

What Must UST Owners Do If A Spill or Overfill Occurs?

According to 40 CFR 280.53, owners and operators of underground storage tank (UST) systems must contain and immediately clean up a spill or overfill and report to the implementing agency within 24 hours, or another reasonable time period specified by the implementing agency, and begin corrective action (in accordance with 40 CFR 280, subpart F) in the following cases:

- Spill or overfill of petroleum that results in a release to the environment that exceeds 25 gallons or another reasonable amount specified by the implementing agency, or that causes a sheen on nearby surface water; or
- Spill or overfill of a hazardous substance that results in a release to the environment that equals or exceeds its reportable quantity under CERCLA (40 CFR 302).