

Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasure EPA 40CFR112:

Summary: The SPCC regulation is the national oil spill regulation. The purpose of the SPCC regulation is prevention of oil discharge into navigable waters and related areas, rather than cleanup after a spill has occurred. The regulation generally affects all facilities with at least 1320 gallons aboveground storage capacity, or 42000+ gallons underground storage capacity. The SPCC requires affected facilities to prepare and file an action plan (the SPCC Plan).

Affected facilities include, among others onshore and offshore drilling, platforms, barges and mobile facilities; fixed and mobile onshore or offshore production; oil refining and storage; any industrial, commercial, agricultural or public facility that uses or stores oil; some waste treatment operations; loading racks, transfer hoses and related equipment; vehicles and pipelines. Oils, fats and greases of any kind or in any form are specifically included in the regulation.

The SPCC Plan must include certain elements, such as Operating procedures to prevent oil spills; Control measures to prevent spilled oil from entering surface water; Countermeasures such as Secondary Containment for spills and bulk storage compliance; Professional Engineer certification; Management approval; Facility inspections; Security; Training and more. For more information, visit the website WWW.EPA.GOV/OILSPILL, or contact your regional EPA SPCC Coordinator. To report an oil or chemical spill, CALL THE NATIONAL RESPONSE CENTER AT 800/424-8802.