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§ 873.7. Discharge of Oil; Administrative Civil Liability; Government Code Section 8670.67.5.

In addition to any penalty assessed pursuant to Section 873.5 of this subchapter:

(a) Without regard to intent or negligence, any person who causes or permits oil to be spilled or discharged shall be strictly liable for a civil penalty assessed for up to ten dollars (\$10.00) per gallon for every gallon of spilled or discharged oil.

(b) Whenever the spill or discharge results from gross negligence or reckless misconduct, the Administrator shall assess a civil penalty at thirty dollars (\$30.00) per gallon of spilled or discharged oil.

(c) Any civil penalty assessed pursuant to either subsection (a) or (b) shall be reduced for every gallon of spilled oil that is:

(1) recovered; and

(2) properly reprocessed, reused, and/or disposed of in accordance with applicable laws.

(d) The Administrator shall take into consideration the nature, circumstances, extent and gravity of the spill, including the spiller's efforts to prevent, abate or clean up a discharge, when determining the appropriate penalty amounts.

(e) The determination of the amount of oil recovered shall be conducted pursuant to the provisions of Title 14 California Code of Regulations, Sections 877, et seq.

Authority cited: Sections 8670.7 and 8670.67.5, Government Code. Reference: Section 8670.67.5, Government Code.