

**TABLE 5.3**  
**Summary and Sequence of Spill Management Cleaning Steps\***

Sequence of Cleaning Steps	Purpose	Agents
<b>Deactivation</b>	Render compound inert or inactive	As listed in the hazardous drug labeling. If no specific information is available, sodium hypochlorite or other EPA-registered oxidizer is used.
<b>Decontamination</b>	Remove inactivated residue	Sterile alcohol, sterile water, peroxide, or sodium hypochlorite
<b>Cleaning</b>	Remove organic and inorganic material	Germicidal detergent and sterile water
<b>Disinfection</b>	Destroy microorganisms	Sterile alcohol or other EPA-registered disinfectant appropriate for use

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EPA, Environmental Protection Agency.

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