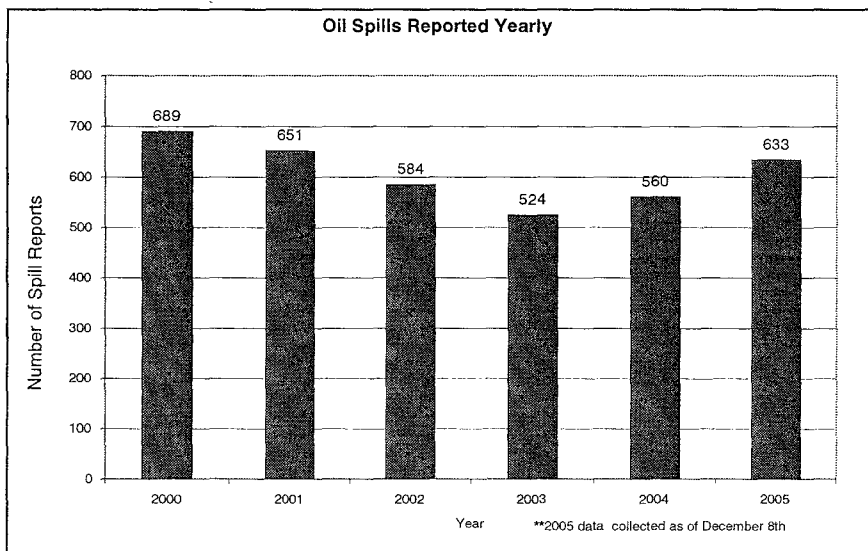




Oil Spill Facts

- ◆ The Coast Guard received 633 pollution reports in the Puget Sound area to date in 2005.
- ◆ In 2005, Sector Seattle spent over \$4,074,700 responding to Oil Spills using the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund (OSLTF) and over \$11,600 responding to Hazardous Material Releases using the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) Superfund.
- ◆ The average oil spill in Puget Sound is less than 10 gallons and usually comes from a recreational or fishing vessel.
- ◆ Mystery sheens from unknown sources comprise over half of the spills reported.
- ◆ 50 gallons of diesel can cover one square mile with silver sheen.
- ◆ The number of spill reports increased slightly in 2005, the actual amount of oil spilled increased from 4,107 gallons in 2004 to 8,045 gallons in 2005. 3000 gallons are estimated to have spilled from the Gig Harbor marina fire.
- ◆ The Coast Guard uses oil “finger printing” techniques to match spilled oil to oil samples taken from suspect vessels and/or facilities. Our scientific lab is in Groton, CT.
- ◆ To report oil spills contact the National Response Center at 1-800-424-8802.



Quick Facts...

The most commonly spilled oils in Puget Sound are **Diesel Oil** and **Hydraulic Oil**.

King County had more than **double** the number of reported spills than any other county in 2005.