

Colorado Emergency and Incident Reporting Line

- **Specific Codes/Regulations**

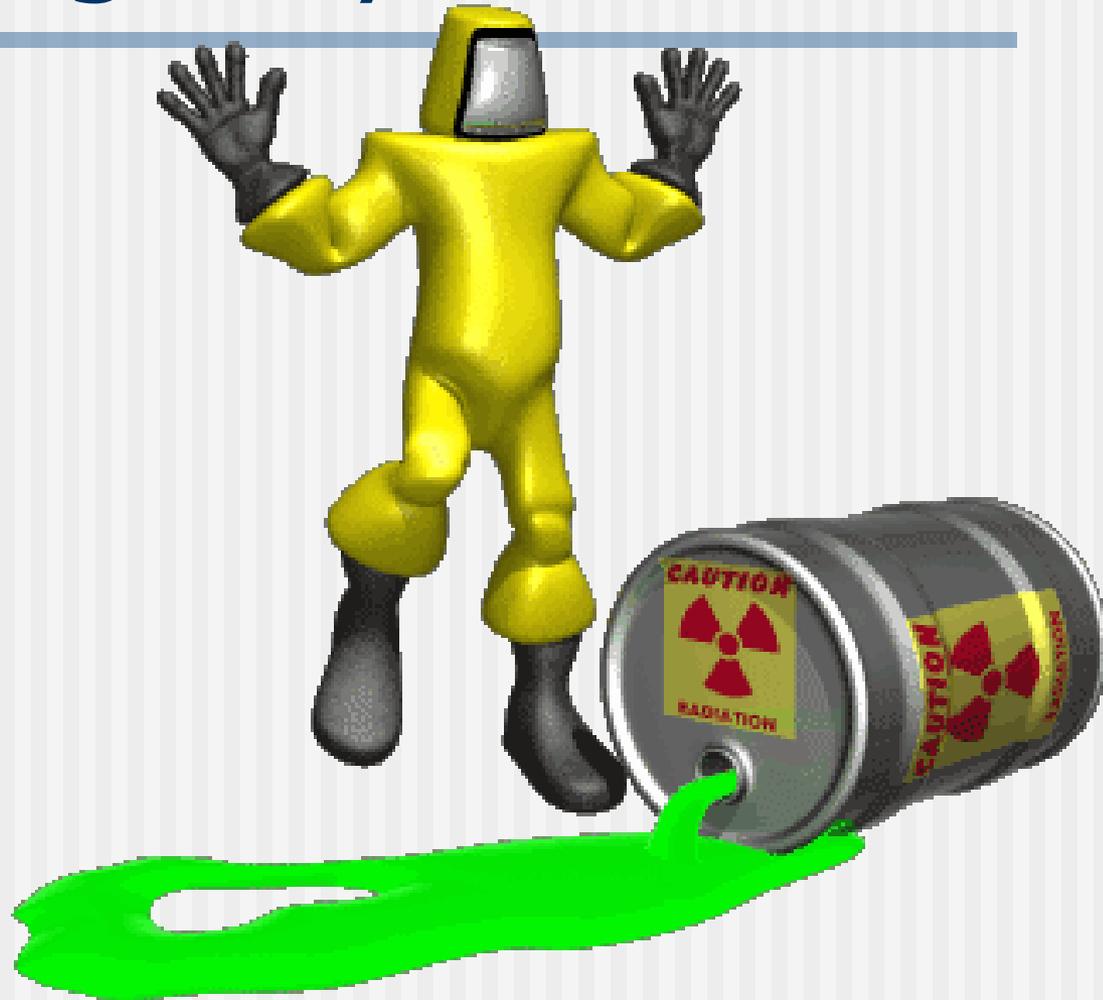
- CRS 25-1.5-101(p)**

- To compile and maintain current information necessary to enable the department to answer any inquiry concerning the proper action to take to counteract, eliminate, or minimize the public health hazards of a hazardous substance incident involving any specific kind of hazardous substance. **To make such information available and to facilitate the reporting of hazardous substance incidents, the department shall establish, maintain, and publicize an environmental emergency telephone service that shall be available to the public twenty-four hours each day.** With respect to the powers and duties specified in this paragraph (p), the department shall have no rule-making authority and shall avail itself of all available private resources. As used in this paragraph (p), the terms "hazardous substance" and "hazardous substance incident" shall have the meanings ascribed to them in section [29-22-101](#), C.R.S. The department shall coordinate its activities pursuant to this section with the Colorado state patrol and other appropriate state agencies.

