

**LIABILITY OF THE NEGLIGENCE BASED OIL TANKERS
ROAD ACCIDENTS: A COMPARATIVE STUDY WITH INDIA
AND PAKISTAN**



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ABSTRACT

The issue of oil tanker accidents on roads in Pakistan has emerged as a critical concern, encompassing far-reaching implications for public safety, and legal liability. This thesis provides a comprehensive exploration of the legal framework surrounding oil tanker accidents on roads and its liability in Pakistan, focusing on the challenges that arise and the potential avenues for improvement. The study critically analyzes the multifaceted dimensions of the issue, including public safety, environmental impact, and legal liability. By examining the existing legal landscape, regulatory measures, and technical aspects, the research sheds light on the urgent need to address the inherent risks associated with oil truck accidents. The study also highlights the complexities of negligence concepts, liabilities of stakeholders, and compensation mechanisms within the legal framework. It follows doctrinal legal research. It adopts critical, comparative study of the research along with qualitative conduct of the research. The research recommends a forward-looking perspective by discussing the prospects for enhancing the existing legal framework to effectively mitigate the risks posed by these accidents. Through a balanced assessment of challenges and potential solutions, this thesis contributes to the ongoing discourse on developing a more robust legal framework for addressing oil tanker accidents on roads in Pakistan.

Keywords: Oil Tankers Road Accidents, Liability, Compensation, Negligence, Islamic Law, Common Law, Indian, Pakistan

ABBREVIATIONS

ALOHA: Area Location of Hazardous Atmosphere

CLC: Civil Law Cases

DGPC: Directorate General for Petroleum Concession

DOT: Department of Transportation

E&P: Exploration and Production

EPA: Environmental Protection Agency

GSM: Global Systems for Mobile Communication

GPS: Global Positioning System

HAZMAT: Transportation of Hazardous Materials

IAOT: International Association of Oil Tanker Transportation

LPG: Liquefied Petroleum Gas

MNCs: Multinational Corporates

MOP&NG: Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas

MPCL: Mari Petroleum Company Limited

NRC: National Response Center

NRS: National Response System

OCAC: Oil Companies Advisory Council

OGDCL: Oil and Gas Development Company Limited

OGRA: Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority

OMCs: Oil Marketing Companies

OPA: Oil Pollution Act

PAPCO: Pak-Arab Pipeline Company Limited

PBUH: Peace be upon him

PHAST: Process Hazard Analysis Software Tool

PHMSA: Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

PPC: Pakistan Penal Code

PPL: Pakistan Petroleum Limited

SOPs: Standard Operating Procedures

SPL: Shell Pakistan Limited

UEPL: United Energy Pakistan Limited

U.S: United States

VOC: Volatile Organic Compound

VTs: Vehicle Tracking System