

## Federal Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure (SPCC) Regulation - 40 CFR 112

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's oil pollution prevention regulation requires facilities that are subject to regulation to prepare *and* implement a plan to prevent any discharge of oil into navigable waters or adjoining shorelines of the U.S. The plan is referred to as a Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure (SPCC) plan.

### What is an "Oil"?

"Oil" is any kind or in any form, including, but not limited to: petroleum, fuel, sludge refuse, oil mixed with wastes other than dredged spoil; fats, oils or greases of animal, fish, or marine mammal origin; vegetable oils, including oil from seeds, nuts, fruits, or kernels; and other oils and greases, including synthetic oils and mineral oils.

### Who is regulated?

Facilities which meet the following criteria are regulated by the SPCC regulation:

1. Non-transportation-related fixed facilities, including support equipment;
2. Facilities with a total aboveground storage capacity greater than 1,320 gallons (count all drums or vessels greater or equal to 55 gallons) or a total underground storage capacity greater than 42,000 gallons, and;
3. A reasonable expectation that a discharge to navigable waters or adjoining shorelines of the U.S. could occur. (EPA Region I interprets this as any VT facility - unless a case is made against it).

**--NOTE--**

- 1,320 gallons is equivalent to 24 full 55-gallon drums of oil.
- UST certified tanks (that are subject to 40 CFR 280 and 281) are exempt from SPCC.
- You must count the potential storage capacity of all on-site oil vessels, whether they contain virgin product or used/waste oil.

### What is required?

If your facility meets the three items listed above, you must comply with the SPCC regulation. The SPCC Plan is to be kept on-site and available for regulatory inspections, and must include, but is not limited to:

- Spill predictions
- Facility drainage
- Oil spill history
- Professional Engineer certification
- Facility inspections
- 5-year plan review
- Loading/unloading trucks
- Secondary containment or diversionary structures (outdoors)
- Site security
- Management approval
- Training and spill briefings

For the latest information on SPCC requirements and compliance deadlines, visit the EPA's website at:

<http://www.epa.gov/oilspill/index.htm>

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