

EPA's Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure (SPCC) Compliance Deadline

On October 7, 2010, EPA maintained the November 10, 2010, compliance date for drilling, production or workover facilities that are offshore or that have an offshore component, and for onshore facilities required to have and submit Facility Response Plans (FRPs). However, EPA extended the compliance date an additional year for all other facilities to amend or develop a SPCC Plan until November 10, 2011.

EPA also delayed the SPCC compliance date by which a facility must address milk and milk product containers, associated piping and appurtenances constructed according to current applicable 3-A Sanitary Standards, and that are subject to the current applicable Grade "A" Pasteurized Milk Ordinance (PMO) or equivalent State regulatory requirement. The date is delayed one year from the effective date of a final rule specifically addressing these milk and milk product containers.

The amendments do not remove the regulatory requirement for owners or operators of facilities in operation before August 16, 2002, to maintain and continue implementing an SPCC Plan in accordance with the SPCC regulations then in effect. Such facilities continue to be required to maintain Plans during the interim until the applicable compliance date for amending and implementing the amended Plans.

Facilities which store oil or oil based products with more than 1320 gallons are required to implement Facility Response Plans (FRPs) under the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 and are subject to SPCC requirements. Century Group Inc. has played a major role in assisting industrial facilities in meeting their environmental goals and be compliant with the new SPCC requirements by providing railroad spill containment pans at

their railroad tank car loading racks. The new Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasure regulations require that facilities with railroad tank car transloading racks must have the ability to contain the largest single container in the event of an accidental spill during operations.

Century Group's Jerry McCombs stated, "Our company has provided HDPE, Metal, and Concrete Enviropans to petrochemical, biofuels, and liquid terminals all across the U.S., which provide the proper length, width, and flow rates to help our customers meet the SPCC requirements as they relate to the new federal codes."

For more information on Century's railroad spill containment pan system and SPCC regulations in regard to railroad tank car load racks, contact railroad@centurygrp.com, call 800-527-5232, Ext. 118 or visit us at www.centurygrp.com.



Century's Spill Containment System for
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