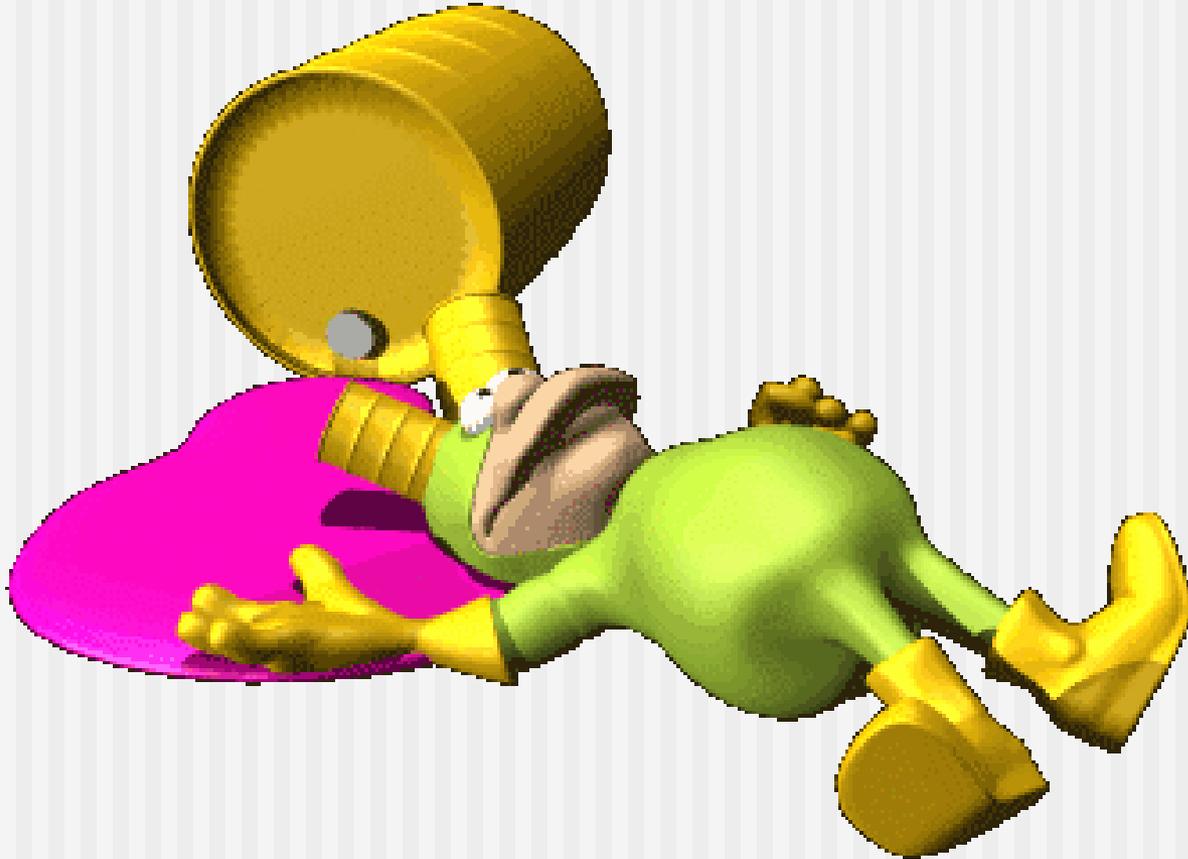
Most calls are either fuel spills or sewer overloads



Emergency Calls



The Emergency Line is for
Requesting Assistance.



