

STATE UNIFIED HAZMAT SPILL/RELEASE REPORTING

REASONS FOR HAZMAT SPILL/RELEASE REPORTING CHANGES

North Dakota continues to use a whole-of-government approach for developing long-term strategies for managing energy development in an environmentally-responsible manner. To be more transparent with our stakeholders — fellow North Dakotans, producers, transporters, developers and media members — we needed to introduce a simple, efficient, transparent method for reporting HAZMAT spills or releases. Our Unified Spill and Reporting Procedures will allow agencies to more effectively respond and mitigate impacts incurred during unanticipated spill events.

“Anything being done simply because ‘that’s the way we have always done it’ should be and must be rigorously and respectfully questioned. And no matter what, we must have the courage to admit that we can always do better.”

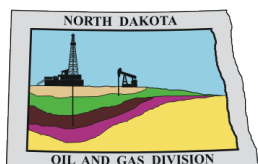
- Governor Doug Burgum



IMMEDIATE HAZMAT SPILL/RELEASE REPORTING CRITERIA

- Any spill/release that has an impact, or potential impact, to public health
- Waterways impacted/threatened
- Injuries or Deaths
- Evacuations, or potential need for
- Any spill/release that has immediate impact to wildlife

PREVIOUS HAZMAT SPILL/RELEASE REPORTING PROCESS



SPILL REPORT

- A spill report may be filled out on the Oil and Gas Division website. The spill report is then emailed back to various stakeholders.
- If a spill is called in to an inspector at Oil and Gas, it is put into that agency’s system. However, if the information is not passed on to the Department of Environmental Quality and Emergency Services, it will not be seen by these agencies until the oil production company enters a report.



ENVIRONMENTAL INCIDENT REPORT

- An Environmental Incident Report (EIR) is entered on the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) site. Once the report is in DEQ’s system, it is emailed back out to the other state agencies involved in the spill process.
- If a spill is called into one of DEQ’s inspectors, that individual would enter it into DEQ’s system, but it might not be shared with other state agencies until the company reporting the spill enters an EIR.

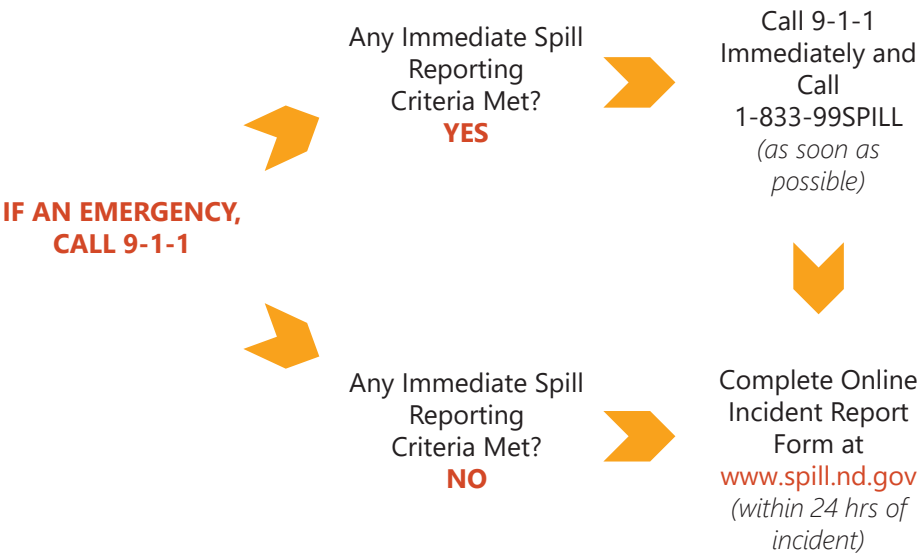


STATE AGENCY REPORTING

- All spill reports received by the Department of Emergency Services (NDDes) are logged electronically. This is done to make sure all appropriate emergency managers and state agencies involved in the spill process have visibility.
- If NDDes receives a call about a spill, it records an entry then calls DEQ and Oil and Gas (and other local, tribal, state and federal agencies), according to its protocols.
- NDDes is required by law to inform emergency managers with counties or tribal nations affected by a spill, as well as appropriate state and federal agencies that have oversight responsibility.
- NDDes does not currently have the geo-fencing required for automated notification, so staff will map a spill and then may make other notifications, as needed. For example if a spill occurs in McKenzie County but is on tribal land.

Spills, discharges, and emergency releases can cause serious harm to public health and the environment. Federal and state laws require federal and/or state agencies be notified in the event of an accidental spillage of any materials that may pollute water, air or soil.

NEW HAZMAT SPILL/RELEASE REPORTING PROCESS



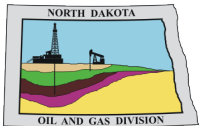
ONE CALL ROUTING MENU

"You have reached the North Dakota Hazardous Materials Spill and Release Reporting System. If this is an emergency please hang up and dial 911."



1-833-99SPILL
1-833-997-7455

- 1 "If you are calling to report an oilfield-related spill or release that is contained on site, press 1." Will be directed to N.D. Oil and Gas Division at 701-328-8020.
- 2 "If you are calling to report an oilfield-related spill or release that is NOT contained on site, press 2." Will be directed to N.D. Department. of Environmental Quality at 701-527-1831.
- 3 "If you are calling to report a non-oilfield-related spill or release impacting the environment, press 3." Will be directed to N.D. Department. of Environmental Quality at 701-527-1831.
- 4 "If you need assistance contacting a local or tribal emergency manager, press 4." Will be directed to N.D. Department of Emergency Services at 701-220-0390.



www.spill.nd.gov

Electronic Notification to:

Dependent on the Situation:
Emergency/Tribal Manager
N.D. Dept. of Health
N.D. Division of Oil and Gas
N.D Game and Fish
N.D. Dept. of Environmental Quality

N.D. State Fire Marshal
U.S. Fish and Wildlife
N.D. Dept. of Agriculture
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
N.D. Parks and Recreation
N.D. Public Service Commission