

Metadata: Environmental Occurrences and Spills

Title	Environmental Occurrences & Spills 2003-2020
Abstract	<p>This dataset consists of information from reports received by the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change Spills Action Centre (SAC). They are generated and completed by SAC following the initial report of a spill.</p> <p>The data includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the date the spill was reported to the ministry• the reference number assigned to the spill• the municipality in which the spill occurred• what was impacted (e.g. land, water, air, or combination)• the substance being discharged (e.g. sediment, diesel fuel, etc.)• whether the environmental impact is confirmed, possible, or not anticipated prior to November 2014• whether the health/environmental consequence is between zero (no impact) and six (medium health/major environmental impact) post November 2014• the source and sector of the spill and,• the incident event and reason for the spill <p>The data reflects the information as reflected in the final report, following conclusion of the incident.</p> <p>For more information on the Spills Action Centre, visit https://www.ontario.ca/page/report-spill</p>
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Geographical Bounds	Ontario

<p>Supplemental information</p>	<p>Spill: when used with reference to a pollutant, means a discharge, (a) into the natural environment, (b) from or out of a structure, vehicle or other container, and (c) that is abnormal in quality or quantity in light of all the circumstances of the discharge, and when used as a verb has a corresponding meaning; (“déversement”, “déverser”)</p> <p>Pollutant: means a contaminant other than heat, sound, vibration or radiation, and includes any substance from which a pollutant is derived; (“polluant”)</p> <p>Date Reported: the date the incident was reported to the Ministry</p> <p>Contaminant Name: the name of the substance being discharged into the environment.</p> <p>Receiving Media: The medium to which the pollution impacts: i.e. land, air, water.</p> <p>Environmental Impact: -Environmental Impact Not Anticipated (e.g. small spill to concrete) -Environmental Impact Possible but Not Confirmed (e.g. spill to catch basin) -Environmental Impact Confirmed (e.g. confirmed by the ministry or another agency)</p> <p>Health/Environmental Consequence: -0 - No impact (i.e. no adverse impacts) -1 - Administrative (i.e. the incident may be reportable under various pieces of legislation or regulation but does not pose a threat or have adverse effects) -2 - Minor Environment (i.e. incident may have adverse impacts to environment that are non-threatening, e.g. a minor spill, with no sensitive or health receptors) -3 - Minor Health (i.e. incident may have adverse impacts to environment and human health, e.g. a bypass impacting a water treatment plant) -4 - Medium Environment (i.e. incident has adverse impacts to the environment and local ecosystem, e.g. a watershed spill impacting sensitive receptors) -5 - Major Environment (i.e. incident has widespread adverse impacts to various ecological and environmental receptors, e.g. train derailment impacting a watershed) -6 - Medium Health / Major Health (i.e. incident poses human health risk and poses adverse impacts to water quality, e.g. spill impacting water supply)</p> <p>Source/Sector: “Other” includes all other sources not more specifically identified.</p>
<p>Date stamp</p>	<p>2021-05-27</p>