

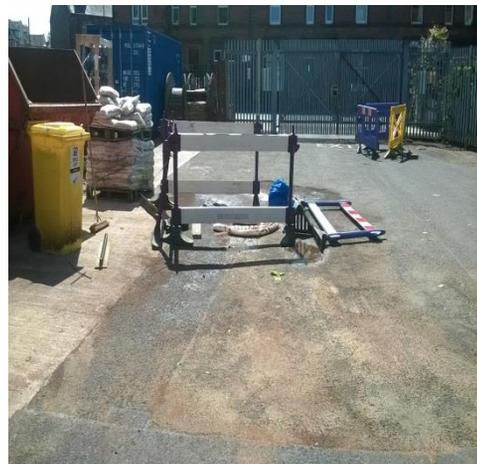


## Oil spillage incident - Dumfries Depot

While repositioning redundant plant in Dumfries Depot plant storage area, a RMU fell from the prongs of a fork lift truck and toppled onto its side. The unit contained approximately 200L of oil which spilled onto the yard surface. Spill kits and oil absorbent granules from the nearby spill kit station were utilised in an attempt to contain the spillage. The unit however fell in close proximity to a flood drain cover with a large amount of the oil running into the drain and into the surface water system.

The surface water system flows into the River Nith and oil contamination was detected on the river within an hour of the incident occurring. Tidal currents assisted in containing the contamination until Adler and Allan arrived and deployed booms on the river surface preventing further spread of the oil contamination. Clean up activities followed and are continuing with SEPA being fully informed of the actions undertaken.

A local investigation is underway, however everyone is reminded when working with oil-filled equipment that the following action points should be considered.



*Location of Incident – drain cover barred off.*



*iBooms utilised to contain contamination*

## Recommendations and action points

- A full risk assessment should be undertaken prior to any work on or movement of oil-filled equipment, taking into consideration the possibility of spillage and the subsequent impact.
- Any operators moving plant should have appropriate qualifications and competence.
- Spill kits should be available immediately at the point of work.
- Cognisance of drains to be taken when moving/storing plant with drain covers to be made available and utilised if appropriate. Oil-containing plant should be stored in designated areas with appropriate containment measures.
- All spillage incidents to be reported to a Team Leader / Supervisor immediately and raised on Cintellate, in accordance with incident reporting procedures [IMS-04-019](#) and [ENV-04-014](#).
- If the spillage constitutes a major pollution incident, particularly if it reaches a watercourse, it must be reported to the Scottish Environment Protection Agency, Natural Resources Wales or Environment Agency and the specialist oil spill contractor should be contacted.
- A full review of this incident will be carried out in conjunction with SEPA.