

Spill Reporting in New Brunswick

Who to call in order to report a spill

In the event of an environmental emergency, such as an oil spill, federal and provincial authorities need to be notified immediately in order to coordinate an adequate oversight of the response. Since environmental emergencies are often local in nature, the following provincial authorities are the first point of contact.

Emergency Contact Numbers

Environmental emergencies are to be reported to the New Brunswick Department of Environment and Local Government (DELG). DELG has a head office located in Fredericton and is supported by six regional offices throughout the province. During normal operating hours (Monday to Friday), 0815 to 1630 hours, local time/Atlantic, environmental emergencies are to be reported to the department regional office closest to the emergency.

Bathurst Region	(506) 547-2092
Miramichi Region	(506) 778-6032
Moncton Region	(506) 856-2374
Saint John Region	(506) 658-2558
Fredericton Region	(506) 444-5149
Grand Falls Region	(506) 473-7744

If contact cannot be made with a DELG regional office, or if the environmental emergency occurs after-hours, contact the Canadian Coast Guard: **1-800-565-1633***

*Emergency number only, not for complaint/inquiry.

Note: If spilled material is an immediate threat (fire, explosive, etc.) towards public safety, **911** is the first call that should be made.

What is a spill?

A spill is a contaminant released into the environment.

Examples of contaminants include:

- Petroleum (gasoline, fuel oils, crudes, etc.)
- Chemicals (acids, pesticides)
- Gases (nitrous oxide, sulphur dioxide, methane)
- Wastes (industrial, sewage, agricultural)

Who must report a spill?

When a contaminant is discharged into the environment, the person who discharges or has control of the source is required to take adequate action and report it to DELG immediately. If it is a petroleum storage system, anyone who suspects or detects a petroleum product leak must immediately notify the department, as well as notify the person responsible for the system.

For additional information on contaminants and spill reporting, contact the:

New Brunswick Department of Environment and Local Government
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