

# WESTERN CANADIAN SPILL SERVICES LTD. REFINED PRODUCT SPILL RESPONSE — GUIDELINE

## RESPONSIBILITIES

The legal responsibility for a refined product spill response lies with the owner and transporter of the product released. WCSS members who handle refined products should ensure that they have access to trained personnel and the necessary resources to respond safely and effectively to a refined product spill.

WCSS members have access to contingency plans, training and equipment that is primarily targeted for upstream product spills. It is important for members and our associates to recognize that refined product spill response preparedness requires additional planning, specialized training and that the spill response equipment requirements may call for specialized equipment that is currently not available in our Cooperative or regional response units.

## RECOMMENDED SPILL RESPONSE STEPS — GUIDELINE

Although no two spills are the same and the appropriate response is based on the characteristics and hazards associated with the spilled material, the following response steps can be used as a general guideline:

- Step # 1** – Identification of the spilled substance.
- Step # 2** – Hazard assessment and implementation of safety controls (includes establishment of a continuous monitoring program and documented site safety meetings).
- Step # 3** – Security of the site and identification of areas that are restricted to authorized entry only, as well as identification of escape routes and a muster station.
- Step # 4** – Initial containment, if safe to do so.
- Step # 5** – Identification of all stakeholders impacted by the incident.
- Step # 6** – Evaluation of the impact to the land base and surrounding land uses.
- Step # 7** – Formulation of a spill response plan and activation of plans and resources.
- Step # 8** – Notification to appropriate company personnel and regulators.
- Step # 9** – Containment and recovery of the spilled substance.
- Step # 10** – Rehabilitation of the area affected by the incident.

**Note:** The importance of reporting the spill to the appropriate regulatory agencies in a timely fashion must not be overlooked.

## **REQUEST FOR COOPERATIVE ASSISTANCE IN REFINED PRODUCT SPILLS**

A unified response to a refined product spill will be at the discretion of the Cooperative, with the safety of responders and the general public as our highest priority. In most cases, the role of the Cooperative will be to assist trained personnel and the lead regulatory agency in bringing the incident under control.

In the event that a WCSS member discovers the spill, his/her role will be to notify the regulators or appropriate emergency response organization, and to assist with site security, if safe to do so. No containment and recovery work should be done unless the product has been identified, a hazard assessment undertaken and the member has the appropriate training to initiate initial response.

## **RESOURCE LIST**

### ***Western Canadian Spill Services Ltd. (WCSS)***

- Members and associates have access to Cooperative oil spill contingency manuals, equipment primarily designed for hydrocarbon spills in surface water and training through annual area equipment deployment exercises. WCSS regional spill response trailers, boats, specialized equipment and trained custodians with some spill response capabilities are also available to members. Non-members have access to equipment on a rental basis.

### ***Canadian Petroleum Products Institute (CPPI)***

- Members have access to regional inland oil spill equipment packages and orientation training on an annual basis.