

GRI 306: Effluents and Waste 2016

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TOPIC STANDARD

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Topic Standard

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However, the spills-related content in Disclosure 306-3 Significant spills of *GRI 306: Effluents and Waste 2016* remains in effect.

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D. Background context

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Spills of chemicals, oils, and fuels, among other substances, can potentially affect soil, water, air, biodiversity, and human health.

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This Standard includes disclosures on the management approach and topic-specific disclosures. These are set out in the Standard as follows:

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• Disclosure 306-3 Significant spills

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REQUIREMENTS

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GUIDANCE

[REDACTED] the reporting organization
can also disclose expenditures on:

- [REDACTED]
- clean-up costs, including costs for remediation of spills as specified in Disclosure 306-3.

2. Topic disclosures

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Disclosure 306-3 Significant spills

REQUIREMENTS

The reporting organization shall report the following information:

- a. Total number and total volume of recorded significant spills.
- b. The following additional information for each spill that was reported in the organization's financial statements:
 - i. Location of spill;
 - ii. Volume of spill;
 - iii. Material of spill, categorized by: oil spills (soil or water surfaces), fuel spills (soil or water surfaces), spills of wastes (soil or water surfaces), spills of chemicals (mostly soil or water surfaces), and other (to be specified by the organization).
- c. Impacts of significant spills.

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Glossary

This glossary provides definitions for terms used in this Standard. The organization is required to apply these definitions when using the GRI Standards.

The definitions included in this glossary may contain terms that are further defined in the complete [GRI Standards Glossary](#). All defined terms are underlined. If a term is not defined in this glossary or in the complete *GRI Standards Glossary*, definitions that are commonly used and understood apply.

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significant spill

spill that is included in the organization's financial statements, for example due to resulting liabilities, or is recorded as a spill by the organization

spill

accidental release of a hazardous substance that can affect human health, land, vegetation, waterbodies, and groundwater

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