

## 6.12 Unauthorized Discharge

An unauthorized discharge occurs when:

- A substance or mixture is discharged from a production or drilling installation in an amount or at a concentration in excess of the limits described in the Operator's Environmental Protection Plan, or the substance or the manner of discharge is not described in that plan<sup>78</sup>
- A toxic fluid is discharged from a diving installation or an accommodations installation<sup>79</sup>
- A discharge occurs from a vessel conducting geophysical or other data gathering activities that constitutes a threat to the environment<sup>80</sup>

For concentration based limits, an unauthorized discharge with a concentration greater than two times the maximum concentration limit must be reported via the immediate verbal notification process described in Section 5.3.1.

An unauthorized discharge greater than 100 litres in volume must be reported via the immediate verbal notification process described in Section 5.3.1.

Unauthorized discharges in neither of the categories described in the previous paragraphs must be reported via the written notification process described in Section 5.3.2, and submission of investigation reports to the Boards for these discharges is not required unless requested.

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<sup>78</sup> DPR 1(1), definition of "pollution"; C-NLOPB/CNSOPB/NEB Environmental Protection Plan Guidelines, March 2011

<sup>79</sup> C-NLAAIA 160, 161; CNSOPRAIA 165, 166; Newfoundland Offshore Area Oil and Gas Operations Regulations Section 6; INST 70

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