

Lead Agencies for Spills in the NWT

Spills of hazardous materials in the Northwest Territories (NWT) present a potential threat to the public interest and the environment. Agencies responsible for conducting spill investigations and monitoring clean up of spills have signed an agreement to promote a well-coordinated state of preparedness for these activities.

Designation of Lead Investigating Agency for Spills on Land in the NWT

- The **Government of the NWT (GNWT)** is the lead agency in dealing with spills on Commissioner's Land, Territorial highways and in communities.
- **Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC)** is the lead agency in dealing with spills at facilities authorized under federal legislation and sections of Territorial highways on ice surfaces and for spills on Territorial (Crown) lands in the NWT.
- **Environment Canada** is responsible for dealing with spills at federal facilities, other than those authorized under federal legislation, and spills in National Parks.
- The **National Energy Board (NEB)** is responsible for spills at oil and gas exploration and production facilities.
- The **Inuvialuit Land Administration** is responsible for spills on land in the NWT set aside under the Inuvialuit Land Claim Agreement.

Designation of Lead Agency for Spills on Water in NWT

- **Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada** is responsible for spills on water in the NWT.
- **Transport Canada** is the Lead Investigating Agency for all ship source spills.
- The **Canadian Coast Guard** is the Lead Response Agency ensuring spills from ships and barges (including Oil Handling Facility re-supply) and mystery spills on water are addressed.
- The **National Energy Board** is responsible for spills on water at oil and gas exploration and production facilities.

Hazardous Materials Spill Database

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources maintains a database of hazardous material spills reported to the Northwest Territories 24-Hour Spill Report Line.

***Report spills immediately to the Spill Report Line at
(867) 920-8130.
Collect calls are accepted.***