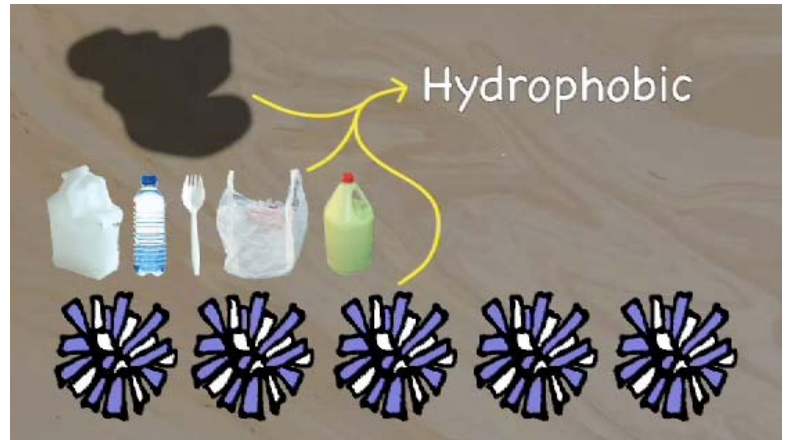


# Oil Spills and Pom-Poms

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Directions:** Write your responses on this sheet or on separate paper.

1. Why do NOAA scientists use pom-poms to clean up oil spills?



2. What does it mean to be *hydrophobic*?

3. Why are oil spills so common?

4. Other than pom-poms, what other methods can be used to clean up oil spills?  
List three items.

5. Why is it important that a person living in Illinois or North Dakota, far from any ocean, dispose of oil properly?