

Hazardous Material Spills Response

Waste Management Division,

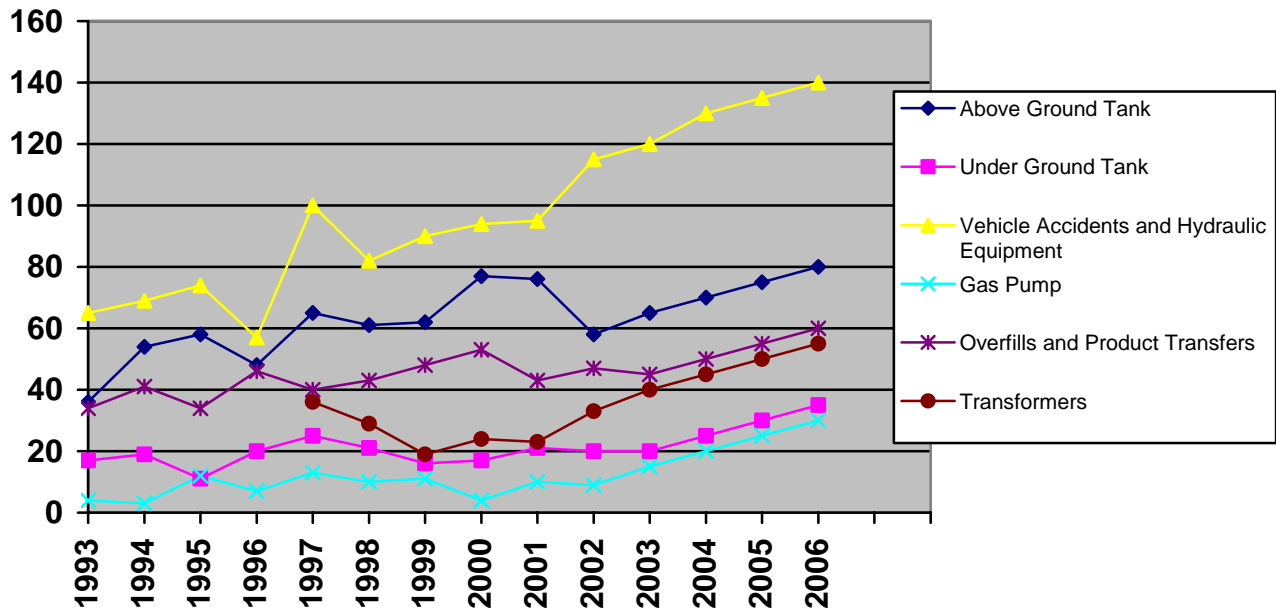
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Results

Cleanup of petroleum and other hazardous materials spills and releases as quickly as possible to minimize the impact and threat to human health and the environment.

Key Indicators:

Types of Hazardous Materials Spills, By Year



90 % of spills are closed (no further cleanup activity needed) or transferred to appropriate program within 30 days of report. 10% of spills are closed or transferred to appropriate program within 180 days of report.

Story Behind Baseline Performance

Spills and releases of hazardous materials are required by statute and regulation to be reported to the DEC and cleaned up to State standards. The majority of spills reported in VT are petroleum (from storage tanks or transportation accidents). Spills needing long-term management are transferred to the Sites Management Section. Recent trend in number of spills reported is upward as awareness of reporting requirements is increasing, and as state programs to assist home owners have been developed; however, releases from above-ground systems and vehicle accidents are weather dependent, increasing during years of heavy snow.

Strategies/ Performance Measures / Proposed Accomplishments



Regulation, Compliance Assistance, and Enforcement - Issuance of NOAVs for late reporting (10 VSA § 6617). Referral of serious cases to the Enforcement Division for further action.



Performance Measure		1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Number of Heating Oil Tank Releases	P								86	84	75	70
	A			74	76	91	93	75	84			
Number of Press Releases Issued	P						2	2	2	2	2	2
	A			0	0	0	2	2				
Number of Organizations Contacted for Outreach	P								3	4	4	5
	A			1	1	1	1	1	2			
Number of NOAVs	P									10	12	15
	A			3	3	6	6	8	8			

Grants and Loans – N/A

Education and Technical Assistance – Articles and press releases encouraging home owners to perform maintenance and Make improvements to their heating oil storage tank system that will prevent releases. Work with VT Fuel Oil Dealers organization to educate Fuel Dealers on regulatory and cleanup requirements.

Monitoring, Assessment, and Direct Services – N/A

Proposed Accomplishments

2004, 2005, 2006 – Target education towards Fuel Oil delivery companies, cities and towns, and mobile home parks to reduce the number of releases from home heating oil tanks