



Environmental Services SPILL PREVENTION CONTROL AND COUNTERMEASURE PLANS

Compliance Deadline November 10, 2010

Beware the 55-gallon drum!

The EPA has updated the Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasure (SPCC) regulations which may affect your operations. The new rule puts new requirements on any facility with an oil storage capacity between 1,320 gallons and 10,000 gallons, with no individual above ground oil storage containers with a capacity greater than 5,000 gallons. "Oil" refers to fuel oil, used oil, oil mix, greases, and synthetic and mineral oils. The new rule also puts new requirements on sites with storage of 10,000 gallons or more. The new rule went into effect January 14, 2010, and sites will be required to be in compliance by November 10, 2010.

Sites with oil storage capacity between 1,320 and 10,000 gallons have the option to self-certify their SPCC Plans in lieu of preparation of an SPCC plan and certification by a Professional Engineer. The final rule designates these facilities as 'Tier I qualified facilities' as long as the sites meet the qualified facility eligibility criteria. The owner or operator can complete the SPCC Plan template, which is comprised of a set of streamlined SPCC rule requirements, and implement those requirements to comply with the SPCC regulation. All other qualified facilities will be designated as 'Tier II qualified facilities' (including any site with greater than 10,000 gallons of oil storage capacity), and requires a full SPCC plan and certification by a Professional Engineer.

I&S will assist you to determine how you can minimize your onsite storage and make a determination regarding the designation and permit requirements of your facility. As needed, I&S can prepare SPCC Plans under the provisions of 40 CFR 112, including:

1. Operating procedures the facility implements to prevent oil spills,
2. Control Measures installed to prevent an oil spill, and
3. Countermeasures to contain, cleanup, and mitigate the effects of an oil spill.

I&S has the expertise and experience to provide environmental consultation to ensure you are in compliance in order to avoid expensive fines. Please contact our Environmental Services department at 507.387.6651 for more information on this program and the services I&S has to offer.

