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Storage and Use of Fuel

Policy Statement

The Strait Regional School Board recognizes that, at times, its operational and educational decisions may have an environmental impact. To the extent possible, the School Board will strive to minimize negative impacts on the environment and establish appropriate measures and educational initiatives that enhance and encourage environmental responsibility at work and school sites in the Strait Region.

The Strait Regional School Board recognizes the importance of modeling environmentally responsible practices and, therefore, will minimize the negative environmental impacts associated with fuel storage and use.

The Strait Regional School Board recognizes that fuel storage and use is a necessary requirement of numerous Board and school-based activities. Further, the Board acknowledges that there is a potential environmental liability associated with the storage and use of fuel.

In the implementation of this policy, the Strait Regional School Board shall adhere to the Nova Scotia Petroleum Management Regulations (N.S. Reg. 44/2002) made under Sections 25 and 84 of the *Environment Act*.

Guidelines

The following guidelines support the responsible management, storage and use of fuel.

1. Fuel storage containers shall be installed and used only in adherence with the manufacturer's specifications and applicable laws, regulations, or guidelines;
2. All storage containers and piping shall be maintained in a manner that limits corrosion and damage that is detrimental to the integrity of the container or piping;
3. Fuel shall be stored and transferred in such a manner as to prevent all spillage into a watercourse or onto the surrounding land;
4. Fuel storage containers shall be protected from vehicle traffic by physical impact barriers;
5. Fuel storage containers should not be accessible to the public and should be gated and/or locked to avoid the risk of spills due to unauthorized transfer and vandalism;

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6. Underground fuel storage containers should be replaced in accordance with the Nova Scotia Petroleum Management Regulations;
7. All fuel storage containers should be inspected on a regular basis for spills, leaks, or potential leaks;
8. The fuel storage area shall be clearly identified with safety markers which will remain visible at all times; and
9. All fuel spills must immediately be reported to the School Board's Manager of Fleet Services and the Nova Scotia Department of Environment.