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Introduction

Spillages of fuel, oil, de-icing chemicals, toilet effluent or any other chemicals have the potential to cause pollution of local watercourses and land and can also cause health and safety impacts.

Penalties

If you don't act, and pollution occurs, you could be prosecuted by the Environment Agency. Failure to report a spillage will also lead to an Airside Infringement Notice from MA Airfield Ops.

General Responsibilities

All Managers are responsible for ensuring that:

- Tanks, bowsers and storage facilities for fuel, oil, de-icing chemicals, toilet effluent and any other chemical are fit for purpose and properly maintained (including all pipes and dispensing equipment) (see EGCC-I-AOPS-036 – ASI 036 – Minimum Standards for Bowsers, Tankers, Tanks & Chemical Stores for relevant standards);
- Staff have been given appropriate training in the use of equipment to reduce the risk of spillages; and
- Their staff know and understand what to do if they cause or discover any kind of spillage.

All Airside Personnel, regardless of employer, are responsible for reporting any spillage which they cause or discover without delay, .providing information, and where possible assisting in preventing the spill from entering the water drains.

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Procedure

If you cause or find a spillage of oil, fuel, toilet effluent or any other material you should therefore carry out the following actions:

- If possible, you should take all measures to clean it up and to stop it entering any drain.
- You should report it so that MA can arrange for it to be cleaned up to prevent it entering surface waters.
- Contact the Asset Support Team (AST) on 0161 489 3776.

You should provide as much of the following information as possible:

- Location of the spill
- Material spilt
- An estimate of the amount spilt
- Who or what caused the spill
- Whether it has entered any drains.

MA can assist in cleaning up the spillage and will recharge the company causing it for all costs.

Further information

For more information, please contact the Manchester Airport Environmental Department by emailing environment@manairport.co.uk