**74:32:04:01.  Procedure for investigation of claims.** After notification of a spill or release, the director or the agent of the director shall investigate the spill or release. The director or agent shall do the following:

 (1)  Examine the location of the spill or release;

 (2)  Interview persons for information concerning the spill or release;

 (3)  Examine records concerning the spill or release, corrective action taken, and any expenses incurred;

 (4)  Prepare a written report concerning the validity of the claim, including an estimate of the eligible expenses necessary for corrective action; and

 (5)  Complete other tasks or duties specified by the director.

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