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## Hydrocarbon spill clean-up program available

For more than a year, ExxonMobil's company-operated retail stores (CORS) have been using a product for hydrocarbon spill clean-ups manufactured by Environmental Chemical Solutions Inc. (ECS). With the CORS organization pleased with the product, and with several dealers also satisfied with the results, we want to tell you all about it.

ExxonMobil places primary importance on environmental conscientiousness as well as being a responsible neighbor in the communities where we do business. As such, one of our primary objectives is to



avoid hydrocarbon leaks and spills. If one occurs, however, ECS appears to have an answer.

The ECS product, known as the FM 186-2 Program, was adopted due to health and safety concerns and long-term liability for hazardous waste disposal. Station managers and employees have responded very positively to this new program. "It's wonderful," says Yvette Martinez. "I like the fact that the chemical neutralized the spill and that it is safe and easy to use."

The FM 186-2 Program was also demonstrated to Mobil dealer Samir Chahayed of Mission Hills, Calif. When asked about its effectiveness, Samir said, "My employees and I think that it's about time a simple program like this came along. It's convenient and efficient. It allows us to clean small spills safely and quickly without shutting down the island for long periods of time. My experience



**Environmental Chemical Solutions Inc. (ECS) says its FM 186-2 Spill Clean-up Program offers a simple and straightforward approach to cleaning up gasoline and diesel fuel spills while eliminating the safety, training and environmental concerns created by traditional spill-response methods.**

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Nine years ago, ECS saw a need for a complete yet simple program that enabled station employees to safely respond to hydrocarbon spills at public fueling operations. ECS describes its program as the first of its kind, featuring:

- The most effective and environmentally sound product technology available
- On-site, digital, VHS or computer-based training available to all employees
- A complete start-up kit to address both large and small spills
- Regular personal contact from ECS customer service representatives
- An interactive, user-friendly website.

### How it works

According to ECS, FM 186-2 breaks hydrocarbons down into very

small particles so that they can be digested by naturally occurring bacteria. The cleaning process for small spills is quick and easy. When properly done, the small spill clean-up materials can be disposed of in the trash, thereby eliminating manifested waste. Of course, it is the obligation of individual dealers to make the determination of how to properly manage and dispose of wastes in their specific jurisdictions, in accordance with applicable laws.

For larger spills, clean-up materials are placed in special disposal bags supplied in the start-up kit, then disposed of according to state and local regulations. The procedure for large spill clean-ups has received many positive comments from local fire departments and station managers.

For more information on this program, visit the ECS website at [www.ecschem.com](http://www.ecschem.com), or contact ECS toll-free at 1-877-253-2665.