

RI DEM OFFICE OF EMERGENCY RESPONSE
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Staff of the Office of Emergency Response supervised clean up at 3 major sites in 1999 that threatened the release of petroleum. These included

- Abandoned sites at the former Mulcahey Pump, Smithfield
- Kerns Oil, Woonsocket
- Royal Mills, West Warwick.

The cleanup of Royal Mills removed a significant oil pollution threat to the Pawtuxet River and helped to facilitate overall remediation of the site. In each case, Emergency Response coordinated with EPA and the city or town in these major cleanup operations. In total, the Emergency Response staff were responsible for removing 487,950 gallons of petroleum and 299 tons of contaminated soil from these 3 sites.

OC&I's coordination with the EPA will result in reimbursement of all costs associated with these cleanups from the Oil Pollution Liability Trust Fund.

In addition, along with other OC&I programs, the Emergency Response program is measuring its success by tracking clean up amounts. For FFY1999, the Emergency Response program remediated spills, releases or threats from abandoned hazardous materials or petroleum to the environment that resulted in removal of

- 47,742 gallons of oil
- 13 lbs. of mercury
- 49,011 gallons of hazardous waste
- 35 tons of hazardous waste
- 346 tons of oil contaminated soil.

20,000 gallons of this hazardous waste resulted from the clean up of the abandoned Chase Paint facility in Scituate and 22,000 gallons resulted from a clean up of the New England Container facility in Smithfield following a fire. Both RIDEM and EPA's efforts facilitated the clean up of the Chase Paint facility in Scituate.