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The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's Office of Emergency Preparedness and Response (OEPR) is available 24 hours a day to receive spill reports and provide response assistance.

The primary role of the CDPHE is to facilitate or advise spill response actions from persons experiencing spills to soil, water and air. The CDPHE may also request assistance on behalf of the potential responsible party from the various state and federal partners concerning a spill or release.

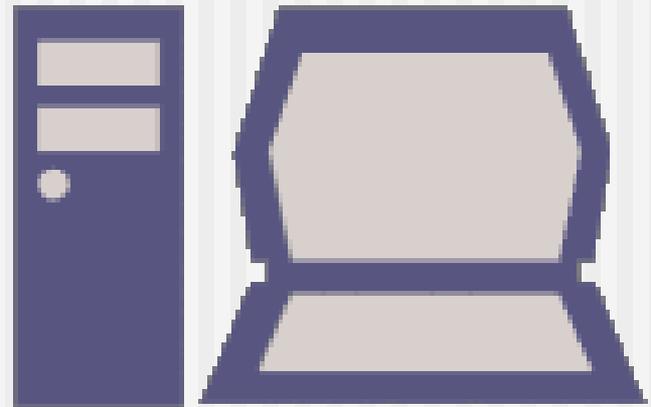
Is this incident on-going?
Or is it under control?



If the Spill Poses an Immediate Threat:

- We ask if the caller has called 911 or other responders.
- If, not, we tell them to hang up and call 911 now. We call them back in a few minutes in order to obtain the pertinent information.
- Fill out the report form quickly. Reporting should not be delayed even if all required information is not available.

Recording Information



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Reporting Thresholds

- **Spills or releases of Petroleum Product**
- **Any releases to waterways (i.e. storm sewer, creeks, river, lakes, etc.)**
- **All Mercury spills**
- **All sanitary sewer releases**
- **Any deliberate releases (i.e. dumping, burying, etc.)**

Colorado Spills Tracking Database

The Colorado Spills Tracking Database is one of the central repositories for all spills and releases that are reported to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.

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- The Release and Incident Reporting Form. This form will allow you take all appropriate information from the caller.
- There are several blocks of information on the form.

The “Incident Information” Section

- Record the incident date and time (including a.m. or p.m.)
- The Location is the street address or other location description, such as highway marker. Record the latitude/longitude, if available.
- Although the city and zip are needed if available – it is *essential* that the COUNTY be recorded

Incident Description

- This section is a narrative of what happened. Please include:
 - Type of incident
 - Fire, explosion, spill, accident, etc.
 - Where incident occurred
 - Fixed facility, highway, pipeline, or other
 - Cause of incident
 - List specific causes, if known

The “Response Actions” Section

- Response Description
 - Write a narrative of what response actions were taken
 - Provide status at time of report and planned actions if available
- Principle Responder (name/agency)
- Additional Responders
- Responder Comments

Who Should Be Notified?



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Agencies we can notify on your behalf

- Internal CDPHE Environmental Health Divisions and Programs
- Local Public Health Agencies
- Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (Oil & Natural Gas Well Sites)
- Division of Oil & Public Safety (Above & Underground Storage Tanks)
- Colorado Parks & Wildlife
- Colorado Department of Agriculture (Pesticide, insecticides, herbicides)
- Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Mgmt/Local OEM
- EPA
- CDC
- US - HHS
- FBI
- Many More

Spill Reported via the Colorado Emergency Response and Incident Reporting Line

Notification received of an incident. An incident report is created for dissemination



