#### ENVIRONMENTAL GUIDANCE HANDBOOK

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# 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

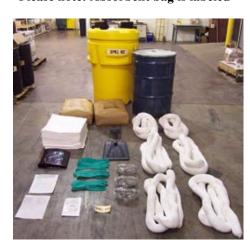
- Step 1 Ensure all absorbent materials are separated by color (Yellow, White, Gray absorbent pads, see protocol page A-78 for absorbent color explanation)
- **Step 2** Double-bag used absorbent materials.
- **Step 3** Label bag with the words "Used absorbents soaked with" before adding the material.
- **Step 4** Put material in the bags. Wear proper PPE listed on the Safety Data Sheet. Ensure bag is closed.
- **Step 5** Place bag in hazardous material return locker if less than 25 pounds.

**NOTE**: If greater than 25 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.



Please note: Absorbent bag is labeled



**Spill Kit Contents** 

**NOTE**: **<u>DO NOT</u>** mix trash, plastic or filters with Absorbent materials.

# **GENERAL INFORMATION**

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