pipelines that are exempted from the Aboveground Storage Tank (AST) program under 30 TAC, Subsection 334.123(a)(9) and (b), and 30 TAC, Subsection 334.124(a)(4).

Additional Resources

See the [Spills and Discharges webpage](http://www.tceq.texas.gov/response/spills) <www.tceq.texas.gov/response/spills> | [30 TAC Chapter 327 - Spill Prevention and Control](http://www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/view-30tac) <www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/view-30tac> | [EPA's Consolidated List of Chemicals](http://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-03/documents/list_of_lists.pdf) [PDF] <www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-03/documents/list_of_lists.pdf> | EPCRA Section 302 Extremely Hazardous Substances | CERCLA Hazardous Substances | EPCRA Section 313 Toxic Chemicals | CAA 112(r) Regulated Chemicals for Accidental Release Prevention