

Guidance Document

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1 Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this guidance document is to provide guidance to Stations DLO, Escalators & Pumps on how to contain spillages resulting from their work activities, and wherever possible, identify and eliminate the root cause of the spill, minimising the risk to health, safety and the environment

2 Scope

- 2.1 This guidance document applies to any spillages which are the responsibility of Stations DLO, Escalators & Pumps staff.

3 Description of Activities

3.1 Spillage Containment

- 3.1.1 Spillages shall be contained using the appropriate option from the spillage kit.
- 3.1.2 Waste with a high liquid content shall be removed in airtight drums.
- 3.1.3 Liquid waste may be solidified using granules, absorbent mat or contained using an absorbent sock. After use the granules, mat(s) or sock(s) are treated as solid waste.
- 3.1.4 Solid Waste, shall be placed in a heavy-duty plastic bag, tied and placed in a further heavy plastic bag, tied again and labelled. Solid waste is usually transported in Wheelie Bins.
- 3.1.5 Attention shall be paid to the weight of filled drums and bags, as they may need to be carried by hand in accordance with the Manual Handling Regulations.

NOTE: Waste weighing more than 25 Kg will require a Movement of Materials License if it is to be carried in a lift or on an escalator in a wheelie bin, in accordance with R0422.

- 3.1.6 If the spillage cannot be contained, identify other resources or equipment needed. If required arrange through Maintenance Control Centre (MCC) for a drainage contractor to attend with specialist equipment.

NOTE: Spillages requiring mitigation must be reported using the incident reporting line.

- 3.1.7 Clinical waste, which includes solid surgical dressings, sharps and items which may be infectious, shall be kept separate and sealed in a bio-hazard yellow bag or yellow rigid container, in accordance with G1330.
- 3.1.8 Spillage should not be allowed to enter the drainage system but controlled at source.
- 3.1.9 After an oil or grease spillage, clean the area using a suitable COSHH approved detergent.
- 3.1.10 If the area is contaminated with sewage it must be disinfected using a suitable COSHH approved disinfectant.