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Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure (SPCC) Compliance Date Extension - Final Rule

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The compliance date for the Amended SPCC Requirements of December 5, 2008 has been extended to November 10, 2011. The compliance date for Offshore Drilling Facilities is still November 10, 2010.

On October 7, 2010, the U.S. EPA amended the compliance date by which facilities must prepare or amend Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure (SPCC) Plans, and implement those Plans:

- Offshore oil drilling, production or workover facilities – Compliance date is still November 10, 2010.
- Other facilities have an additional year to update or prepare their SPCC Plans; their new compliance date is November 10, 2011.
- Milk and milk product containers - delayed until one (1) year from the effective date of a final rule specifically addressing SPCC requirements for milk and milk product containers.

As part of the Oil Pollution Prevention regulation (40 CFR Part 112), the SPCC rule outlines requirements for prevention of, preparedness for, and response to oil discharges. Regulated facilities must develop and implement SPCC Plans that establish procedures and equipment requirements to help prevent oil discharges from reaching navigable waters or adjoining shorelines.

Facilities are subject to the SPCC rule if they meet at least one of the following:

Above ground oil storage capacity greater than 1,320 U.S. gallons, or completely buried oil storage capacity greater than 42,000 U.S. gallons.

If your facility is subject to the SPCC rule and is not a Tier I or a Tier II facility, HB Engineering staff has the experience and qualifications to prepare a Professional Engineer-Certified plan in accordance with all applicable requirements of §112.7 and subparts B and C.

Note that Tier I facilities (no individual AST greater than 5,000 U.S. gallons) have the option to complete and self-certify Plan using a template listed in Appendix G in lieu of a PE-certified Plan.

Tier II facilities (has individual AST greater than 5,000 U.S. gallons) Prepare a self-certified Plan in accordance with all applicable requirements of §112.7 and subparts B and C of the rule (Hybrid) Plan, in lieu of a PE-certified Plan. All other production facilities prepare a PE-certified Plan in accordance with all applicable requirements of §112.7 and subparts B and C.

HB Engineering staff will prepare PE-certified Plans for facilities in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Florida, Alabama, and Illinois.

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