

OIL POLLUTION CONTROL REGULATIONS
ABOVE GROUND STORAGE FACILITIES
FACT SHEET

OIL & WASTE RELEASE RESPONSE – Section 12 IMMEDIATELY REPORT A SPILL TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AT 401-222-3070 (24 HOUR NUMBER OR 401-222-1360 DURING BUSINESS HOURS.

APPLICABILITY – Section 10 (a) - these requirements pertain to all above ground oil storage tank with a combined storage capacity of over five hundred (500) gallons.

REMOTE FILL – Section 9 (b) – All above ground tanks with a remote fill that have a capacity equal to or greater than 500 gallons shall be equipped a high level warning alarm system visible and/or from the remote fill.

- All tanks with a remote fill – the fill shall be equipped with a sealed spill containment system.

GAUGES – Section 10 (b) (4) - all tanks must be equipped with a gauge and accessible to the operator. The gauge should be installed so it can be conveniently read.

- The working capacity, product and identification number of the tank (**at a multi-tank facility**) must be clearly marked on the tank and at the fill and/or gauge.
- A high level warning alarm, a high level liquid pump cutoff controller or equivalent device may be used in lieu of the gauge requirement.
- See regulations for further details.

TANK PROTECTION: Tank and/or related equipment installed in an area where they are subject to traffic or vehicular damage, appropriate barriers (i.e. concrete-filled bollards) must be installed to protect the equipment.

SECONDARY CONTAINMENT – Section 10 ©(1) - must be constructed so that the product will not permeate, drain, infiltrate or otherwise escape before a cleanup can occur.

- Containment system shall be 110 percent of the largest tank or 110 percent of the largest tank in a multi-tank containment system.
- Storm water must be removed by a manually operated pump or siphon or a gravity drain pipe which has manually controlled dike valves.
- See regulations for further details.

FACILITIES INSPECTION – Section 10 (d)(1) - the facility must be inspected once a month.

- An annual report must be submitted to the RI Department of Environmental Management.
- Check regulations for further details, exemptions and reporting requirements.

CLOSURE OF TANKS – Section 10 (e)(1) - check regulations for details.

GROUNDWATER MONITORING PROGRAM – Section 10 (h) – All facilities with a combined storage capacity greater than or equal to 50,000 gallons or a capacity greater than or equal to 5,000 gallons located in an environmentally sensitive area shall implement a groundwater monitoring program.

- Check regulations for further details.

NEW & SUBSTANTIALLY MODIFIED FACILITIES – Section 10 (I) - check regulations for details.

SECTION 14 – SPILL PREVENTION AND EMERGENCY PLANS – check regulations for details.

A copy of the Oil Pollution Control Regulations can be viewed on the internet at: <http://www.dem.ri.gov/pubs/regs/regs/compinsp/oilpollu.pdf>