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Vehicle and Equipment Re-fueling Safe Practices and Pollution Prevention Protocols

Overfills, spills, and leaks that occur during vehicle and equipment re-fueling at the University gasoline and diesel fuel pumps located on the west side of the Lincoln Building can contribute petroleum hydrocarbons and other contaminants to storm water runoff to sewers and surface water. In addition to this environmental regulatory concern and others, release of these fuels to the environment may also result in potential fire, physical (slips), and chemical/toxic hazards. Furthermore, such releases are also potentially deleterious to personal and University property (e.g., shoes/clothing, vehicles, and pavement). https://doi.org/10.1016/

Conclusion

Due to potential serious safety and legal and environmental liability issues, failure to observe the fuel dispensing safe practices outlined above will lead to University disciplinary actions and/or legal actions (brought by the University, City of Akron, and/or State of Ohio). However, through the diligent and consistent adherence to the safe practices and pollution prevention protocols described above, the risks of threats to human health and the environment can be limited. If there are any questions or further information is required, please do not hesitate to contact EOHS at x-6866.

Fuel Spill Contact Numbers

- **Ø** University Emergency Dispatch/UAPD: x-7123 or 911 (24/7).
- **Ø** EOHS: x-6866 (Monday Friday, 8:00 5:00).
- **Ø** Grounds: x-7415 (non-emergency cleanup/maintenance activities only).
- **Ø** Purchasing: x-6272 (non-emergency cleanup/maintenance activities only).