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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



**BUREAU OF CLEAN WATER**

# **Notification Requirements for Spills and Pollution Incidents Under PA's Clean Streams Law**

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**Water Resources Advisory Committee**

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Tom Wolf, Governor

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# Purpose

## **Notification requirements for substance or incident causing or threatening pollution**

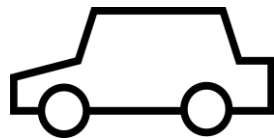


# Who Does It Apply To?

## 'Responsible Party'



- Person in charge of substance
- Person owning or in possession of premises, facility, vehicle, or vessel from or on which substance is discharged or placed





# Related Regulations

- **25 Pa. Code § 91.33**
  - Spill and pollution incidents
- **25 Pa. Code § 92a.41(b)**
  - NPDES permittees and activities



# Requirements

- **Stop the discharge** 
- **Contact emergency services (911)** 
- **Contact DEP**
  - As soon as possible
  - Regardless of whether discharge can or cannot be stopped
  - Appropriate emergency contact number

# Requirements

- **25 Pa. Code § 91.33**

- Immediate reporting by phone
- DEP, downstream users



- **25 Pa. Code § 92a.41(b)**

- § 91.33 immediate reporting
- “as soon as possible, but no later than four hours after the permittee becomes aware of the incident”



# Remember!

DEP recommends that responsible persons exercise caution and contact DEP if the release to waters of the Commonwealth may endanger downstream users, may result in pollution, may create a danger of pollution, or may damage property



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