

ABSORBENTS (USED FOR POL)

Pads, Towels, Booms, Rags

POSSIBLE AREAS OF CONCERN

Absorbent material saturated with POL or other materials may be flammable and/or toxic.

CHARACTERIZATION

Absorbent materials contaminated with POL are considered non-hazardous waste. Any materials other than POL, MAY BE considered Hazardous Waste. (See Hazardous Substances A-44).

HANDLING PROCEDURES

- Step 1** Ensure all absorbent materials are separated by color (Yellow, White, Gray absorbent pads, see protocol page A-73 for absorbent color explanation)
- Step 2** Double-bag used absorbent materials.
- Step 3** Label bag with the words “Used absorbents soaked with ___” before adding the material.
- Step 4** Put material in the bags. Wear proper PPE listed on the MSDS/SDS. Ensure bag is closed.
- Step 5** Place bag in hazardous material return locker if less than 5 pounds.



Please note: Absorbent bag is labeled

NOTE: If greater than 5 pounds unit must take it to PPOC.

NOTE: If absorbent pads/paper towels/rags are contaminated with POL and are **NOT DRIPPING with oil**, they may be disposed of in dumpster. Otherwise label and place items in the return locker for removal by the hazmat driver. **All grease contaminated materials must be bagged for disposal.**



Spill Kit Contents

NOTE: **DO NOT** mix trash, plastic or filters with Absorbent materials.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Keep absorbents contaminated with hazardous waste separate from POL-saturated absorbents. Call **PPOC HazWaste Pick Up** if you clean up anything other than POL. They will provide guidance for proper disposal.