

Clean sweep

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Owner: QESH Manager

Goal:

Preventing plastic pellets, flakes and powders from entering the environment. Plastic pellets end up in our water streams, seas and oceans. Plastic pellets are the same size and shape as fish eggs and are often mistaken by marine animals for food. With this document, we want to raise awareness and create responsibility. We at Van den Bosch, consider the well-being of our environment incredibly important.

Scope:

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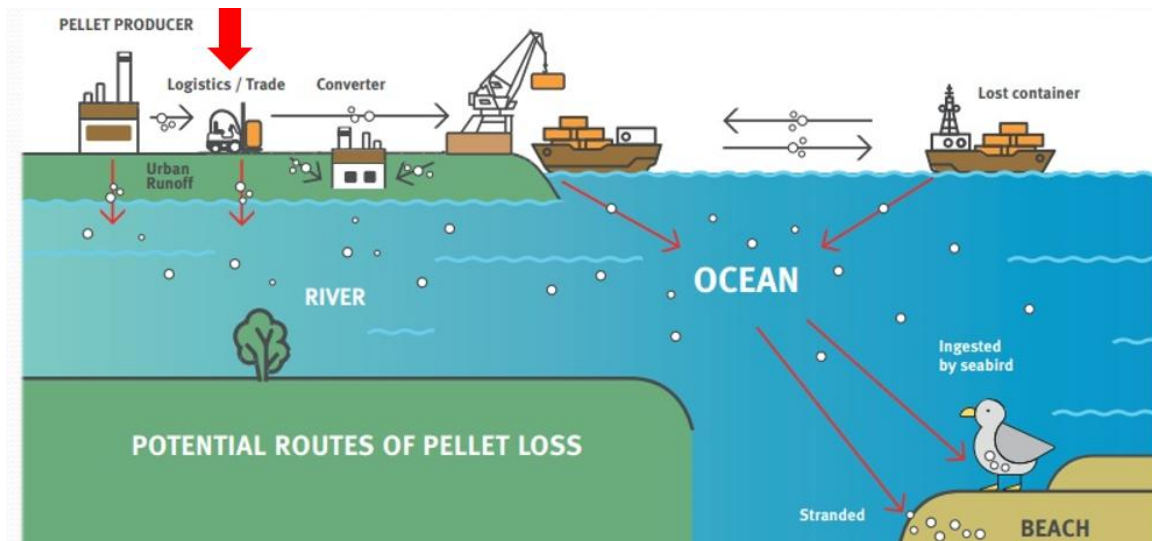
Responsible:

Every employee



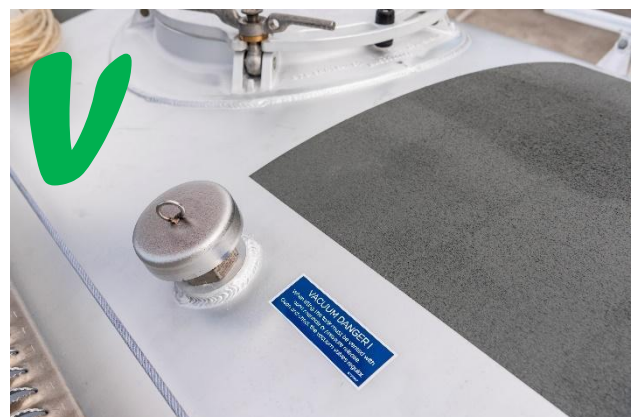
Method

Preventing plastic pellets from entering the environment is a mind-set. Everyone, you and I, every segment of the industry, be it resin producers, transporters, bulk terminal operators or plastics processors, play a role in eliminating pellets, flakes and powder losses. It's the little things that count - a few pellets, flakes and powder here, a handful there. They all add up when you think about the thousands of facilities in the industry and the frequency with which pellets, flakes and powders are loaded and unloaded. Involvement of everyone in every company from top management to employees on the shop floor, is essential for eliminating plastic pellets in the environment.



What can you contribute as a driver?

- Avoid spilling plastic pellets and powders. Always follow instructions and check your vehicle and all couplings before, during and after loading/unloading.
- Intervene immediately in case of spillage:
 - Stop loading/unloading immediately.
 - Report the problem to the company and your planner.
 - Solve the cause and only then proceed.
- Clean up the spill quickly and effectively.
 - Clean the manholes, spouts, wings, bumper, chassis, etc.
 - Clean up all spillage around the truck with dustpan and brush.





- Dispose off plastic pellets and powders appropriately.
- Ask at the loading/unloading site where you can leave the spilled product



- If unclear, always ask for containers or bags that can be tightly sealed to ensure proper disposal.
- It is also possible for plastic pellets and powders to be spilled during cleaning. Keep in mind that the bottom manhole of the silo tank should not be opened before entering the cleaning area.
- The following is also among the alternatives, but will only take place at a loading/unloading site upon request/approval of the loading/unloading site:

