



Help Protect Public Health and the Environment

Los Angeles County Department of Public Health
 Environmental Health Division
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SEWAGE SPILL CALL REPORTING PROTOCOLS

	California Office of Emergency Services (OES) 24-Hour Reporting (800) 852-7550	Los Angeles County Public Health Daytime: (626) 430-5420 Weekend/After Hours: (213) 974-1234	Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board Daytime: (213) 576-6657 Weekend/After Hours: (213) 305-2284
Reporting Criteria	Discharge of sewage in a quantity greater than 1000 gallons, into, or which likely make its way into, any state waters.	Discharge of sewage, regardless of the quantity, into, or which will likely make its way, into state water.	Discharges that enter state waters and discharges that occur where public contact is likely, regardless of size.
Notification Requirement	Immediately ⁽¹⁾	15 Minutes ⁽²⁾	2 Hours ⁽³⁾
Regulation	California Water Code, Section 13271	California Health & Safety Code, Section 5411.5	Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR) for Sanitary Sewer Systems and NPDES permits applicable

(1) California Water Code section 13271 requires immediate notification to OES as soon as (A) that person has knowledge of the discharge, (B) notification is possible, and (C) notification can be provided without substantially impeding clean-up or other emergency measures.

(2) Public Health interprets California Health & Safety Code reporting requirement (i.e., "immediately") to mean that the notification must be made within 15 minutes after the discharge or knowledge of the discharge.

(3) This timeframe only applies only to Los Angeles County Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW) NPDES permittees.