



Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure (SPCC) Compliance Date Extension for Farms

On October 13, 2011, the U.S. EPA amended the date by which farms must prepare or amend and implement their Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure Plans, to **May 10, 2013**. If EPA receives no adverse comment, we will not take further action on this rule and the rule will become effective 20 days from the date of publication in the *Federal Register*.

Which SPCC facilities are receiving a compliance date extension?

Industry Sector	NAICS Code
Farms	111, 112
Government	92

***Note:** This table lists the types of entities that EPA is now aware could potentially be regulated by this action. Other types of entities not listed in the table could also be regulated.

The amendment does not remove the regulatory requirement for owners or operators of farms in operation before August 16, 2002, to maintain and continue implementing an SPCC Plan in accordance with the SPCC regulations then in effect. Such farms continue to be required to maintain plans during the interim until the applicable compliance date for amending and implementing the amended Plans. Finally, the amendment does not relieve farms from the liability of any oil spills that occur.

Why is EPA extending the compliance dates for certain facilities?

An overwhelming segment of the continental United States was affected by flooding during the spring and summer of 2011. Other areas were impacted by devastating fires. Many counties in many states were declared disaster areas by either the federal or state government or both. As a result, the Agency believes that because of their nature, farms were disproportionately affected and need additional time to prepare and implement a Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure Plan.

What are the compliance dates for farms?

<i>A farm starting operation...</i>	<i>Must...</i>
On or before August 16, 2002	Maintain its existing SPCC Plan Amend and implement the amended SPCC Plan no later than May 10, 2013
After August 16, 2002 through May 10, 2013	Prepare and implement an SPCC Plan no later than May 10, 2013
After May 10, 2013	Prepare and implement an SPCC Plan <i>before</i> beginning operations

For More Information

Read the SPCC rule amendment:

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

Review docket documents for the SPCC rule amendment:

<http://www.regulations.gov>

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

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

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