

6.12 Spill

Any discharge of petroleum (including but not limited to crude oil, natural gas, condensate, lubricants, hydraulic oils, fuels, petroleum based synthetic drilling fluids, or any other refined petroleum product) that enters the sea in the offshore area, other than one that is authorized under the *Accord Acts* or the Regulations must be reported as a spill. For concentration based limits, a spill with a concentration greater than two times the maximum authorized concentration limit must be reported via the immediate verbal notification process described in Section 5.3.1. A spill greater than 25 litres in volume must be reported via the immediate verbal notification process described in Section 5.3.1.

Spills in neither of the categories described in the previous paragraphs must be reported via the written notification process described in Section 5.3.2, and submission of investigation reports to the Boards for these discharges is not required unless requested.

In addition, all Incidents that, if under slightly different circumstances, would have had the potential to result in a spill from a production or drilling installation must be reported via the written notification process described in Section 5.3.2.⁸¹ Submission of investigation reports for spills of 25 litres or less to the Boards is not required unless requested.

⁸¹ C-NLAAIA 160, 161; CNSOPRAIA 165, 166; Newfoundland Offshore Area Oil and Gas Operations Regulations Section 6; DPR 1(1), definition of "incident", "pollution" and "near-miss"; DPR 76(1); INST 70; GR 27, 28

⁸² OHS 265(1)(d); INST 70; DPR 1(1); definition of "incident"- subsection (a)(v) & DPR 76(1)

⁸³ INST 70; DPR 1(1); definition of "incident"- subsection (a)(v) & DPR 76(1); CNSOPB Safety Directive - Security of Offshore Installation and Facilities (under CNSOPRAIA 210.069(3))