

Spill Response

The implications of a spill could be far reaching and costly both financially and reputational. Understand the risk of a hazardous spill to help assess & plan a suitable response. Although this is a reactive guide and a 'worst case' event, a suitable spill response strategy should always be considered. It may only be a minor spill, it might be a partially controlled event from a hired in plant item, delivery lorry or even an unplanned vehicle!



Standard Spill kit



Booms Containing Spill



Absorbent Granule Pack



Typical Plant 'Nappy'

When planning the site set up; consider the following

- Assess Release – Identify the scale of a potential spill.
- Train your staff and ensure spill kit locations are known.
- Isolate – Control the spill area, try prevent further spills
- Contain – What's already been spilled
- Absorb – Use spill kits/absorbents on spill
- Clean up – Collect spent kits & absorbents for correct disposal
- Dispose – Ensure the spent kits etc are stored & disposed as hazardous waste
- Notify – the Site Manager
- Reorder – Stocks must be replenished

Benefits

- Speed of containment
- Time saved in recovery
- Site briefings & training raises awareness
- Prevents Environmental Issues
- Protects against costly fines and loss of reputation. "The Polluter Pays"

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