

ADDITIONAL SERVICES

The EER Section:

- Provides 24-hour staffing during activation of the State Emergency Operations Center to coordinate the department's response to a declared disaster.
- Conducts field investigations at Superfund sites, leaking underground storage tanks and at facilities regulated by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act.
- Interacts with Missouri citizens and school children, providing information and educational opportunities.

An SOSC participates in an Earth Day event at the Missouri Capitol.



- Supports meth lab cleanup through the Clandestine Drug Lab Collection Station Program.
- Provides Missouri citizens with technical assistance for disposal options of household hazardous waste.
- Coordinates with local, state and federal officials to plan events, meetings and exercises and respond to releases, disasters and other incidents.



The EER Section collects groundwater in Scott County at a depth of 160 feet, using a hydraulic soil probe.



To report the release of a hazardous substance, contact the department's
24-Hour Environmental
Emergency Response Spill Line
573-634-2436

Environmental Services Program
P.O. Box 176
Jefferson City, MO
65102-0176
Non-Emergency Number
573-526-3348
dnr.mo.gov/env/esp/esp-eer.htm



ENVIRONMENTAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE



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24-HOUR EER SPILL LINE

STATE ON-SCENE COORDINATORS

The Environmental Emergency Response (EER) Section is the department's front line of defense against significant releases of hazardous substances; natural and man-made disasters; and threats to homeland security.



The EER Section provides cleanup oversight at a facility fire in New Madrid County where propane tanks and an above-ground storage tank containing petroleum were compromised.

This section fulfills the department's responsibilities outlined in RSMo, Chapter 260, Sections 500-550, also known as the Spill Bill.

Right: The EER Section assists local officials with identification and management of abandoned containers in Platte County.



Left: An SOSC collects water samples in response to a release of an unknown corrosive material in Flat Creek in Franklin County.



An SOSC places petroleum-absorbent boom to contain a petroleum release at Pomme de Terre Lake in Hickory County.

Under the Spill Bill, responsible parties are required to report releases of hazardous substances to the department's 24-Hour EER Spill Line. The EER Section annually receives more than 1,500 incident reports.

Duty Officers:

- Provide technical assistance regarding cleanup and chemical properties.
- Notify and coordinate efforts with local, state and federal agencies.
- Dispatch a State On-Scene Coordinator (SOSC) if an on-site response is necessary.

SOSCs respond to emergencies, including:

- Releases from bulk storage facilities and above-ground and underground storage tanks.
- Releases due to transportation-related accidents involving pipelines, airplanes, railroads, marine vessels and roadway vehicles.
- Intentional and accidental actions, such as fire, threats and acts of terrorism and improper disposal of hazardous substances.
- Natural disasters, such as flooding, ice storms, earthquakes and tornadoes.

SOSCs are certified hazardous material technicians, and they are stationed at six locations across the state to respond to environmental emergencies.



SOSCs protect public safety and the environment. Within that, they:

- Coordinate response, remediation and monitoring with on-scene personnel, including firefighters, law enforcement officers, contractors, property owners and local, state and federal officials.
- Provide oversight of the responsible party and its representatives during the remediation process to ensure that proper cleanup is completed.
- Secure and oversee state hazardous material contractors to end an environmental emergency if the responsible party is not known, is unable or is unwilling to take the actions required to protect public health and the environment.



The EER Section assists federal agencies with the collection and proper management of household hazardous waste during natural disasters.