

# The Cleanup Process

## Key Points

- ✓ Follow notification requirements when a petroleum release occurs so that proper authorities can perform or oversee emergency response.
- ✓ The proper initial characterization and removal of contaminant source material (free product and soils) as soon as possible after a discharge may greatly reduce the amount of time and cost required for complete cleanup.
- ✓ Direct-push sampling techniques coupled with an on-site mobile laboratory may be a cost-effective site assessment strategy for sites with large contaminant plumes.
- ✓ A thorough and complete site assessment must be performed in order to determine the most cost-effective and technically practicable remediation strategy to address contamination.
- ✓ Follow the Petroleum Contamination Site Cleanup Criteria of Chapter 62-770, Florida Administrative Code, and additional local requirements in order to achieve successful cleanup, reduce liability, and preserve the value of your property.
- ✓ And, most importantly:

**An ounce of *Prevention* is worth a pound of *Cure*!**

**Follow storage tank registration and maintenance requirements as well as operational Best Management Practices in order to avoid a discharge of petroleum product to the environment! For more information, see *Your Storage Tank Facility Inspection Guide*, available from the DEP at [www.dep.state.fl.us/waste/categories/pcp/default.htm](http://www.dep.state.fl.us/waste/categories/pcp/default.htm).**

