



Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure (SPCC) Rule Compliance Date Amendment

On June 19, 2009, EPA amended the dates by which facilities and farms must prepare or amend Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure (SPCC) Plans, and implement those Plans (74 FR 29136). Facilities and farms must amend or prepare, and implement SPCC Plans by the compliance date in accordance with revisions to the SPCC rule promulgated since 2002.

What are the compliance dates for all facilities, including farms?

A facility starting operation...	Must...
On or before August 16, 2002	Continue to maintain its existing SPCC Plan in accordance with the SPCC rule. Amend and implement that Plan no later than November 10, 2010
After August 16, 2002, through November 10, 2010	Prepare and implement an SPCC Plan no later than November 10, 2010
After November 10, 2010	Prepare and implement an SPCC Plan before beginning operations

Why did EPA extend the compliance dates?

To provide owners or operators of facilities time to fully understand all the revisions to the SPCC rule and make changes to their facilities and SPCC Plans to comply with the revised requirements.

Who is eligible for the compliance date extension?

- Facilities, including farms, in operation before August 16, 2002, that are maintaining a Plan in accordance with the SPCC requirements; and
- Facilities, including farms, which began operating after August 16, 2002.

What is a “farm” for purposes of the SPCC rule?

EPA defines a farm as “a facility on a tract of land devoted to the production of crops or raising of animals, including fish, which produced and sold, or normally would have produced and sold, \$1,000 or more of agricultural products during a year.”

What should I do now?

- Review the SPCC rule and amendments;
- If your facility began operating before August 16, 2002, then continue to maintain your SPCC Plan;
- Identify areas of your SPCC Plan that require amendment (if applicable);
- Make necessary facility modifications, if any, to comply with the SPCC rule revisions; and
 - Be prepared to finalize amendments to your SPCC Plan and implement that Plan by November 10, 2010; or
- If your facility began operating after August 16, 2002, then prepare a Plan and implement it no later than November 10, 2010.

For More Information

Read the SPCC rule and amendments

<http://www.epa.gov/emergencies>

Review the Oil Pollution Prevention regulation (40 CFR part 112)

<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/cfr/>

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