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An Act To Revise the Reporting Requirements for Oil Spills

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §550, sub-§1, as repealed and replaced by PL 1991, c. 66, Pt. A, §18, is amended to read:

1. Report and remove. Reports within 2 hours and promptly removes the discharge in accordance with the rules and orders of the board or commissioner. Discharges of less than 5 gallons that occur on land and do not affect any well or drinking water source do not need to be reported; and

SUMMARY

Current law requires the discharge of oil into any coastal waters or beaches or any other waters of the State to be reported to the Department of Environmental Protection within 2 hours of the discharge.

This bill exempts from that reporting requirement discharges of less than 5 gallons that occur on land and do not affect any well or drinking water source; the person causing or responsible for the discharge is still required to remove the discharge and reimburse the department for any costs related to the discharge.