Minor Oil Spill
(≤1 gallon)
Clean Up Procedures

1. **Notify co-workers** of the spill and **restrict access** to the affected area during clean up.
2. Use the **yellow bag spill kit** (“Oil Only” checked on bag) and/or **Oil Dri Quick Sorb** in the white plastic container for petroleum and vegetable based oil spills.
3. **If greater than one gallon spilled:**
   a. **Contact University Police at 911** (cell phone: 631-632-3333) and provide information on the spill including specific location, chemical, quantity, and if anyone is injured.
   b. **If possible, contain spill with socs (booms) and oil absorbent pads from the spill kit and then evacuate area.**
4. **If less than one gallon spilled:**
   a. **Trained staff** can retrieve the Oil-Dri and yellow bag spill kit which includes absorbent pads and socs, personal protective equipment, disposal bag, dustpan and brush, scraper and orange waste label.
   b. **Wear personal protective equipment** from the spill kit: goggles and nitrile gloves, and an apron if there is a body splash potential.
   c. Use socs to contain spill and cover the spill with absorbent pads. Wipe up spill with pads.
   d. If there is more oil than can be handled by the socs/pads, use Oil-Dri. Lightly cover spill with Oil-Dri granules and let sit for about 3 minutes. Work in with the scraper or brush (or broom) until floor is nearly dry. If necessary, add more Oil-Dri until all of the oil has been absorbed. Use dustpan and brush to sweep up the oil absorbed granules.
   e. **Petroleum oil based spill cleanup:** place any used socs, pads and Oil-Dri granules in the supplied disposal bag. Remove gloves and place in disposal bag. Seal bag, note “Oily Debris” on orange waste label and place on bag. **Call EH&S at 4-6783 for waste pick up.**
   f. **Vegetable oil based spill cleanup:** place any used socs, pads and Oil-Dri granules in a plastic trash bag. Remove gloves and place in bag. Seal bag and dispose in regular trash.
5. **If you need a new spill kit or any contents, contact EH&S at 4-6783.**

**For a major spill or if you need assistance:**

**In University Hospital:** Call University Police, 911

**In Hospital Off Site Facilities:** Call 911