

# Oil Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure (SPCC)

## Fact Sheet

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## Natural Resources Conservation Service

### Overview

The U.S. Department of Agriculture recently implemented the Oil Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure (SPCC) to help agricultural producers comply with revised regulations issued by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The SPCC Special Initiative is intended to prevent and mitigate fuel and oil spills on agricultural operations. The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Montana is implementing the SPCC initiative to provide technical and financial assistance to help agricultural producers comply with EPA's SPCC regulations. NRCS will help producers develop or update spill prevention plans that avoid and mitigate on-farm oil spillage. SPCC plans must be in place no later than **May 10, 2013**.

Applications will be accepted **January 16, 2012**, through **March 16, 2012**.

### Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) SPCC Special Initiative

This EQIP special initiative will help landowners address EPA requirements. Through the EQIP special initiative, funds will be available for landowners to work with professional engineers to develop an SPCC Conservation Activity Plan. This plan is required for applicants with above-ground storage of more than 10,000 gallons. In addition, financial assistance is available through the EQIP for individuals to implement the secondary containment facility identified in the SPCC plan.



### Overview of EPA's SPCC Program

Farms that meet the following criteria must comply with SPCC regulation. Farms in operation on or before August 16, 2002, must maintain or update their existing SPCC plans by the May 10, 2013, deadline. This assumes that a plan is in place.

In addition to the criteria above, a farm is included in SPCC if:

- Oil or oil products such as gasoline, lube oil, diesel fuel, hydraulic oil, crop oil, vegetable oil, or animal fat are transferred, used, or consumed; and
- More than 1,320 U.S. gallons are stored in above-ground containers; and
- Oil could reasonably be expected to discharge to waters of the U.S. or adjoining shorelines such as interstate waters, intrastate lakes, rivers, and streams.

### Additional Information

Contact your local Montana NRCS field office to inquire about or apply for the EQIP SPCC Special Initiative.

For more information about SPCC, please refer to the EPA SPCC web page at

[www.epa.gov/emergencies/content/spcc/index.htm](http://www.epa.gov/emergencies/content/spcc/index.htm)

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