

ITASCA COUNTY LAND DEPARTMENT

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Dear Permit Holders & Contractors,

Itasca County requires all contractors working on county managed lands to have spill kit on site. Minnesota Statue 115.061 requires that a discharge of any substance or material be recovered as quickly as possible to avoid pollution of the waters of the state. This requirement requires notifying Minnesota Duty Officer of any spill over 5 gallons and to have the appropriate equipment on-site to immediately contain and control petroleum spills and is required as part of Itasca County Timber Contracts.

To ensure contractors are complying with county requirements, these actions will be followed:

- At pre-sale and during timber permit operations, the timber sale administrator will visually verify spill kit is on-site. Operations include road and trail establishment and maintenance, timber processing and hauling wood off the permit.
- If no spill kit is on-site operator has 24 hours to acquire one or operations will cease, and written notification of no spill kit will be sent to permit holder. The timber sale administrator will visually verify the spill kit is on site within 7 days at the next site visit.
- Timber permit operations may resume once a spill kit is on-site.
- Repeated spill kit violations may limit a permit holders' ability to purchase future county stumpage.

What is a spill kit? The goal is to have materials on hand that will minimize and contain a petroleum spill. Absorbent materials, trash bags, shovel and repair putty to mitigate a leak are a minimum for a spill kit. More information about spill kits and recommend contents are available in the Forest Management Guidelines Quick Reference Field Guide. It includes:

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| ▪ Emergency numbers i.e. State Duty Officer 1800-422-0789 | ▪ Loose absorbent |
| ▪ Absorbent pads, snakes & booms | ▪ Plastic gloves |
| ▪ Trash bags | ▪ Plugs |
| | ▪ Puncture repair putty |

Any questions or additional information you can contact this office at the number listed above.

Thank you for your Cooperation,

Kory Cease
Land Commissioner

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