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Don't hesitate. Don't forget. Don't wait

Make Timely Emergency Environmental Notifications

WHEN TO CALL?

Contact the Iowa Department of Natural Resources for any of the situations listed in the table below as soon as possible but no later than required by law.

The sooner you contact DNR staff, the more likely they can help you prevent additional risk to public health and safety, or damage to Iowa's natural resources.

- DNR's 24-hour Environmental Hotline: **515-725-8694**
- National Response Center (required federal reporting: **800-424-8802**
- New Online spill Reporting Option for Minor Spills: https://programs.iowadnr.gov/focomp/home/reportspill

If in Doubt, Report It

Emergency Situations that Must be Reported	Time Limit to Report
Chemical spills: Anyone manufacturing, storing, handling, transporting or disposing of a hazardous substance when a hazardous condition occurs. If in doubt, report it. 567 IAC 105.5	Within 6 hours
Manure releases: Anyone storing, handling, transporting or land-applying manure from a confinement feeding operation; or storing, handling, transporting or land-applying manure, process wastewater, open feedlot effluent, settled open feedlot effluent or settleable solids from an open feedlot operation who becomes aware of a release. 567 IAC 65.2	Within 6 hours
Wastewater discharges: Treatment facility owner or operators. Report when a bypass or upset occurs as a result of mechanical failure or acts beyond the control of the owner or operator. 567 IAC 62.1	Within 24 hours
Underground storage tank system failures: Owners and operators of UST systems must report to DNR within 24 hours the discovery of released regulated substances at the UST site or in the surrounding area, unusual operating conditions or monitoring results from a release detection method that indicate a release may have occurred. 567 IAC 135.6	Within 24 hours (6 hours if release creates a hazardous condition)
Drinking water system notifications: Owners and operators of public drinking water systems must report monitoring and maximum contaminant level (MCL) violations and situations, including treatment or distribution system failure that "significantly increases the potential for drinking water contamination" and other situations "with significant potential to have serious adverse effects on human health as a result of short-term exposure." 567 IAC 40.8	Within 24 hours
Complaints, Fish Kills and other environmental reporting: Anyone seeing a fish kill, someone burning tires or other banned materials, or dumping materials where it shouldn't belong.	As Soon As Possible



Don't wait until you're setting out the booms.
Contact the DNR at 515-725-8694 within 6 hours.

More About Spill Reporting

Spills must be reported by anyone manufacturing, storing, handling, transporting or disposing of a hazardous substance when a hazardous condition occurs or is discovered.

How do I know if it's a Hazardous Condition?

Report it if a hazardous substance is involved and it has the potential to leave the property, reach a water of the state or can be detected in the air at the facility's boundaries.

Report it if there is a potential threat to public health and safety or first responders respond to the incident. Report releases that exceed a Federal Reportable Quantity to the National Response Center, 800-424-8802.

Definitions (455B.381)

"**Hazardous Condition**" means any situation involving the actual, imminent or probable spillage, leakage, or release of a hazardous substance onto the land, into a water of the state or into the atmosphere which, creates an immediate or potential danger to the public health or safety or to the environment.

"**Hazardous Substance**" means any substance or mixture of substances that presents a danger to the public health or safety and includes, but is not limited to, a substance that is toxic, corrosive, or flammable, or that is an irritant or that generates pressure through decomposition, heat, or other means.

Hazardous substances may include any hazardous waste identified or listed by the administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency under the Solid Waste Disposal Act as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976, or any toxic pollutant listed under Section 307 of the federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended to January 1, 1977, or any hazardous substance designated under Section 311 of the federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended to January 1, 1977, or any hazardous material designated by the secretary of transportation under the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act .

Hazardous Condition Exemptions

A spill does not need to be reported if the following conditions are met:

- Under 25 Gallons of petroleum products
- Under 100 pounds of Anhydrous Ammonia
- Will not pose an actual or potential threat to waters of the state, groundwater, water wells, stormwater, tile lines, or ambient air quality if cleaned up within 24 hrs.
- The spilled hazardous substance is not an ongoing or repeated spill within the last 90 days.



Additional Information

For more information contact the environmental field office serving your area: https://www.iowadnr.gov/fieldoffice

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Required Reporting Time

As soon as possible but no later than:	
Spill Reporting	6 hours
Manure Release Reporting	6 hours
Wastewater Bypasses	24 hours
Drinking Water (main breaks, violations, etc.)	24 hours
Release from a UST system	24 hours
(if release creates a hazardous condition)	6 hours

Emergency Numbers

DNR 24/7 Spill Number:	**515-725-8694**
National Response Center:	**800-424-8802**
Local Law Enforcement:	_____
Local Fire Dept:	_____
Other:	_____
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