

Environmental Alert – Spills on Site

Spill Kits

- Every site should carry out the appropriate assessment for managing spills.
- Every site should have the appropriate equipment to deal with a spill.
- The equipment should be put together to form a 'spill kit'.
- The spill kit needs to be easily accessible for a quick response.
- The main contents should be a highly absorbent material, which will stop and help clean up the spill.

OPTIONS - To decide which is the best spill kit for your site, you just need to know the potential size and impact of a spill. The choice is then up to individual sites.



PRE-PACKED SPILL KITS:

Spill kits have been purchased that contain all the equipment you need in a secure bin or bag. Different sizes can be purchased dependent on the potential size of the spill. Contact store if other sizes are needed.

MAKE YOUR OWN:

You can put together the equipment yourself. Absorbent materials can be taken from stock piles such as screenings. If the risk is small a bucket of sand may be enough, but do consider further precautions such as the what was spilled.

HOWEVER:

Make sure you understand how to use all the equipment in your spill kit. Otherwise there is no point having it! Also, control measures should be proportional to risk. That is, excessive costs should not be entailed where there are only small risks - and vice versa.



IMPORTANT

- **Contain, Contain, Contain**
- If you cannot control the situation quickly with the equipment you have on site contact the emergency services.

EMERGENCY CONTACT

- After appropriate action, your first contact should be your Site Environmental Coordinator or Site Management.

After the spill

1. What caused the spill? This is not a blame searching exercise, but leads to discussions
2. What lessons can be learnt from the incident? And...
3. What corrective actions (if any) are needed at the site?
4. Should the lessons learnt be communicated to other sites?