

# IND/COM & IDDE INSPECTOR TRAINING WORKSHOP

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Case Study-IDDE & IND Response/Cleanup

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# Cal OES Control #:24-2357

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Received via email on Monday 4/22/2024 @ 12:29pm

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Date of Incident 4/22/2024 @ 11:37 pm

- Per reporting party, a human error at a metal manufacturing shop resulted in the release of approximately 25 gallons of a mixture of Monoethanolamine and cutting fluid. This caused the fluid to flow onto the street and into a storm drain. Cleanup booms and dirt were put in place to stop and contain the release. However, some of the mixture did enter the storm drain.

# Request from the Waterboard

## 4/22/2024 @ 3:03 pm

Hi Sheila,

See the below spill report. Complainant is [REDACTED], his phone number is [REDACTED] Location is [REDACTED], time of incident was 12:54pm today (4/22/24). Some fluid from a metal shop discharged to a storm drain.

Please investigate this spill report and send me an email detailing the results of your investigation, including how much of the fluid entered the MS4, how much of what entered the MS4 was contained therein vs reached a downstream receiving water, BMPs that will be implemented/updated to prevent similar spills from occurring in the future, and any enforcement actions, by Monday, May 6, 2024.

Thanks,  
Zach



# Facility Inspection Conducted on 4/23/2024



- Used machine cutting identified as material being hosed into catch basin



## Other Violations Identified During Facility Inspection - cleanup of facility and storm drain system scheduled for the next day

- Metal shavings on the ground throughout the facility both indoors and outside





# Follow Up Inspection Next Day



# Follow Up Inspection of Storm Drain System on 4/24/2024

- Business discharging used cutting-Machine shop across the street



- Inside Catch Basin



# Storm Drain System Assessment 4/24/2024

- Vactor Truck on site hired by the business owner



- Discharged material identified in the city's main line



# Storm Drain System Assessment 4/24/2024

- Discharge continuing in city's main line.
- Outfall identified-no evidence of discharge from outfall into Los Gatos Creek



# Cleanup of Storm Drain System Conducted on 4/24/2024

- Flushing the system



# Closing

- Storm drain system cleaned
- Facility cleaned of metal shavings and violations abated
- New SOPs identified to avoid future spills and discharges
- Report to Waterboard completed and sent
- Administrative Citation issued for “Discharge into Storm Drain Prohibited”

# Los Gatos Creek December 2023



## QUESTIONS

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