

Spill Response Program

Purpose:

The purpose of this program is to respond to spills involving the variety of hazardous and non-hazardous chemicals which are handled by the District, meet regulatory requirements for timely response and reporting, and for disposing of spilled material in a responsible manner. Spill clean-up assistance, materials, and documentation services are available from the Health & Safety Department in Facilities and Asset Management at the Blanchard Education Service Center. Outlined in this program are provisions for spill reporting.

Definitions:

In order to know if we have a spill, we have to look at the legal definitions. Two definitions exist for spills, these are: "Incidental Spills" and "Spills".

Incidental spills are incidents which may be normally encountered during routine operations. Incidental spills could be illustrated by accidentally over filling a secondary container or the drippings from a leaky valve. Incidental spills do not need to be reported. If incidental spills happen on a continual basis then an evaluation should be performed to see if there is an alternative available to correct the situation.

Spills are incidents defined as unexpected and not normally encountered in day to day operations. An example of a spill would be the dropping and splitting open of a 55 gallon drum. All spills are to be reported to.