

	<b>WATER RESOURCES DIVISION POLICY AND PROCEDURE</b>		DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
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**NOTE: This policy was previously numbered Part 5 Rules Operational Guidance (POG #3) for Installations of Oil Containing Electrical Equipment.**

**PURPOSE:** Provide guidance for reporting spills involving installations of oil-containing electrical equipment in accordance with the Part 5 Rules, Spillage of Oil and Polluting Materials, promulgated under Part 31, Water Resources Protection, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended.

**BACKGROUND:**

- A. The DEQ's Water Resources Division is responsible for implementing the Part 5 Rules, which were substantially revised and placed into effect on August 31, 2001, and additional release reporting requirements added by Section 3111(b) of Part 31 effective June 15, 2004.
- B. Historically, some electric utilities have reported the spillage of oil from installed electrical equipment as a response to the Part 5 Rules spill reporting requirements contained in Rule 7 of the Part 5 Rules.
- C. The definitions of both oil storage facility and on-land facility specifically exclude "...installations of oil containing electrical equipment," R 324.2001(f) and (g).
- D. Examples of electrical equipment include transformers, capacitors, reclosures, voltage regulators, rectifiers circuit breakers, and bushings.

**GUIDANCE:**

For the purposes of clarifying this rule, the Water Resources Division considers the following:

- 1. Installations of oil containing electrical equipment are not oil storage facilities nor are they on-land facilities as defined by the Part 5 Rules and therefore are not covered by the Part 5 Rules.

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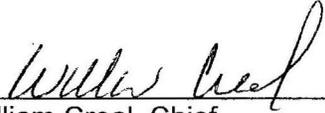
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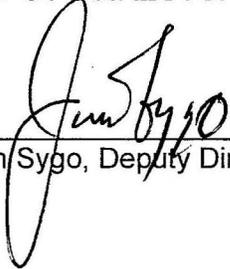
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3. Oil containing electrical equipment that is not installed and meets or exceeds the threshold management quantity indicated below is regulated by Rule 7 of the Part 5 Rules:
  - a. Single container having a storage capacity more than 660 gallons.
  - b. On-site total storage capacity of 1,320 gallons for all oils not exempted by Rule 3 of the Part 5 Rules.
4. The spill reporting requirements of Rule 7 of the Part 5 Rules for installations of oil-containing electrical equipment do not apply.

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