

## 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.

### Reporting Procedures:

When a spill occurs, a determination needs to be done to establish if it is an actual spill or incidental spill. Incidents involving leaking drums, while not outright spills, should be treated as spills due to their potential of creating a spill or a very large mess. **Report all spills to Herb Wagner, Health & Safety Department at the B.E.S.C., 503-916-2000, x74277, Cell Phone 503-522-5095. If a spill is over 25 gallons it is reported to the 911 emergency response system by the Health & Safety Office.**

Documentation of spills will be done by Health & Safety for responsibilities to regulatory agencies such as the D.E.Q. and Fire Marshall, and also in preparation for increased regulation by the sewage agencies. A short report with the aid of the "Spill Notification & Response Report" form is used for each spill to document the incident and response measures taken.

Spill response materials presently are on hand to respond to incidents involving a couple of drums or some fairly substantial leaks. If a major incident such as a fire were to occur involving a large release of material, a clean-up contractor would be retained for the project.

### Spill Response Materials and Locations:

Benson High School-Compressed Gases Room:

- 1-85 gallon over-pack drum
- 40 feet sorbent boom
- 20 pounds of sorbent pads

Blanchard Education Service Center:

- 1-85 gallon over-pack drums
- 2-55 gallon 17-C open head drums
- 40 feet of sorbent boom
- At least 50 pounds of sorbent pads & material

### Materials Disposal:

For drums that are in need of replacement or disposal, arrangements can be made through Health & Safety for the disposal of the used drum or its contents.

Hazardous products such as oil, gasoline, thinners and paints do not go down the drain. Non-hazardous products involved in spills while not outright dangerous to human health, may be damaging to the environment or sewage treatment systems. Spills or disposal of non-hazardous products require evaluation by the Health & Safety Department for proper disposal.

Disposal of waste materials is evaluated for proper disposal in accordance with the Portland Public Schools "Procedures for Hazardous Waste Determination and Evaluation" and managed in accordance with the Districts "Hazardous Waste Reduction Plan".