



## ***Tetrachloroethylene (Use in Dry Cleaning and Reporting Requirements) Regulations***

### **PERC Pointer #3**

#### **PERC-Resistant Drain Plugs**

**Prevent  
site  
contamination!**



#### **WHAT?**

You must have tetrachloroethylene (PERC)-resistant drain plugs readily available to seal all floor drains that could be impacted by PERC in the event of a spill.

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## HOW?

### How many drain plugs am I required to have?

You must have enough **PERC-resistant drain plugs** to seal all floor drains so that any spilled PERC, waste water or residue will not enter the environment. These drain plugs must be readily available in the event of a spill.

PERC-resistant drain plugs come in various shapes/forms (round, mats, inflatable, solid, etc.) sizes and materials. Specially designed drain plugs may have to be used in some floor drains to ensure a proper seal. Contact your supplier to discuss PERC-resistant drain plug options.

## WHY?

PERC, waste water and residue can enter the environment through drains, and this poses a threat to human health and the environment. PERC is harmful to plants, causes groundwater and surface water contamination, and poses a health threat to humans if not safely handled.

### Regulatory Compliance

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