

What Is A Hazardous Waste Release?



California Code Of Regulations, Article 2, Section 66260.10. Definitions. “Release” means

- ✓ Any spilling, leaking, pumping, pouring, emitting, emptying, discharging, injecting, escaping, leaching, dumping, or disposing into the environment.

Is the released product a hazardous waste? If there is a release of a hazardous product from its holding vessel, and the product goes into a basin that was designed for that purpose and none of the hazardous product got onto the soil. If the product can be put back into the holding vessel, used for its intended purpose, or for a different purpose, and not disposed of as a waste. Then it is still hazardous, but not a waste.



It definition does not mean:

- ✓ Any release which results in exposure to persons solely within a workplace, with respect to a claim against their employer
- ✓ Emissions from engine exhaust or pipeline pumping station engines.
- ✓ Release of source, byproduct, or special nuclear material from a nuclear incident.