

Why Is This Required?

Why do we have to stop and contain used oil releases, remove and properly manage the contaminated soils and take measures to prevent future releases?

Requirement: The Wyoming Hazardous Waste Rules & Regulations (HWRR), Chapter 12, Section 11, Used Oil Management Standards, requires that all used oil releases be stopped/contained, the contaminated materials be properly removed and disposed, and measures be taken to repair or replace the container to prevent future releases.

What's the problem? The photo below depicts a used oil release that may have been caused by either a hole in the container(s) or by sloppy management practices, i.e., spilling while pouring oil into the container, etc. Used oil can be classified as a hazardous waste due to the high concentrations of trace metals and some organic compounds present. Spills of used oil onto the ground can migrate on the surface and penetrate the ground, thereby contaminating rivers/creeks, etc., and local groundwater resources including local drinking water supply wells.



