



**REMEDATION AND REDEVELOPMENT DIVISION**  
Michigan Department of Environmental Quality

**DEQ DISTRICT OFFICES**

**CADILLAC:**

231-775-3960, FAX 231-775-1511  
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989-731-4920, FAX 989-731-6181  
(Alcona, Alpena, Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Crawford, Emmet, Kalkaska, Montmorency, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle, & Roscommon)

**GRAND RAPIDS:**

616-356-0500, FAX 616-356-0202  
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**JACKSON:**

517-780-7690, FAX 517-780-7855  
(Hillsdale, Jackson, Lenawee, Monroe, & Washtenaw)

**KALAMAZOO:**

269-567-3500, FAX 269-567-9440  
(Allegan, Berrien, Branch, Calhoun, Cass, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph, & Van Buren)

**LANSING:**

517-335-6010, FAX 517-241-3571  
(Clinton, Eaton, Genesee, Gratiot, Ingham, Lapeer, Livingston, & Shiawassee)

**SAGINAW BAY:**

989-894-6200, FAX 989-894-9799  
(Arenac, Bay, Clare, Gladwin, Huron, Iosco, Isabella, Midland, Ogemaw, Saginaw, Sanilac, & Tuscola)

**SE MICHIGAN:**

586-753-3700, FAX 586-753-3859  
(Macomb, Oakland, St. Clair, & Wayne)  
(Including the cities of Detroit, Hamtramck, & Highland Park)

**UPPER PENINSULA (Gwinn):**

906-346-8300, FAX 906-346-4480  
Calumet Office: 906-337-0389

FAX 906-337-0673

Newberry Office: 906-293-8728

FAX 906-293-8728

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**DEQ Home Page**

[www.michigan.gov/deq](http://www.michigan.gov/deq)

**Pollution Emergency Alerting System (PEAS) Hotline**

800-292-4706

For reporting pollution emergencies

# Responding to Vehicle-Related Releases in Michigan

Information for police and fire departments and other agencies responding to vehicle-related spills, and involvement by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) in such incidents.

**TYPES OF SPILLS**

Transportation-related spills occur frequently on Michigan's roads, highways, and railways. Releases from these accidents may include diesel fuel, gasoline, motor oil, transmission fluids, and anti-freeze. Accidents involving tankers, fuel oil delivery trucks, and other similar haulers may result in significant releases. *Based on the nature and size of a release and the threat to public health, safety, or the environment, fire or police responders may seek input from the DEQ Remediation & Redevelopment Division (RRD).*

**REPORTING SPILLS**

The party responsible for the release has the obligation to clean up the spill. For very small spills, minimal or no remediation may be necessary; if there is any question about this determination, the on-scene incident commander should contact the appropriate DEQ/RRD district office (see listing at left; also Contact Information). If remediation is necessary, the cleanup of any size spill is less expensive and involved if addressed promptly. If the release is serious and prompt cleanup is needed, the on-scene incident commander may choose to contact a cleanup contractor directly. If necessary, the RRD can also help by establishing contact with the vehicle owner. Often, the insurance carrier of the owner of the vehicle involved will cover the cleanup and payment of costs associated with a transportation release.

**SPILL INFORMATION**

Obtain the following information to assist in cleanup of an environmental spill:

	Vehicle Owner	Owner's Representative	Driver of Vehicle
Name:			
Address:			
Phone:			

**Specific Release Location:** (street address, city, county, mile marker) and exact area where loss occurred (ditch, road shoulder, median, pavement, near or in surface water or wetlands)

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**Material(s) released** and estimated quantity released:

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**Date and time** release was discovered: \_\_\_\_\_

**Cause of release:** \_\_\_\_\_

Any **actions taken** in response to the loss and by whom: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and phone number of **insurance carrier**, if available: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of on-scene commander/contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number (cellular if available): \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** The liable party has reporting obligations that are not satisfied by this form. For complete information about reporting releases, contact your nearest DEQ District Office. Information on spill release reporting can also be accessed from the DEQ Home Page at: [michigan.gov/deq](http://michigan.gov/deq) (enter Spill Release Reporting in search).

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

When requesting DEQ/RRD involvement, spills should be reported directly to the applicable DEQ district office during normal business hours (8 AM-5 PM). Please fax this form to the district office and provide additional follow-up information, such as photographs or sketches, as available. After hours and on weekends, releases can be reported by calling the DEQ's Pollution Emergency Alerting System (PEAS) hotline at 800-292-4706.