



# ***control and containment***

***"Superior Environment Protection Since 1983"***

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## **Creek Spill Costs Oil Company \$43,000**

The NSW Land and Environment Court fined a Sydney company \$15,000 for a oily water spill into a stormwater channel. After a valve on the tank holding the mixture opened, the oily water flowed into a stormwater drain causing a slick 1.25km long.

In addition to the fine, the company was ordered to pay costs of \$11,000 and the three-day cleanup operation cost in excess of \$16,000.

Spill Station offer a wide range of stormwater protection and spill control equipment to assist you in complying with your environment protection obligations.

## **Company Fined for Highway Chemical Spill**

A chemical manufacturing company had to pay \$130,000 including \$55,000 in prosecutor's costs after pleading guilty to improperly transporting dangerous goods after a spill of chemicals including cyanide and hydrofluoric acids occurred and closed the Hume Highway for two days.

Mr Joe Woodward from the Department of Environment and Conservation said the \$75,000 fine should act as a warning to other companies not to cut corners when transporting dangerous goods.

Spill Station Australia have a wide range of spill control products to assist transporters in achieving their best environmental outcomes.



Supported by WorkCover (NSW), The Safety Show is NSW's only dedicated Workplace Health and Safety Trade Show. It is held on 24-26 October at Sydney Olympic Park. Come and see the new Spill Station environment protection solutions on stand D18.

Register at [www.thesafetyshow.com.au](http://www.thesafetyshow.com.au)

## **Solve your environment protection puzzle.**

To make purchasing bulk liquids more cost effective, many companies are phasing out 205L drums in favour of IBC (1000L) tanks. This change in the size of container used changes how the liquids are stored. EPA requires bunding to be able to hold 110% of the contents of the largest container should a leak occur.

Spill Station are now launching an exciting new range of spill containment pallets to solve this problem. Included in this new range are units to suit single and double IBC storage requirements. These rotomolded polyethylene units can hold up to 2500kg and have excellent broadband chemical resistance.

The optional decanting wells, IBC funnels and IBC covers provide a complete solution to your IBC storage requirements

As well as the standard spill pallets, other innovative products in this new range include 1-drum spill pallet, pallet rack bunds and hard-top bunded pallets.

In conjunction with spill kits, free of charge training programmes, site spill risk assessments bunding, decanting and stormwater protection equipment, the solution to your environment protection puzzle is only a phone call away.

You will be able to see the range of new products on the Spill Station stand at the Sydney Safety Show. Avoid the lines and go to [www.thesafetyshow.com](http://www.thesafetyshow.com) to register.



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## The WorkCover Code of Practice for the Storage and Handling of Dangerous Goods

The Code states:

### “4.4 Transfer of dangerous goods for use

Where dangerous goods are transferred, for example by pumping, decanting or dispensing to fill other containers or moved from place to place, reduce the risks from spills and other risks by observing the following:

- (b) Provide spill containment with the capacity to hold the contents of the largest container.
- (e) Keep equipment for clean up and any necessary decontamination materials close by.

### 4.8 Spill control and clean-up

Identify and prevent any potential flow of spilt or escaping solid or liquid dangerous goods to other parts of the premises that could create a risk, or go beyond the boundaries of the premises. Possible means include bunding, or the provision of channels and utilising the slope of the land.

Containment should have sufficient capacity to contain any potential spillage – at least the capacity of the largest container kept.

Keep equipment and materials for clean up at the premises to deal with spills or leaks, including absorbent material, neutralising or decontaminating material.  
Any spills or leaks should be cleaned up immediately.”

To assist you in complying with WorkCover requirements, Spill Station Australia has an Australia-wide network spill risk assessors to help you to identify your risks and recommend the best solutions.

#### Useful Links

For a complete list of National Standards and Codes of Practice go to:

<http://www.ascc.gov.au/AboutUs/Publications/NationalStandards>

This site also contains industry specific injury statistics and fact sheets

#### Latex Spill Costs Victorian Company \$52,000

A spill of 177 litres of latex that entered Stoney Creek in Yarraville has cost a Victorian company over \$52,000 after they plead guilty to one charge of causing an environmental hazard.

EPA west metro regional manager Scott Maloney said an investigation by EPA traced the spill, via the stormwater drainage system, to the manufacturing premises in Geelong Rd, West Footscray.

Mr Maloney also said, “The premises also had inadequate spill prevention and a lack of stormwater isolation devices.”

Contact you local Spill Station representative today to ensure you are ready to respond should a spill occur on you site.

See the “Where To Buy” section of the Spill Station Australia website for your nearest stockist

#### Green Dates

##### Walk to Work Day

5th October  
Pedestrian Council of Australia  
[www.walk.com.au](http://www.walk.com.au)  
[walking@walk.com.au](mailto:walking@walk.com.au)

##### National Water Week 2007

21st - 27th October  
Australian Water Association  
(02) 9495 9916  
[www.nationalwaterweek.org.au](http://www.nationalwaterweek.org.au)

##### Ocean Care Day

4th December  
Surfrider Foundation  
[www.surfrider.org.au](http://www.surfrider.org.au)

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