

# Wanda wonders about WHEN to make notifications about environmental incidents.



# Environmental Messenger

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## NOTIFICATIONS

In addition to reporting spills, environmental legislation requires notifications to be made for various other incidents.

TO WHOM, AND WHEN DO NOTIFICATIONS GET MADE?

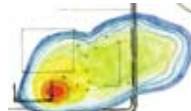


Did you know that you have to **notify the Ontario Ministry of the Environment** when:

- there is a discharge of a contaminant into the natural environment that may cause an adverse effect, or is in excess of regulations
- there is a failure of equipment to operate in the normal manner that causes or may cause a discharge into the natural environment
- monitoring or modeling shows air emissions from an operation exceed regulatory levels
- a discharge of material into, in or near any water that may impair the quality of the water



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If a material is discharged to water frequented by fish, you also have to **notify the Canadian Department of Fisheries and Oceans**.

If the material discharged is toxic as defined under the Canadian Environmental Protection Act (CEPA), you have to **notify Environment Canada**.

If you operate a hot mix asphalt plant, you also have to **notify the Ministry of the Environment** if you emit:

- Visible solid material that passes beyond the limits of the property
- Visible material including a water plume and fallout of water droplets that impinges on points beyond the limits of the property.



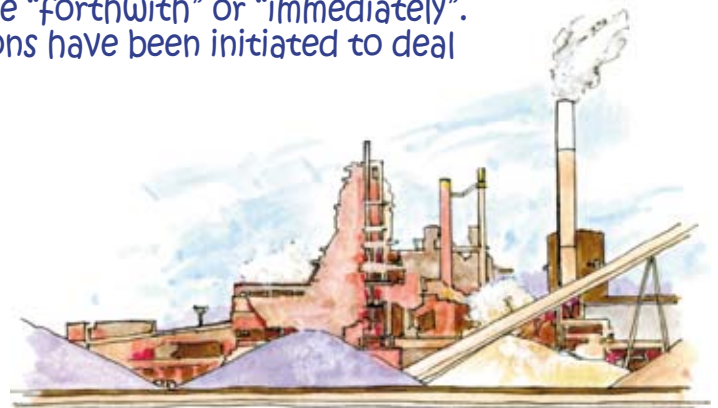
CANADIAN DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES AND OCEANS

You may **notify the Ontario Ministry of the Environment** by calling their **Spills Action Centre** number at 800-268-6060

Most legislation requires notifications to be made "forthwith" or "immediately". Of course first you want to make sure that actions have been initiated to deal with the incident.



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## Questions

What types of notifications has your operation had to make?

What types of notifications could have to be made by your operations?

Who is the first person you are to notify about an incident?

Who generally would notify the Ministry of the Environment at your facility?

When notifying let the agency know:

- who you are
- location of the incident
- type of incident
- material involved
- action being taken to address the incident
- Call back number

Record the name of the person that you spoke with when making your notification.

Remember to complete the company's Environmental Incident Report Form.

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Mahatma Gandhi



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