OIL STORAGE REGULATIONS

Is Secondary Containment of Oil Storage a legal requirement?

Is it any kind of oil?
(All oil is covered including petrol)

- **No** → No requirement
- **Yes** ↓

Is it waste mineral oil?

- **Yes** → Waste Management Licensing Regulations apply.
- **No** ↓

Is the oil stored inside a building?

- **Yes** → No requirement under Oil Storage Regulations. Check fire safety section of Building Regulations. Guidance available in Pollution Prevention Guidance Note (PPG) 2 and PPG26.
- **No** ↓

Is the oil stored wholly underground?

- **Yes** → Groundwater Protection Code for Underground Fuel Storage.
- **No** ↓

Are you storing less than 200 litres of oil?

- **Yes** → No legal requirement. Guidance available in PPG2 and PPG26.
- **No** ↓

Are you storing less than 3500 litres solely for domestic use?

- **Yes** → Is it a new or replacement installation?
  - **No** → No legal requirement. Guidance available in PPG2 and PPG26.
  - **Yes** → Building Regulations require secondary containment for >2500 litres or 10m from a water course or 50m from a potable supply or where spillage's could run into drains or loose fitting manhole covers or where spills could reach controlled waters by running across hard ground or tank vent pipe outlets can not be seen during filling. Information is available in the Domestic Oil Storage leaflet.
- **No** ↓

Is the oil stored at an oil refinery?

- **Yes** → IPC Legislation applies.
- **No** ↓

Is the oil being stored for onward distribution?

- **Yes** → Institute of Petroleum – Environmental Guidelines for Petroleum Distribution Installations. ISBN 085 293 41662
- **No** ↓

Is the oil stored for agricultural use only?

- **Yes** → Silage, Slurry and Agricultural Fuel Oil Regulations require secondary containment for >1500 litres where the oil is used for the production of heat or power, but does not include oil intended for use exclusively as a fuel for heating a farmhouse or other residential premises on a farm and stored separately from other oil.
- **No** ↓

Is the oil storage facility in England?

- **No** → No legal requirement under the Control of Pollution (Oil Storage) (England) Regulations 2001. Guidance is available in PPG2 and PPG26. Similar regulations are due to be introduced in Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales, please check to find if you need to comply.
- **Yes** ↓

The Control of Pollution (Oil Storage) (England) Regulations 2001 Apply

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