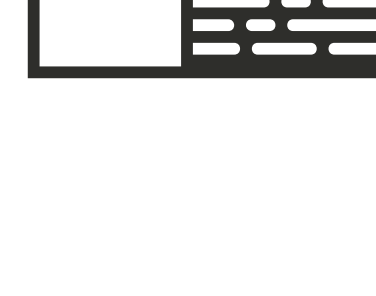


# TOOLBOX TALKS



## WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION

### WHAT?

A large number of oil related water pollution incidents occur each year.

Discharging fuel or oil or water containing fuel or oil into drains or watercourses is illegal

Many pollution incidents are from unbunded tanks and can easily be avoided by following simple guidelines.

### WHY?

#### AVOID PROSECUTION:

Your employer or you as an individual can be prosecuted for causing water pollution

#### COST:

The costs of clean up far exceed those to put control measures in place

#### DAMAGE TO WILDLIFE:

Long-term damage to watercourses including fish kills. Oil spreads rapidly - one gallon of oil can completely cover a lake the size of two football pitches.

### DO

#### GENERAL

Store oils away from drains or watercourses

Return oil and fuels to storage areas after use

Locate oil stores away from areas of high vehicular movement to prevent accidental damage

Bund individual 205 litre drums to 25%

Supervise all fuel deliveries

Lock oil stores when not in use

Use drip trays under all static plant and during refuelling from mobile plant.

#### BULK STORAGE

Bund tanks and bowzers to 110%

Ensure bunds are free from cracks and leaks

Regularly empty bunds and drip trays of rainwater, which should be treated as contaminated

Keep all hoses and pipe work within bunded area after use

Keep a spill kit near to fuel and oil storage areas and refuelling areas

Report any irregularities or incidents.

### DON'T

**DON'T** refuel or store oil within 10m of watercourses or surface water drains

**DON'T** leave bunds and drip trays to overflow

**DON'T** leave refuelling hoses outside of bunds after use

**DON'T** use high pressure delivery systems when filling small containers

**DON'T** hose down spills

**DON'T** ignore spillages

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