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## RELEASE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS IN 20.5.118 NMAC

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# Release Reporting Requirements

Release Reporting requirements for all tank systems are found in 20.5.118 NMAC.

Most of the changes are to the requirements for reporting and investigating suspected releases.

# Part 118 – Release Reporting

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- When owners, operators, or contractors report a spill or release to the Department, they must include the facility ID number and the owner ID number.



# Part 118 – Suspected Releases

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- Unusual operating conditions now include the following:
  - No flow or slow flow of product during dispensing.
  - Liquid found in the interstice of secondarily contained tank systems, which includes the tank and containment sumps.
  - Interstitial sensors used for monitoring have triggered an alarm.
  - Anything other than a “pass” or “normal” for monthly monitoring results.



# Part 118 – Suspected Releases

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- A suspected release must be reported and investigated for a failed result from periodic testing of spill prevention and containment sumps.
- System tests must now determine if a breach of the inner or outer wall has occurred if liquid is found in the interstice or annular space of double walled systems.
- A system test is required as part of investigation of suspected release when SIR is used for monthly monitoring.



# Part 118 – Suspected Releases

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- A site check is required if system test does not clear a suspected release.
- If owners and operators fail to demonstrate that a release has not occurred within 30 days of the reporting of a suspected release, the release will be considered a confirmed release.
- In the event of a suspected release, the Secretary of the Department may take action to include suspending the use of the tank and requiring additional testing if necessary to protect the environment.



# Part 118 – Release Reporting

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Questions?

