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RE: Updated Contractor Spill Kit Requirements

St. Louis County Contractors,

To avoid water pollution, MS 115.061 requires “every person to notify the agency immediately of the discharge, accidental or otherwise, of any substance or material under its control which, if not recovered, may cause pollution of waters of the state, and the responsible person shall recover as rapidly and as thoroughly as possible such substance or material and take immediately such other action as may be reasonably possible to minimize or abate pollution of waters of the state caused thereby.”

To help ensure contractors are in compliance with state law, the Land and Minerals Department requires contractors to have spill kits to help contain and capture chemical and petroleum spills. We recently updated our spill kit requirements. Our current requirements for working on county managed lands are:

- A spill kit must be on site at all times during operations. Operations include any work involving heavy, non-vehicular equipment.
- Contractors must notify the Minnesota duty officer of a spill over five gallons of petroleum products.
- Operations may be suspended if there is no spill kit on site.

The recommended contents of a spill kit are available on page 73 of the 2014 the Minnesota Forest Management Guideline Quick Reference Field Guide. Contractors are no longer required to have spill clean-up materials in equipment. These changes go into effect today and will apply to all existing and future contracts.

For more information, please contact our Pike Lake or Virginia office.

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