

IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

The Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) should be notified of any emergency that encounters hazardous materials or a weapon of mass destruction (including radioactive) that will likely affect any surface water, dam, ground water, or any type of below-ground well.

Duties

1. The Department may be able to forewarn water users of impending problems.
2. Any stream channel alteration requires the approval of IDWR. This may be necessary during the clean-up process. An emergency waiver can be given if conditions warrant and it is requested.
3. IDWR has administrative authority to enforce safety considerations at water storage dams and tailings impoundments.
4. IDWR has administrative authority over operation and abandonment of waste disposal and injection wells, and monitoring and exploration holes.
5. IDWR has administrative authority over construction, maintenance and abandonment of water wells including monitoring wells.
6. IDWR should be consulted prior to any new diversion and use of water regardless of the emergency.

IDWR may be notified of spills by calling StateComm at **1-800-632-8000** or **208-846-7610**.

General Areas of Jurisdictions

Region

Northern

Western

Southern

Eastern

Counties

Benewah, Bonner, Boundary,
Clearwater, Idaho, Kootenai,
Latah, Lewis, Nez Perce,
Shoshone

Ada, Adams, Boise, Canyon,
Elmore, Gem, Owyhee, Payette,
Valley, Washington

Blaine, Camas, Cassia, Custer,
Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln,
Minidoka, Twin Falls

Bannock, Bear Lake, Bingham,
Bonneville, Butte, Caribou,
Clark, Franklin, Fremont,
Jefferson, Lemhi, Madison,
Oneida, Power, Teton