

New Regulatory Deadline for Farm Tank Fuel Storage

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To all patrons:

There have been some questions regarding the date of extension for Federal SPCC spill plans for farms. The new deadline is May 10, 2013. These are not new regulations though. The requirements for secondary containment for your petroleum storage and the need for a spill plan have been in place since the early 1970's. Most farmers have just been given a pass on these requirements over the years unless they have had a mishap. The recent statement from the Federal Govt. reads as follows, "Farms in operation on or before August 16, 2002, must maintain or amend their existing Plan by May 10, 2013."

Every storage site is treated differently, so I can't give a general plan for everyone, except to say that most farm petroleum tanks need some type of secondary containment and need a spill plan. I've listed two links on the home page of our web site that can assist you in making sure your storage and spill plans are up to date and meet the Federal requirements for your site specific needs. These are the two links with EPA in their address.

I have also put up a file marked questionnaire for a company that has made a deal with MN Petroleum Marketers Assoc. They will make sure your storage is in compliance and help you write a spill plan for a reasonable fee.

If you have any questions please feel free to call me. With the petroleum assoc.'s help we should be able to come up with answers for you.

Thanks,

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