Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering SCHOOL OF MINING AND PETROLEUM ENGINEERING SAFETY COMMITTEE



A Reported Near Miss is an Opportunity!

On Monday October 23, 2018 a Student found a quantity of spilled oil in a storage room.



The investigation found that it is likely that the heavy pails of oil were stacked too high, causing a lower pail to fail and topple the stack.

This time it just needed a relatively easy cleanup. If a larger quantity of fluid were spilled in that location, and it reached the floor drain a few metres away, the University could have faced charges for an Environmental Release.

What can we learn from this?

Don't stack heavy pails!

Don't stand on pails, use a proper ladder or stool!



