

SPILL CONTAINMENT, SPILL MATERIALS & SPILL KIT

Under The Federal Water Pollution Control Act, the SPCC rule took effect on January 10, 1974. Its purpose is to prevent oil and oil-related materials from reaching navigable waters and adjoining shorelines.

The Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasures (SPCC) Rule (EPA 40 CFR 112) has been strengthened and is effective October 2007. Facilities with total, above-ground oil storage capacity that exceeds 1,320 gallons must prepare and implement a plan to comply. Secondary containment of drums (55-gallon and larger), tanks is mandated. Spill response equipment and supplies are required.



The facility subject to the rule must prepare and implement a plan to prevent any discharge of oil or oil related products into or upon navigable waters of the United States. The written plan known as SPCC ensure that facilities put in place containment and other countermeasures that would prevent oil spills that could reach navigable waters.



The SPCC Plan must address operating procedures the facility implements to prevent oil spills, control measure installed to prevent oil from entering navigable waters and countermeasures to contain, clean up and mitigate the effects of oil spills.



The materials that are regulated are animal oils, fats and greases, asphalts, gasoline, bunker fuel, diesel fuel, heating oil, greases, hydraulic oil, lubricating oils, mineral spirits, natural gas condensate, oil waste, used oil, vegetable oils, among others.



What you need for compliance?

All qualifying drums and tanks must have a secondary containment and be included in the written plan. Facilities with above ground oil storage capacity of 10,000 gallons or less are permitted to self certify their plan if they meet certain criteria related to spill history. Secondary containment must be equal to the largest vessel.

The Plan must include a facility diagram, and must mark the location and contents of each container. Secondary containment must be constructed so that any discharge from the primary containment system will not escape before cleanup occurs.



Who must comply and when?

- A facility starting operation on or before August 16, 2002 must maintain its existing plan, must amend and implement the Plan no later than July 1, 2009.
- A facility starting operation after August 16, 2002 through July 1, 2009 must prepare and implement a plan no later than July 1, 2009.
- A facility starting operation after July 1, 2009 must prepare and implement a Plan before beginning operations.





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