

# ENVIRONMENT



# ALERT

**TITLE:** Hydrocarbon spills

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## Background

A recent environment incident occurred on an FPC managed plantation located within a drinking water catchment. Mechanics servicing a machine did not clean up a small hydrocarbon spill and oil contaminated rags.

## Key Points

- Plantations within Drinking Water Source Areas have additional restrictions given their environmental sensitivity. This incident was reported to the Department of Environment and Water Regulation (DWER).
- Contractors must ensure they have access to Safety Data Sheets (SDS) and adequate spill containing material and equipment: including a shovel, absorbent material, and sealable container for small volumes of contaminated soil.
- Contractors are reminded that oil spills must be contained and the contaminated soil collected for disposal. All rubbish must be removed from operation sites.
- Contaminated soil must be collected and disposed of at a waste oil collection point or an approved facility. Please retain dockets from facilities as evidence.
- Report all spills to FPC Officers and complete an FPC1089 Incident/Hazard Report
- Contractors should have access to a copy of FPC **Contractor Procedure E3 – Environmental Compliance**.