

POLLUTION INCIDENT RESPONSE: WI 1

Pollution Incident Response

Where possible, **STOP**, **CONTAIN** & **DIVERT**

STOP the leak at source (e.g. turn off the tap, block the hole, etc.)

CONTAIN the spill as far as possible (e.g. by building a dam of earth or sand around the perimeter of the spill. Use sand, absorbent pillows or booms and your spill kit).

DIVERT or block spills flowing in the direction of the drain or watercourse. If possible, divert all spills away from drains and unmade ground using spill pillows, booms or sand bunds

Personal Protective Clothing must be worn before tackling any incident.

Cleaning up after large spills

Cleaning up after large spills is often best left to the authority involved in the emergency, e.g. The Environment Agency. Where some involvement by employees takes place the following should be adhered to:

- All protective clothing and equipment, tools and other items used in the clean up should be disposed of or decontaminated immediately after the cleanup is completed
- Employees must not take contaminated clothing or equipment home. This could expose others to hazardous materials.
- Surfaces that have been contaminated by the spill should be rinsed with neutralising solution until the hazardous material has been eliminated.
- All contaminated materials such as used absorbents, paper tissues, rags etc., should be securely packaged, labelled and depending on the material, disposed of as hazardous waste.

Emergency Contact Details:

Health & Safety Officer: For general safety enquiries

Telephone (01274) 431007

Environment Agency: Incident hotline 0800 80 70 60

Yorkshire Water: Customer Helpline 0845 1 24 24 24

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