

# Contractor Pollution Liability: Breathe Easy

**O**n May 19, 2015, a ruptured pipeline off the coast of Santa Barbara County, California dumped 101,000 gallons of crude oil into the Pacific Ocean. The industrial accident closed public beaches, and continues to endanger wildlife and threaten businesses and economies on local, national and global scales. The effects of the accident will be felt for some time to come. It is a business owner's nightmare made worse by the question: **Who is liable for environmental pollution?**

Contractors face a variety of pollution risks stemming from operations at job sites. The accidental release of fuel

oil and the disposal of contaminated soil are common examples of pollution risks associated with construction projects. Chemicals and toxic gases from broken pipelines are concerns that are all too real. Oftentimes stationary and mobile fuel tanks are risks that are overlooked by businesses. **Contractors Pollution Liability** insurance can protect against those and other construction-related pollution risks.



Contractors Pollution Liability insurance provides insurance for third-party claims for bodily injury and/or property damage and remediation costs associated with pollution incidents resulting from the contractor's covered operations.

## Who Needs It?

Companies that purchase Contractors Pollution Liability insurance include:

- General contractors – commercial, residential, municipal, highway/road, infrastructure, maintenance, mechanical, demolition, industrial, excavation, grading
- Trade contractors – HVAC, paving, carpentry, concrete
- Specialty contractors – foundation, pipeline and tank installation, drillers
- Remediation contractors

Contractors Pollution Liability insurance helps protect these businesses from the liability and financial loss that can result when a covered operation results in a pollution incident. There are additional insurance programs that allow companies to create a custom environmental insurance program that insures an entire project against pollution risks, including all project contractors, off-site transportation and exposures at non-owned locations.

The choices and options are plenty and the decisions are not easy to come by. That's why the experts at The Starr Group are at your service. Call us today for a FREE consultation at **1-414-421-3800** or toll free at **1-888-421-3808**. We'll review your current policies and provide a comprehensive list of options best suited to your company. You can breathe easy with The Starr Group.

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**\$84,228**

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