

Reporting of petroleum releases

Petroleum Remediation Program

Minnesota state law requires **immediate** reporting upon the discovery of a spill, leak, overfill, or other signs of a petroleum release to the environment. Minnesota Statute 115.061 [Duty to Notify; Avoiding Water Pollution](#), in effect since 1969, describes requirement to notify the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) of spills and leaks.

What and how much has to be reported?

For petroleum products:

- Report all releases known to be greater than five gallons.
- Report any detectable past releases because a volume greater than five gallons was likely released. If contamination is encountered at a previously closed petroleum tank release sites, please refer to [Assessment of petroleum contamination at closed leak sites](#) for assistance.

Evidence of a petroleum release includes:

- Organic vapor readings above background levels
- Visual soil staining or petroleum odors
- Free product and/or petroleum sheen
- Analytical data indicating petroleum contaminants are present

Who is required to report?

Anyone who encounters a petroleum spill or release must notify the MPCA, such as:

- Property owners
- Individuals, partnerships, companies, and corporations
- Government entities
- Owners of substances being stored or transported by another company
- Contractors and/or consultants

When to report?

The Minnesota Department of Public Safety operates a 24-hour duty officer service for all state reporting requirements. Immediately report spills and releases to the Minnesota duty officer upon discovery. The duty officer records all pertinent information about the release and then makes the appropriate notifications to all necessary state and local governments.

**To report a spill or leak – call the Minnesota duty officer at
651-649-5451 or 800-422-0798**