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SPILL PREVENTION

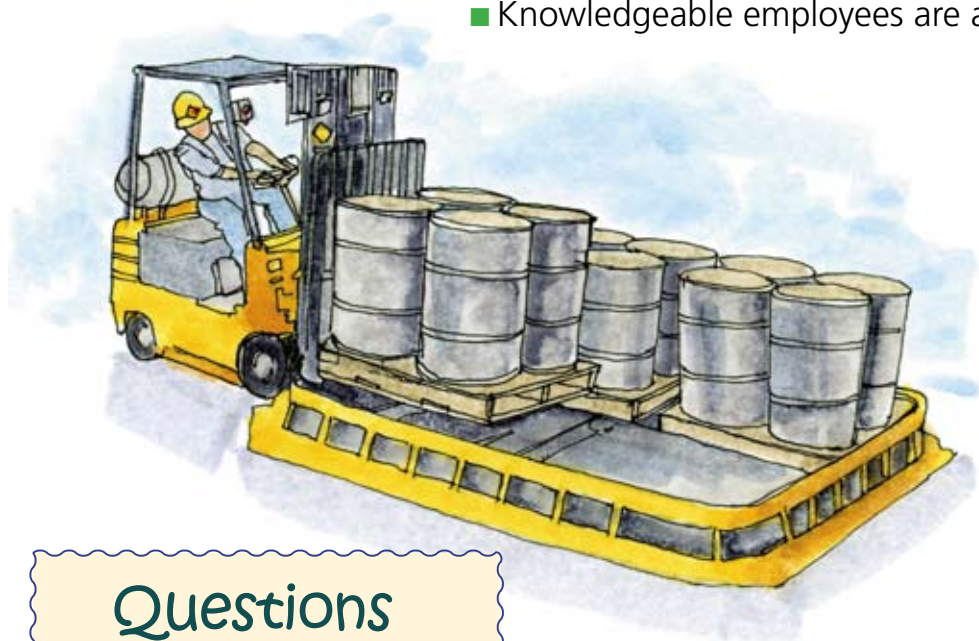
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- Practice good housekeeping. Make sure everything has a place and everything is in its place.
- Minimize the amount of material you have stored on site. Less material stored means there is less available to spill.
- Protect containers from the risk of being punctured by moving equipment.
- Store containers of liquid in an area that provides secondary containment.
- Use double walled tanks for storing large volumes of liquid.
- Know what to do if material is spilled. This will reduce the impacts a spill could have on the environment.
- Store chemicals with care, in containers that are in good repair. Ensure containers are compatible with the chemical it is storing.
- Monitor transfers of materials; inspect hoses, tanks, pumps and containers for damage or malfunctioning.
- Keep an inventory of what you have and where you have it.
- High level alarms and automatic shut-offs are important in preventing spills.
- Practice preventive maintenance. It not only keeps equipment working, it also ensures against accidental release of contaminants.
- Knowledgeable employees are also important in preventing spills.



Questions

What spill prevention measures do you have at your facility?

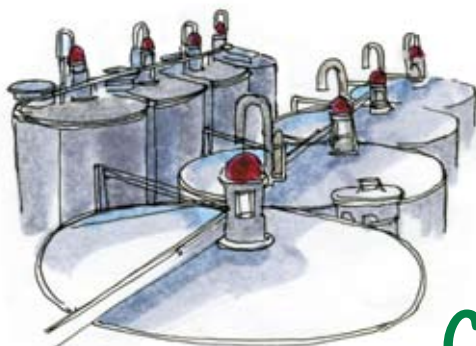
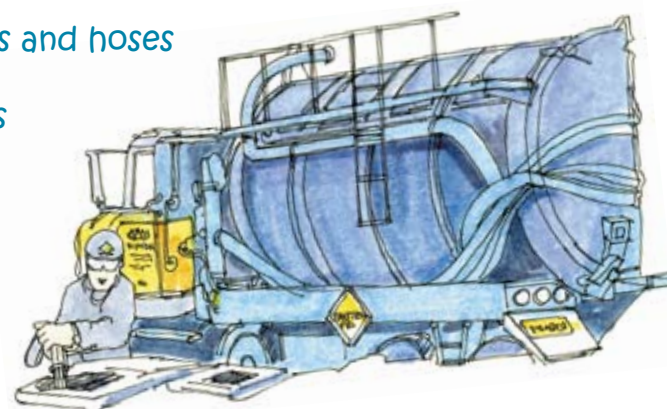
What additional steps could you take at your facility to prevent spills?

What spill prevention training have you had?

What additional spill prevention training would you recommend?

EMPLOYEES SHOULD BE TRAINED TO:

- properly inspect and test equipment, tanks and hoses
- take actions to prevent spills
- follow preventive maintenance procedures
- understand their role in a spill response
- maintain spill response equipment
- practice good housekeeping
- containment
- protected from puncture



If you don't know where you are going, you might wind up someplace else.

Yogi Berra



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