



Emergency Planning & Spill Response

Prevention

All sites must assess the risk posed to or from the environment through the activities being undertaken on site.

Potential environmental aspects that may affect site could include flooding, extreme weather events or a pollution event.

Planning & Preparation



Practice drill for protecting a watercourse

Sites should complete **emergency drills** in advance of activities that present high risk e.g. if diverting existing foul drainage or a watercourse etc. Sites should also consider a mock pollution event to test incident preparedness.

All sites must have a **Spill Response Plan**. Ensuring that the plan has been completed and communicated to relevant parties ensures that we are prepared and familiar with the actions to be taken, in the event of an incident.

Environmental incident equipment (such as spill kits, EnviroPads, booms, hazardous waste bags) must be well maintained and re-stocked as necessary. A visual check is to be made and recorded every week.

Examples

If diverting an existing foul line, consider where any pollutants would go in the event of a pipe / pump failure – do you have provision to contain and control any leaks / discharges?

If diverting a watercourse, do you have emergency provision to contain any releases of silt downstream?



Consider where any spillages / pollutants will go if they enter surface water drains or flow overland

Spill Response

Accidental releases of many liquids and substances into the environment can very quickly lead to harm.

For example, just 5 litres of oil can form a film that covers a lake the size of two football pitches, poisoning and suffocating all fish and plant life.

Clean up costs and fines following a spill can be substantial. If a spill occurs on your site remember **STOP, CONTAIN, NOTIFY**.

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STOP

- Switch off any sources of ignition
- Try to identify the source of the pollution
- If safe to do so stop the flow of liquid by closing taps, righting containers, turning off pumps etc.

CONTAIN

- Put on the correct PPE
- Without putting yourself at risk, attempt to stop the spill or run-off from spreading by using the contents of the appropriate spill kit e.g. absorbent materials and booms or earth or sand
- Cover/plug drains and gullies
- Divert liquid flows away from drains and watercourses

NOTIFY

If the spill cannot be controlled, and/or has entered a drain or watercourse, call Persimmon's spill response team, **Adler & Allan** on **0800 592827**, 24/7, 365 days a year who will provide immediate specialist advice and assistance if required.



- Note the following information:
- Location of spill/run-off
- Substance/liquid involved
- Quantity released
- Whether it has entered a drain/watercourse

A&A will mobilise within 1 hour of an emergency phone call

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