MINOR RADIOACTIVE SPILLS
OF LIQUIDS AND SOLIDS

In the event of a minor spill:

1. If possible to do so safely, place something over the spill that will prevent it from spreading. *Do not attempt to clean up the spill.*

2. Notify all personnel in the area. Dial 88 and ask for Health Physics to report the spill.

3. If approved to clean the spill, follow the guidelines below to do so safely:
   - Prevent the spread of contamination by covering the spill with absorbent paper.*
   - Wear disposable gloves and a lab coat
   - Use tongs or tweezers
   - Follow good radiation safety practices (time, distance, shielding)
   - Clean from the outside of the spill towards the centre
   - Monitor yourself for contamination frequently
   - Monitor the area for contamination frequently

Perform a final check of the area around the spill for contamination. Also check hands, clothing, and shoes for contamination as well as all equipment used.

* If radioiodines are spilt, paper should be soaked in reducing agent.