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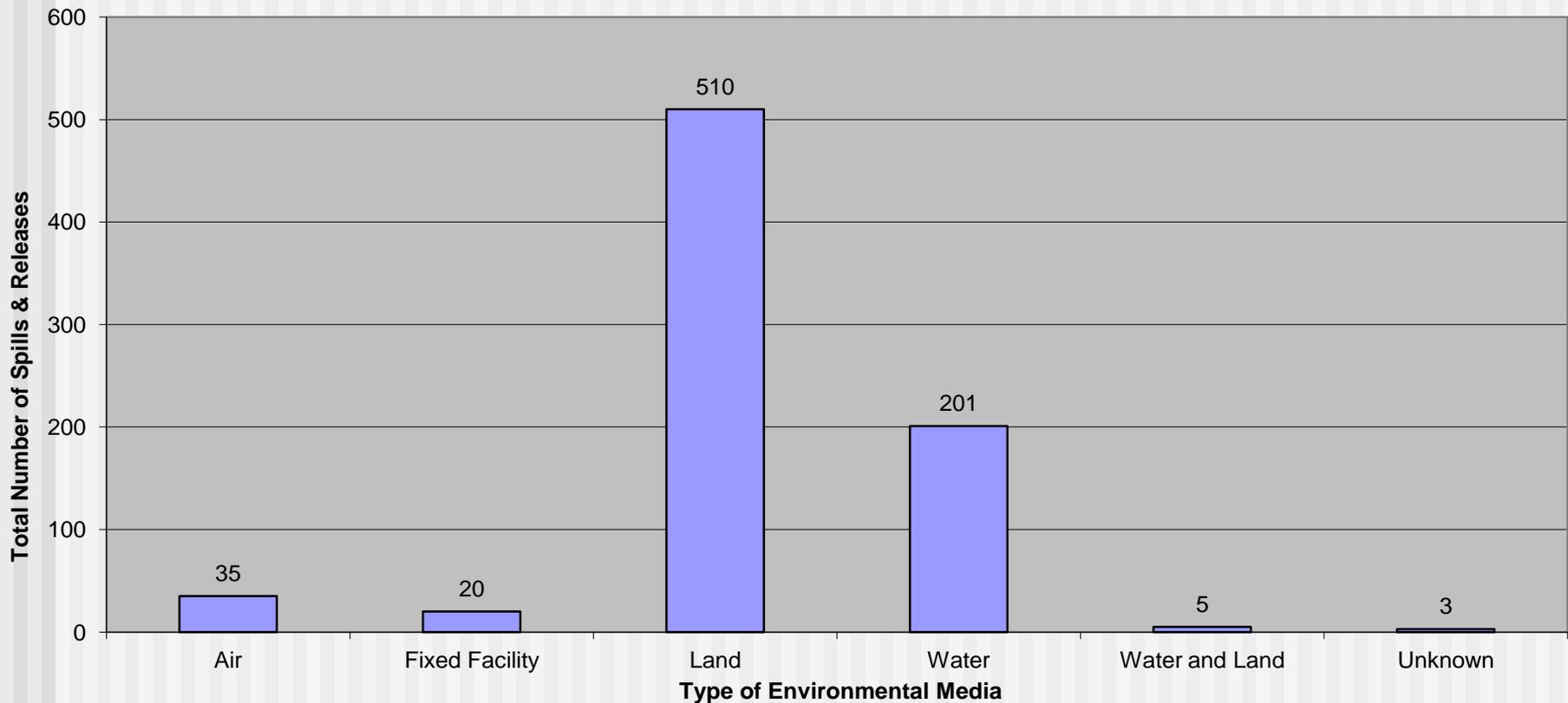
- When a release of a hazardous material or other substance occurs to the environment, there are a number of reporting and notification requirements that must be followed by the entity or individual responsible for the release. Most spills are covered by more than one reporting requirement, and **all requirements must be met. In addition to verbal notification, written reports are generally required.**
- 5 day written reports are required when a spill or release impacts a state waterway (storm sewer, creek, river or reservoir).
- 10 day written report is required concerning releases from oil & gas wells (Spill/Release Form-19).
- 15 day written report is required when a spill or release occurs after a transportation accident or within a facility permitted under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA).

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- The Colorado Emergency and Incident Reporting Line received a total of **1031** telephone inquiries for the period of January 1-December 31, 2014.
- Eight hundred and fifteen (815) of those calls were received during normal business hours and 229 additional phone notifications occurred after normal business hours (nights, weekends and holidays).
- Of those 1031 notifications, **774** required a spill report to be generated, which were then disseminated to the proper CDPHE public and environmental health division(s) and other regulatory agencies for proper handling, guidance and follow up.

