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Tetrachloroethylene (Use in Dry Cleaning and Reporting Requirements) Regulations

PERC Pointer #3

PERC-Resistant Drain Plugs

**Prevent
site
contamination!**



WHAT?

You must have tetrachloroethylene (PERC)-resistant drain plugs readily available to seal all floor drains that could be impacted by PERC in the event of a spill.

For more information,
please see our website
www.ec.gc.ca/regs-tetra



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HOW?

How many drain plugs am I required to have?

You must have enough **PERC-resistant drain plugs** to seal all floor drains so that any spilled PERC, waste water or residue will not enter the environment. These drain plugs must be readily available in the event of a spill.

PERC-resistant drain plugs come in various shapes/forms (round, mats, inflatable, solid, etc.) sizes and materials. Specially designed drain plugs may have to be used in some floor drains to ensure a proper seal. Contact your supplier to discuss PERC-resistant drain plug options.

WHY?

PERC, waste water and residue can enter the environment through drains, and this poses a threat to human health and the environment. PERC is harmful to plants, causes groundwater and surface water contamination, and poses a health threat to humans if not safely handled.

Regulatory Compliance

Environment Canada undertakes regular inspections in order to verify compliance with the requirements of the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999* and its regulations. Investigations are conducted when there are reasonable grounds to believe that a violation has occurred. In situations of non-compliance, enforcement officers may issue a warning or an environmental protection compliance order, proceed with prosecution, or take some other enforcement action, depending on the circumstances (see the *Compliance and Enforcement Policy for the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999* at www.ec.gc.ca/lcpe-cepa/default.asp?lang=En&n=5082BFBE-1).

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