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Tank Barge Oil Spills by Size

The AWO – Coast Guard Safety Partnership uses these definitions to classify spills of petroleum and petroleum products:

- Minor: 1-999 gallons
- Medium: 1,000-9,999 gallons
- Major: 10,000 gallons or more

The table below shows the gallons spilled of petroleum and petroleum products from tank barges by size:

Year	Minor	Medium	Major	Total Spillage
1994	12,820	37,690	905,072	955,582
1995	8,099	18,975	1,074,864	1,101,938
1996	4,863	61,181	1,097,214	1,163,258
1997	3,298	32,635	129,716	165,649
1998	6,220	10,873	230,996	248,089
1999	4,413	24,826	129,738	158,977
2000	1,219	18,821	113,500	133,540
2001	5,764	20,872	185,662	212,298
2002	5,847	5,394	24,225	35,500
2003	7,253	18,066	77,238	102,557
2004	3,808	0	209,236	213,043

The source is the U.S. Coast Guard's Oil Spill Compendium (<http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g%2Dm/nmc/response/stats/aa.htm>) and Marine Information for Safety and Law Enforcement