

Potential Environmental and Regulatory Liabilities at Breweries

The most common environmental and regulatory exposures encountered at breweries and similar alcoholic beverage plants include:

- Environmental problems remaining from previous use of property by chemical processing plants.
- Environmental contamination of the subject facility via groundwater migration from neighbouring facilities.
- Acidic and caustic wastewater discharges causing potential impairment to off-site wastewater treatment plants.
- Old corroded sewers may leak acidic and caustic wastewaters into soils and groundwater.
- Active and abandoned leaking underground storage tanks.
- Inadequate chlorine storage systems and handling procedures.
- Use of chlorine gas or chlorine compounds which, without proper maintenance and emergency response planning, may cause sudden impairment.
- Bulk quantities of chlorine from rail car storage which increases the potential for sudden releases.
- Improper hazardous materials storage and handling practices.
- Lack of information on raw material use and storage.
- Chronic complaints regarding offensive odours resulting in legal actions and potential fines.

This is not an exhaustive list of environmental exposures. It represents the most common environmental exposures for this industry. Robison & Co Ltd will work with you to identify environmental exposures that are unique to your business to help you reduce risk.

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