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What Constitutes a Reportable Petroleum Discharge?

Unless you own a gasoline station, you may not be familiar with what constitutes a reportable



petroleum release. Non-retail fuel users such as auto repair shops, facilities with backup emergency generators, and company motor pools, are often unfamiliar with discharge reporting requirements. The reportability distinction is important since minor spills may not meet the reporting standards and can be cleaned up outside of regulatory oversight. Below is a quick reference guide to determine if your petroleum release is reportable.

- Discharge of greater than 25 gallons onto a pervious surface
- Observance of free product in boreholes, wells, open ditches, excavations/trenches or on surface water
- Observance of visually stained soil or petroleum odor resulting from a used oil discharge of greater than 25 gallons
- Laboratory results for groundwater that exceed the state's Cleanup Target Levels
- Laboratory results for soil that exceed the state's direct exposure or leachability Cleanup Target Levels

Some counties, such as Duval, may have stricter rules for reporting discharges and it's necessary to be familiar with your county's environmental regulations.