

# Contingency Plan for Pesticide Spills

Business Operators storing 25 L/25 kg or less of commercial or restricted class pesticides (not mixed)



Business name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of plan: \_\_\_\_\_

Site address: \_\_\_\_\_

This contingency plan establishes the response actions for the cleaning-up and reporting on spills of hazardous materials for the protection of the environment and the community. Employees will be trained to respond to spills

## Emergency Numbers and Spill Reporting

If a spill occurs, the facility's Spill Contact Person will be notified along with the required agencies at the appropriate emergency numbers. The Spill Contact Person will have the authority to carry out response actions.

Spill contact person: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Manager: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### Nova Scotia Environment

**1-800-565-1633**

Immediately contact the 24/7 Environmental Emergencies Reporting Line if any of the following volumes are spilled:

- Pesticide concentrate 5 kg /5 L or more
- Pesticide mix 70 L or more
- Fuel/oil 100 L or more
- Gasoline or diesel fuel 100 L or more

Also report any spill into the environment that may cause an adverse effect.

### Police, Fire, Emergency Health Services

**911**

Spills threatening your health, safety or property and you need help right away.

Local non-emergency numbers:

Police: \_\_\_\_\_ Fire: \_\_\_\_\_

### Canutec

**613-996-6666** or  
**1-888-CAN-UTEC (226-8832)** or  
**\*666** on cellular

### Poison Control Centre 24/7

**1-800-565-8161**

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## Spill Clean-up Kit(s)

Spill kits are located in mixing and loading areas, storage areas and vehicles carrying pesticides or mixed pesticides.

### Spill clean-up kit contains:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Absorbent material  | <input type="checkbox"/> Drain cover (if applicable)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Neutralizing agent(s) (see pesticide label for type)  | <input type="checkbox"/> Drum/container compatible for substance(s) handled/heavy duty plastic bags                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shovel and broom  | <input type="checkbox"/> Paper towel/rags   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> List of contents in spill kit   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (review pesticide label and Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS <sup>1</sup> )): _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adequate personal protective equipment (PPE) for the potential hazards such as unlined chemical resistance gloves, boots, safety goggles, coveralls, respirator | _____   |

## Response Actions for Spills

Quick response to spills, by those trained to do so safely, is important. Proper clean up can prevent contamination of property and groundwater and can stop the spill from reaching watercourses, wetlands, and drinking water wells. Before responding to a spill determine potential risk to you and to others. Do not enter an area where you feel unsafe.

### Stop

- Follow the instructions on the pesticide product label and the MSDS.
- Wear personal protective equipment (PPE). See MSDS, pesticide label, or contact Canutec for advice.
- Stop the source of the spill (plug hole, upright the container, shut off valve) if safe to do so.
- Stop spill from entering any drain or watercourse, by using absorbent or other material as necessary. Do not use absorbent material if a dry pesticide has spilled.

### Contain and Recover

- Dampen a dry substance very slightly with a little water. Sweep or scoop up. Dry pesticide may be reusable.
- Do not apply water to a spilled pesticide, it will spread the spill further.
- Clean up spilled material by shoveling absorbent material and soil into a secure drum or other container. Do not flush area with water.
- Clean the spill area and equipment as per instruction on pesticide label or MSDS.
- Place spilled pesticide, soil and cleaning materials in a sealable container or heavy plastic bag. Label with the pesticide's product name, the Pest Control Product (PCP) number, approximate amount of the pesticide and date of the spill.

<sup>1</sup> The use of Safety Data Sheets (SDS) in accordance with the Globally Harmonized System for Classification and labelling of Chemicals (GHS) is permitted.

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## Dispose

- Dispose of cleaning material/absorbent and contaminated soil as hazardous waste. Contact a hazardous waste disposal company for assistance.
- Remove protective clothing and place it in a plastic bag. If clothing is heavily contaminated, throw it out. Less contaminated clothing should be cleaned in the same manner as clothing used when applying pesticides.

**Caution:** After cleanup, wash your hands and face before eating, drinking, smoking or using the toilet. Take a shower as soon as possible.

## Additional contacts:

Pesticide manufacturer(s) (see pesticide label): \_\_\_\_\_

Hazardous waste disposal company: \_\_\_\_\_

Suppliers of clean up material: \_\_\_\_\_

Contaminated soil treatment facility: \_\_\_\_\_

Other(s): \_\_\_\_\_

## Contingency plan approved by Approval Holder:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: (yyyy/mm/dd) \_\_\_\_\_

Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_