



Responding to Vehicle-Related Releases in Michigan

Information provided in this document is intended for fire departments, law enforcement, emergency management and other agencies responding to vehicle-related spills and releases.

Types of Spills to Report

Transportation related spills occur frequently on Michigan’s roads, highways, and railroads. These releases may include diesel fuel, gasoline, motor oils, 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 potential impacts to public health, responder safety, or the environment, first responders should seek input from the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE).

Reporting Spills to EGLE

Contacting EGLE’s [Pollution Emergency Alerting System \(PEAS\)](#) at 800-292-4706 ensures the department becomes aware of events when they happen. The presumed responsible party for the release has the obligation to initiate clean-up of the released polluting material. EGLE can assist with the appropriate actions required for small to large spills, knowing that very small spills, minimal or no remediation may be possible or necessary. If clean-up and site remediation is necessary, timely response actions are critical to reduce costs and impacts. For unknown sources or absent responsible party EGLE may assist with initiating clean-up and remedial actions until a responsible party can be established, EGLE will pursue cost-recovery from the owner or insurance of the vehicle that lost the materials to the environment.

Spill Information

Obtain the following information to assist in clean-up of an environmental spill:

Contact	Name(s)	Phone	Address
Vehicle Driver/ Owner			
Company (if applicable)			
Clean-up Contractor (if contacted)			

Date and time of the release: _____

Specific release location (street address, city, county, mile marker):

Material(s) released, is the release contained, and estimated quantity released:

Where the loss occurred (ditch, road shoulder, median, pavement, near or in surface water or wetlands):

Name and phone number of insurance carrier, if available:

Name and best phone number of on-scene commander/contact:

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