This guidance is for small quantities – less than ten cubic yards – of petroleum contaminated soil that has been approved by Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) staff. The MPCA has rules for sites that accept volumes up to 1,500 cubic yards of petroleum contaminated soil, and the agency requires written approval prior to land treatment of quantities ten cubic yards and greater.

The following conditions must be met to thin spread petroleum contaminated soils. If these conditions are not met, approval is automatically revoked. Approval is given verbally by the MPCA Petroleum Remediation Project Manager. The responsible party is required to ensure that an adequate cleanup and disposal has occurred.

**Site conditions**
The application site must be in a relatively isolated area with set back distances of 200 feet from surface waters, drinking water wells, sewers, and places of habitation. The soil should have moderate to high fertility and the land slope should be less than 6 percent.

**Timing**
Application of material can only occur between April 1 and November 1.

**Application**
The material must be applied at a maximum thickness of two inches.

After application, the material must be worked into the native soil by disking, raking, blading or equivalent methods. The application site must be observed for visual contamination for a minimum of one year or until biodegradation has occurred.

Except for used oil, waste generated from petroleum releases that have been reported and cleaned up immediately are exempt from Minnesota’s Hazardous Waste Rules.

**For more information**
For more information on petroleum contaminated soil treatment, please contact the MPCA Petroleum Remediation staff at one of the following offices:

- **Brainerd Office** (218) 828 2492
- **Detroit Lakes Office** (218) 847 1519
- **Marshall Office** (507) 537 6375
- **St. Paul Office** (800) 657 3864