

U. S. ARMY

FT. STEWART/HUNTER ARMY AIRFIELD (FS/HAAF)

USER'S SPILL RESPONSE GUIDE

INTRODUCTION. FS/HAAF lies within the Georgia coastal watershed. Fully one third of the acreage of Ft Stewart is comprised of designated wetlands under the protection of the federal government or the state of Georgia. These wetlands and the whole coastal watershed constitute a very sensitive ecosystem, home to a huge range of species, some of which are protected, most of which are sensitive to pollution. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) defines an environmental incident as:

“The release or the threat of release of a substance that poses an imminent and substantial danger to the public’s health, welfare, or the environment.”

Every release, or spill, of a hazardous material (HM), a hazardous waste (HW) or potential pollutant is an environmental incident, and is especially critical here in the coastal watershed.

A spill here at FS/HAAF will typically involve a petroleum product such as fuels or lubricants, antifreeze, acid or other hazardous substances. Every spill, whether it is one in which you played a role (a “caused” spill) or one which you discover in a common area or on a public road/trail (a “discovered” spill) requires a response. This response must begin within 30 minutes (NO EXCEPTIONS) of cause or discovery; and should occur in the following general sequence:

SPILL RESPONSE SEQUENCE:

For DISCOVERED SPILLS

1. Report the spill to the FS/HAAF Dispatch Center by calling 911 if using a “hard wired” phone or 767-2822 if using a cell phone.
2. Remain on the spill site or rendezvous as instructed by the Dispatch Center to guide first responders to the site.

If you are not asked to guide first responders to the site of a discovered spill your responsibilities for response are fulfilled when you have completed your report call. If you are asked to guide first responders to the site, your responsibilities are fulfilled when you have rendezvoused with the first responders and answered any questions they may have about your discovery.