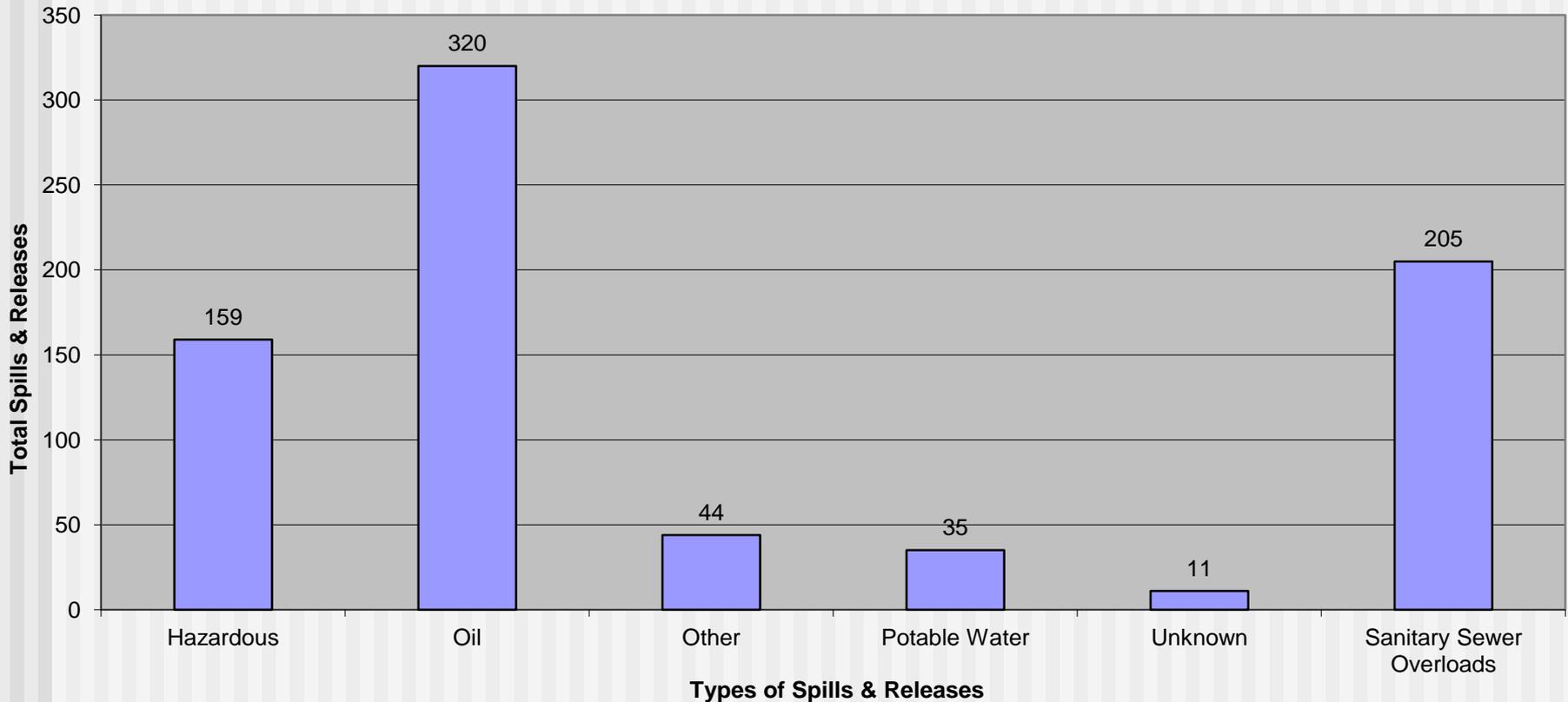
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Total Environmental Media Impacted by Spill or Release 2014



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Total Spills & Releases for 2014



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