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Spill Station Wins Again

Spill Station Australia attended Townsville Industry Week trade show in July and it proved to be a great success for more than one reason. Out of 112 exhibitors, Spill Station won the award for best stand of the show.

As well as the excellent feedback Bruce and Vicki received on the stand, it was very encouraging to see the increased awareness in the Townsville business community of their environmental responsibilities. "We received a high level of interest which shows that Townsville Industry is hearing the message from Qld EPA loud and clear," said Sales Managing Director Vicki Hinwood.

Biggest Ever Safety Show

In October, Sydney Olympic Park will host the largest Safety Show ever staged. With over 300 exhibitors, free workshops hosted by WorkCover and product demonstrations on the main stage, you will find something to make your workplace a safer place.

Spill Station Australia will be exhibiting the range of decanting, drum handling and spill containment products as well as demonstrating our range of absorbents on stand C18.

Contact Vicki or Fay on 1300 66 42 66 to make sure you get your invitation and avoid the registration lines on the day.

New Web Site Launched: Spill Station has just launched their new website containing an extended range of spill prevention and response equipment. "We have improved and updated the web site in response to suggestions made by our customers", said Business Development Manager Nathan Cartwright. "Because we are committed to continuous improvement, we are happy to get any feedback that helps to make us a better Australian company."

Blitz on Liquid Waste Transporters

Earlier this year, the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) commenced inspections of liquid waste transporters to ensure they are complying with regulations.

The DEC issued \$14,000 in fines to vehicle owners over two days for offences including not carrying Spill Containment Kits.

As well as the 9 fines totaling over \$14,000 there were 14 letters of warning issued. DEC Director General Lisa Corbyn said, "The DEC issued these warnings and penalties to show that irresponsible practice is not acceptable when carrying liquid waste. Fines for those who flout the law and put the environment at risk can be as high as \$250,000."

Spill Station Australia supply a wide range of Spill Kits and environment protection equipment compact enough to fit in vehicles from cars to semi-trailers.

A complete training package is available free of charge with your Spill Kit to ensure correct usage.

Don't wait for the EPA to issue a fine to you. Visit our website to find out how Spill Station Australia can help your vehicles become compliant.

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Spill Station Helps Avert Environmental Catastrophe

EPA Victoria officers, with assistance from the Mildura Rural City Council, have traced the source of the recent oil spill into the Murray River, which saw booms used to trap the material and prevent it from entering Mildura's potable water supply. The spill was traced to a freight management company in Mildura, where it appears that vandalism at the company's waste oil handling area has caused a spill of waste oil into the stormwater system.

An officer from NSW EPA attended the incident late on Tuesday August 9 following notification from the Mildura Police that a member of the public had observed oil in the Murray River near the Chaffey bridge. The Mildura Rural City Council responded with their mobile spill trailer and booms were used to trap oil discharging from the Ettiawanda Avenue drain.

As reported in the last issue of Control and Containment, Spill Station won the tender to supply the mobile spill trailer and it was supplied only a matter of weeks before the incident.

"Buying a spill kit after a spill is like buying a fire extinguisher after the fire", said Bruce Cartwright, Managing Director of Spill Station Australia. "If more Australian organizations are able to respond to spills as Mildura Rural City Council did, Australia will be a cleaner and healthier place for our children and grandchildren to grow up in."

Spill Station Australia are able to build customised Spill Kits from 10 to 10,000 litres to make sure you play your part in keeping Australia beautiful.

Prevention is Cheaper Than Cure

A Queensland pipeline company was ordered to pay \$496,136 in compensation over Queensland's biggest oil spill at Lytton in March 2003. This is in addition to the \$350,000 in fines and costs already applied.

EPA Regional Director Ron Anderson said, "The agency hopes this case will act as an incentive for others to have careful regard to their environmental obligations. It is always better to take preventative steps to avoid such incidents rather than causing environmental harm, and being faced with the clean-up, court action, penalties and compensation."

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Creek Spill Costs Exceed \$90,000

The NSW Land and Environment Court issued a \$15,000 fine and ordered the Revesby oil company responsible for the spill to pay a further \$11,000 in costs as a result of oil pollution in a stormwater channel leading to the Georges River.

A mixture of oil and water stretched 1.25 kilometres down the stormwater channel. The cleanup operation took three days to complete and cost the Revesby company \$16,000.

Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) Director-General Lisa Corbyn said the DEC required the offending company to overhaul its oil transfer process through a legally binding Pollution Reduction Program. In addition to the fine, court costs and cleanup costs, a further \$50,000 has been spent on the site to prevent a similar incident from occurring.

Spill Station Australia has a wide range of spill prevention and response products for use on land or water. Visit our site at www.spillstation.com.au to find out what cost effective solutions we can provide for you.

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