



# Assessment of Petroleum Contamination at Closed Sites

## Petroleum Remediation Program – Guidance Document 3-16

Minn. Stat. § 115.061, requires **immediate** reporting upon the discovery of a spill, leak, overfill, or other signs of a petroleum release to the environment by calling the Minnesota State Duty Officer at **651-649-5451** or **1-800-422-0798**.

When petroleum contamination is reported at a closed leak site, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) will request additional information. This information should include analytical data and a site map with sampling locations. The MPCA requests this information be submitted within 30 days of reporting the contamination to the State Duty Officer.

Upon receipt of this information, the MPCA will determine if the leak site will remain closed, be reopened, or if a new leak site will be assigned. The associated costs to obtain this information may be eligible for Petrofund reimbursement. The MPCA will make the determination within 60 days of receipt of site data. These determinations will be made by a committee consisting of Petroleum Remediation Program staff and supervisors and not by staff formerly assigned to the closed leak site.

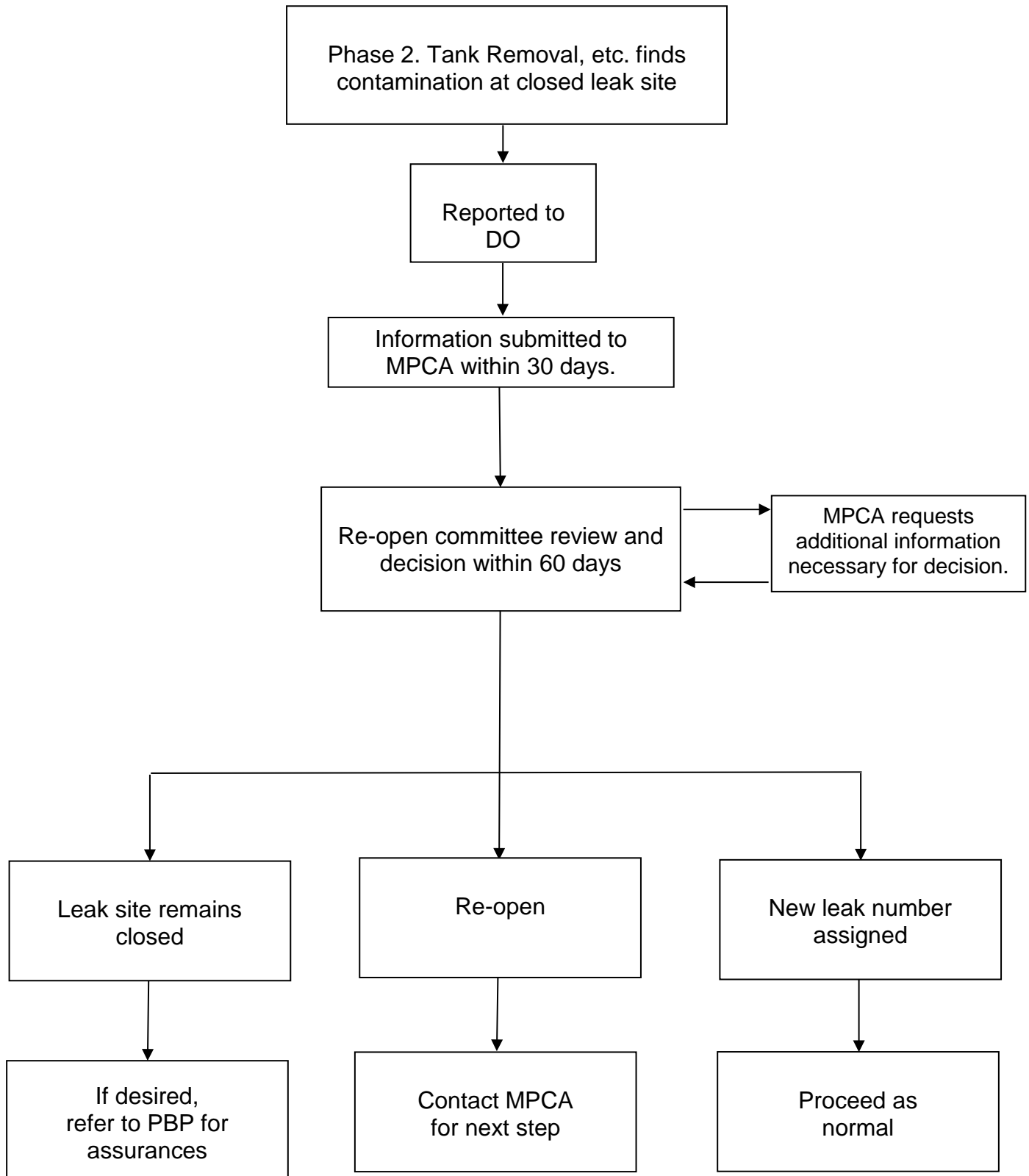
A leak site will likely remain closed if the levels of contamination found are lower than or similar to those previously detected at the closed site. For any written assurances for these sites, please contact the Petroleum Brownfields Program (PBP). A leak site may be reopened if free product is discovered that was not present at the time of site closure, if detected levels are higher than those previously reported at the closed site with no new source(s) present, if new program policy since the time of previous site closure requires additional investigation, or if new information provided indicates the need for additional MPCA oversight. A new leak site number may be assigned to the site if there is a new release or a release from a new source.

If Petrofund reimbursement will be requested for costs related to soil removal, an excavation report should be completed and submitted to the MPCA. For any treatment of contaminated soil, regardless of reimbursement status, appropriate MPCA protocol regarding storage and treatment must be followed. Please refer to Guidance Document 3-01 *Excavation of Petroleum Contaminated Soil* for information on excavation and Guidance Document 3-02 *General Excavation Report Worksheet* for the Excavation Report Form.

Please submit Guidance Document 3-02 within 10 months from the date of soil excavation. Prior written MPCA approval is required for removal of volumes exceeding the amounts indicated in Tables 4A and 4B of Guidance Document 3-01. Refer to Guidance Document 3-03 *Land Treatment of Petroleum Contaminated Soil*, Guidance Document 3-10 *Thermal Treatment of Petroleum Contaminated Soil*, Guidance Document 3-13 *Composting of Petroleum Contaminated Soil*, and Guidance Document 3-17 *Thin Spreading Small Quantities of Petroleum Contaminated Soil* for additional information on soil treatment.

For information concerning Petrofund reimbursement, please contact Minnesota Department of Commerce Petrofund Staff at 651-539-1515 or 1-800-638-0418.

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Reimbursement questions? Contact the Petrofund at 651-539-1515 or 1-800-638-0418

	<b>Webpages and Phone Numbers</b>
MPCA General Line	651-296-6300 or 1-800-657-3864
MPCA Staff	<a href="http://www.pca.state.mn.us/wfhy3ec">http://www.pca.state.mn.us/wfhy3ec</a>
Petroleum Remediation Program	<a href="http://www.pca.state.mn.us/jsri80e">http://www.pca.state.mn.us/jsri80e</a>
Brownfields Program	<a href="http://www.pca.state.mn.us/lupg7f9">http://www.pca.state.mn.us/lupg7f9</a>
Petrofund Webpage	<a href="http://mn.gov/commerce/topics/Petrofund/">http://mn.gov/commerce/topics/Petrofund/</a>
Petrofund Phone	651-539-1515 or 1-800-638-0418
Minnesota State Duty Officer	651-649-5451 or 1-800-422-0798