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CDFW Office of Spill Prevention and Response Seeks Public Comment on Financial Responsibility and Planning Spill Volume Calculations

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Sacramento, Calif. - The California Department of Fish and Wildlife's Office of Spill Prevention and Response (CDFW-OSPR) is seeking public comment on its current financial responsibility requirements and reasonable worst-case spill (RWCS) volume criteria for regulated facilities.

This review is being conducted in accordance with Senate Bill 237 (SB 237), which amended the Lempert-Keene-Seastrand Oil Spill Prevention Act in 2025.

OSPR is asking the public to provide input on the adequacy of the RWCS planning volume calculations and required financial coverage. These rules determine:

- How OSPR calculates the reasonable worst-case spill planning volumes for different types of facilities.
- How much money facility owners and operators must demonstrate that they have available to cover cleanup and damage costs if a spill happens.

Public feedback will help OSPR decide whether any updates or changes are needed.

The 45-day public comment period opens July 27, 2026, and closes September 10, 2026. OSPR respectfully requests that all comments be submitted no later than September 10, 2026.

Written comments may be submitted by email to: OSPRComments@ce.solutions

Additional information, including links to the regulation text, is available on OSPR's Financial Responsibility Public Comment webpage:

<https://wildlife.ca.gov/OSPR/Financial-Responsibility/Public-Comment>

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