

U.S. Army Garrison Hawaii – Environmental Compliance Guide

DRY SWEEP with Petroleum, Oil, or Lubricants (POL)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Dry Sweep and other loose absorbent materials are commonly used to absorb spills and leaks of POL in operational areas. Dry sweep must be purchased by the unit and is available at GSA and other local vendors.

POTENTIAL HAZARDS

Dry sweep that is used to absorb combustible materials must be stored in closed metal containers to prevent it from becoming a fire hazard. Always use gloves when applying dry sweep and handling used dry sweep and ensure that it is applied in a well ventilated area.

WASTE CHARACTERIZATION

Dry sweep that is used to absorb POL products should be reused as much as possible. The used dry sweep with POL is a NON-REGULATED WASTE for disposal.

HANDLING AND DISPOSAL PROCEDURES

Step 1: Dry sweep should be available in operational areas and spill kits to clean up POL spills and leaks.

Step 2: Apply dry sweep to the spill area. The area should be well ventilated and gloves should be worn by the person applying the dry sweep.

Step 3: Used dry sweep should be reused as much as possible. Store the used dry sweep in small (no more than 15 gallon) closable metal containers marked “USED DRY SWEEP WITH POL”.

Step 4: Once the dry sweep has been used to its fullest extent, transfer the used dry sweep to a 55-gallon drum in the RMSSP marked “USED DRY SWEEP WITH POL” with a NON-REGULATED WASTE label. The drum must have a cover secured with a ring and bolt.

Step 5: When the drum in the RMSSP is nearing capacity, contact the *Waste Pickup Request Line (808)656-0867* for disposal.

