



MAA Environmental Toolbox Talk

Spill Response

SPCC: Spill Control and Countermeasure (SPCC) plans are required by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for facilities that store oil products such as fuel oil in amounts greater than 1,320 gallons (includes above ground tanks and 55-gallon drums). The goal of this plan is to ensure that facilities put in place measures to prevent oil spills from reaching navigable waters. Navigable water can be a ditch, stream, lake, etc. The SPCC Plan must be kept on site at the facility.

If you discover a leak. What do you do?

- **If safe attempt to stop the leak** - shut off a pump, etc. and CONTACT THE PERSON IN CHARGE
- **STOP the migration of material.** Use sand, absorbent socks, whatever is at your disposal to prevent the material from leaving or spreading too far onsite.
- Report any discharge to the facility manager.
- If the material has left the site. **CONTACT AN ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP CONTRACTOR** (Contact information should be in SPCC Plan).
- If absorbent socks or booms are onsite and the material has made it to a waterway, place downstream to **control the discharge from migrating further downstream.**



What can be used to contain/cleanup a spill?

Equipment & Materials – Use available equipment (loaders, skid steers, etc.) and materials (sand, dirt, floor dry, or RAP) to build a dike or berm to stop a spill.



Booms/Socks – Oil-only booms and socks are cylindrical sorbents that vary in length and diameter. They can contain spills on water or on ground and can be connected to prevent the spread of oil.



Pads/Diapers – Oil-only pads/diapers are flat sorbent sheets that can be used to catch leaks or clean up spills. These can be placed on oily water to soak up only the oil and none of the water.



Contaminated materials must be disposed of properly. There are restrictions on disposal of oil contaminated materials. Contact Environmental Personnel for assistance.

All tanks need to be inspected for leaks or other damage. This includes diesel, gas, etc. Make sure to perform monthly and quarterly inspections. Maintain inspection records for 5 years.