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Topic: Spill Cleanup	OPR: Directorate of Public Works (760) 380-3433
Reference: NTC & Fort Irwin Spill Prevention & Contingency Plan (MAR 06)	

**NOTE:** Report all spills to the Environmental Division of the DPW, regardless of the quantity spilled. Complete a *Spill Notification Form NTC 637-R* and deliver it to the DPW-ENV within 12 hours of the incident. Only DPW personnel will make reports to regulatory agencies off-post.

**WARNING! SAFETY FIRST when dealing with a spill. Never respond to a spill that is beyond the capabilities of your training and/or equipment to effectively handle!  
Do NOT get involved if you are not trained to do so!**

**A spill may be treated as a MINOR or SMALL SPILL if it meets *all* of the following criteria:**

- Less than 20 gallons of any oils or JP-8;
- Less than 5 gallons of gasoline;
- Less than 1 gallon of battery acid or solvents;
- Does not involve a compressed gas and has not created a fire, visible or noxious fumes, or other significant safety hazards;
- Does not cause or threaten to cause environmental damage (e.g., contaminating the soil, entering storm drains or surface water); and can be effectively contained using spill response supplies that are readily available.

**A spill must be treated as a MAJOR SPILL if it meets *any* of the following criteria:**

- 20 gallons or more of any oils or JP-8;
- 5 gallons or more of gasoline;
- 1 gallon or more of battery acid or solvents;
- Involves a compressed gas or has created a fire, visible or noxious fumes, or other significant safety hazards;
- May potentially cause off-site damage (e.g., contaminating the soil, entering storm drains or surface water); or Requires additional assistance to effectively contain the spill.

**PROCEDURE FOR MINOR (small) SPILL – If you have the proper training and equipment.**

1. Put on the appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) as indicated by the materials Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS)
2. Stop the spill as follows: Approach the spill with the wind at your back. Turn off all sources of ignition (vehicle motors, electric devices, etc.). Move other materials that may pose hazards away from the incident area without placing yourself or others at risk of injury. Stop the flow by setting the containers upright or plugging holes. If necessary, place leaking containers into compatible larger containers.
3. Localize the spilled material into the smallest area possible.
4. Use absorbent material from spill kits to absorb the spilled material.
5. Contact the HSRP Contractor at x4762 for disposal of container(s) of liquid waste, absorbant, and/or soil.

**PROCEDURE FOR MAJOR SPILL**

1. Notify personnel in the immediate area that an emergency condition exists.
2. Call the Fire Department immediately at phone #4-3495 (or 911 on a land line) for spills within the Cantonment or housing area. For spills in the training areas, notify the Range Control by radio or phone #4-3878/3637. After hours call the EOC x3750
3. Evacuate personnel in the immediate area to a safe distance and direction from the spill (upwind and uphill if possible).
4. Notify the chain-of-command of the incident.
5. Take defensive actions to minimize the extent of the spill. Do not risk personal injury.