

## YSC, Title 18. Conservation & Resources

### DIVISION 2: WATER RESOURCES

#### Chapter 4: Lagoons and Waters

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No person shall release or dispose or cause to be released or disposed in the State any petroleum product:

- (a) In or on the water within the lagoon;
- (b) On the shoreline below the high water mark;
- (c) On any part of the shoreline from which it is probable that it will seep or flow into the water within the lagoon; or
- (d) In or on the waters of the State Fishery Zone.

**Source:** YDC §6503, as amended by YSL 3-24 §1, modified.

**Cross-reference:** The statutory provision on the sale of petroleum products is found in section 401 of chapter 4 of Title 15 (Health and Welfare) of this Code. The statutory provision on penalties for intentional petroleum disposal is found in section 805 of Title 11 (Crimes and Punishment) of this Code. The statutory provision on penalties for negligent petroleum disposal is found in section 806 of Title 11 of this Code.

**§402. Damage to reefs; acts unlawful.**

- (a) Except as provided herein, no person shall damage or cause to be damaged:
  - (1) Any coral reef; or
  - (2) Any part of the natural environment that is important to the maintenance of a coral reef, including, but not limited to, seagrass areas and mangroves.
- (b) Damage may be caused by, but shall not be limited to, physical injury caused by petroleum disposal and shipwrecks.
- (c) This section shall not be interpreted to impair any existing private rights of action for civil damages, or to impair any citizen's traditional rights to fish or engage in other activities which may fall within the scope of subsection (a) above.
- (d) A person who has fully complied with the requirements of section 1509 of this title shall be exempted from this section.

**Source:** YSL 3-25 §1, modified.

**Cross-reference:** Section 1509 of this title is on Environmental impact studies.