

[ **DOE CIRCULAR NO. 98-02-003, February 23, 1998** ]

**AMENDING DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR NO. 95-10-008, DIRECTING ALL OPERATORS OF OIL RIGS OR PLATFORMS, POWER PLANTS, OIL TANKERS AND BARGES CARRYING, PRODUCING AND/OR UTILIZING CRUDE OIL-BASED PRODUCTS TO REPORT ALL OIL SPILLS OR ENVIRONMENTAL INCIDENTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

*SECTION 1.* The title is hereby amended to read as follows:

DIRECTING ALL **OWNERS, AGENTS, LESSEES,** OPERATORS OR **REPRESENTATIVES OF PETROLEUM REFINERIES, TERMINALS AND DEPOTS,** OIL RIGS OR PLATFORMS, POWER PLANTS, OIL TANKERS AND BARGES HAULING, CARRYING, PRODUCING AND/OR UTILIZING CRUDE OIL-BASED PRODUCTS TO REPORT ALL OIL SPILL INCIDENTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY.

*SECTION 2.* Section 1 is hereby amended to read as follows:

The owners, agent, lessee, operator or representative of any tanker, barge, ship or facility used in relation to the petroleum and/or energy industries, petroleum refineries, **terminals and depots,** oil rigs or platforms and power plants, oil tankers and barges hauling, carrying, producing and/or utilizing crude oil and/or other oil-based products shall submit a verbal report within eight (8) hours, and a written report within forty-eight (48) hours, to the DOE Secretary through the **Environmental Protection and Monitoring Division (EPMD) during office hours (Telefax No. 844-72-14) otherwise, to the DOE Security Guard (Telephone No. 844-10-21 to 31 loc. 278/210) so far as practicable, on any** incident, whether accidental or intentional, of spill, leak, discharge, disposal oil and/or oil-based products or hydrocarbon contaminated wastewaters and similar occurrences through the most practicable and fastest means of communication possible.

**Any third party may file a complaint of any such incident of oil spill with the DOE-EPMD. The DOE-EPMD shall require that such complaint shall be verified under oath and accompanied by evidences and documents, if any, showing such incident of oil spill prior to its conduct of investigation of the incident.**

*SECTION 3.* Section 4 is hereby amended to read as follows:

The DOE-EPMD with other concerned DOE units will conduct a thorough, technical and impartial investigation of the direct and indirect causes of the incident. The EPMD shall submit a report of its investigation and recommendations to the DOE