

# Environmental Incidents

## Responding to spills/silt run-off - preventing pollution



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**

### 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

- Notify the site manager immediately, providing the following information:
  - Location of spill/run-off
  - Substance/liquid involved
  - Quantity released
  - Whether it has entered a drain/watercourse
- If the spill/run-off cannot be controlled, and/or has entered a drain or watercourse, we will contact our spill response team, **Adler & Allan** who will provide immediate specialist advice and assistance if required.
- Persimmon is committed to reducing environmental incidents. If you have any ideas on preventing pollution, please speak to a member of site management or your Persimmon Group Health, Safety & Environment Advisor.



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