

Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasure Conservation Activity Plan



An Oil Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasure (SPCC) conservation activity plan (CAP) is a plan prepared and certified by a registered Professional Engineer (PE) in accordance with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) rules for producers with more than 10,000 gallons of liquid storage capacity. Producers with less than 10,000 gallons of liquid oil/fuel storage capacity are not required to hire a registered PE to prepare their plan, and may self-certify.

See EPA website for more information:

<http://www.epa.gov/emergencies/content/spcc/index.htm>

The USDA-NRCS is operating a pilot program through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) to provide assistance to eligible producers in meeting the EPA requirements for an Oil Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure (SPCC) Plan. EPA rules require these plans to be in place by May 10, 2013.



SPCC Plan Development:

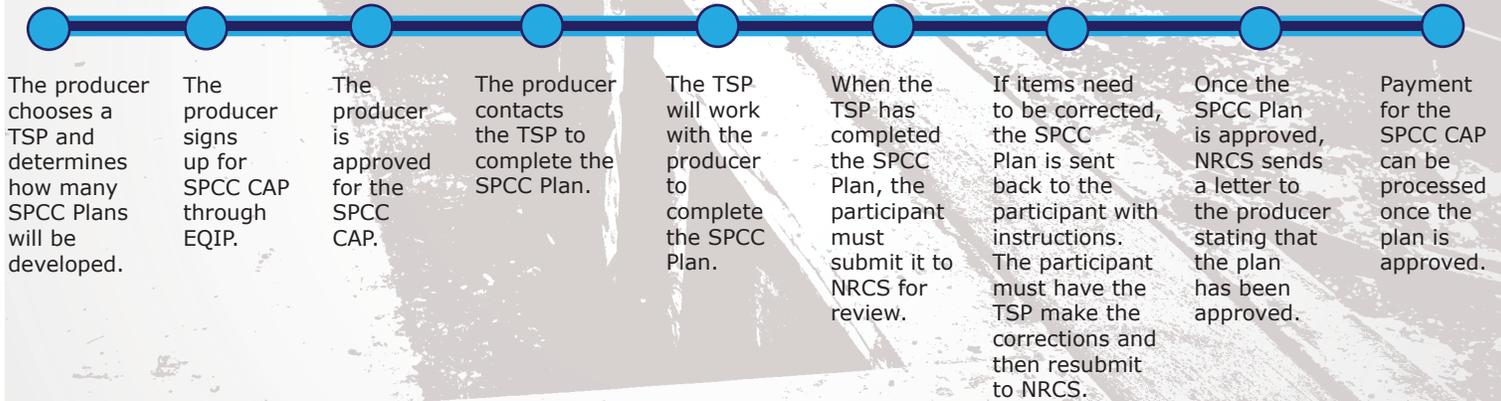
For facilities with greater than 1,320 but less than 10,000 gallons of above-ground storage capacity, the "self-certification" template provided by the EPA (<http://www.epa.gov/emergencies/content/spcc/tier1temp.htm>) or National Milk Producer's Federation (NMPF) can be used (<http://nmpf.org/files/file/SPCC-Plan-Template-Final-Sept-20-2010-FORM.pdf>). This does not require NRCS assistance.

For producers with greater than 10,000 gallons of above-ground storage capacity, the NRCS is offering financial assistance for a special Conservation Activity Plan (CAP) to assist with SPCC Plan development. When a producer signs up for this program, he or she chooses a Technical Service Provider (TSP). The TSP will develop the plan. A list of qualified TSP's for your state and parish is available from the TSP registry (TechReg) website at <http://techreg.usda.gov/>.

SPCC Plan Deliverables:

- The SPCC Plan will be tailored to the individual farm.
- The cover page will include the name, address and phone of both the client and the TSP; the total storage capacity of the SPCC Plan; signature blocks for the TSP, producer, and NRCS acceptance.
- A section of the plan will include a summary of the facility's location, storage tanks and containment types and volumes, and any containment measures already in use. In addition, this will be located on a map of the facilities.
- A section of the plan will list recommended measures required to meet regulation, and a cost estimate of those measures.
- A section of the plan will cover a narrative summary of the recommendations made through the SPCC Plan, including a description of containment facilities.
- A section of the plan will cover any engineering and/or structural practices - including what the practice is, when it will be applied, the extent of the application and location on the plan map.
- The SPCC Plan **does not** include construction designs and specifications for construction of the containment facilities. This would be included under a different interim practice, which may be requested after completion of the SPCC Plan.

SPCC Plan Timelines:



SPCC On-Farm Fuel Containment Facilities

The USDA-NRCS is operating a pilot program through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) to provide assistance to eligible producers in meeting the EPA requirements for On-Farm Fuel Containment Facilities, also referred to as Agricultural Secondary Containment Facilities. These facilities are a part of the SPCC plans implemented by producers.

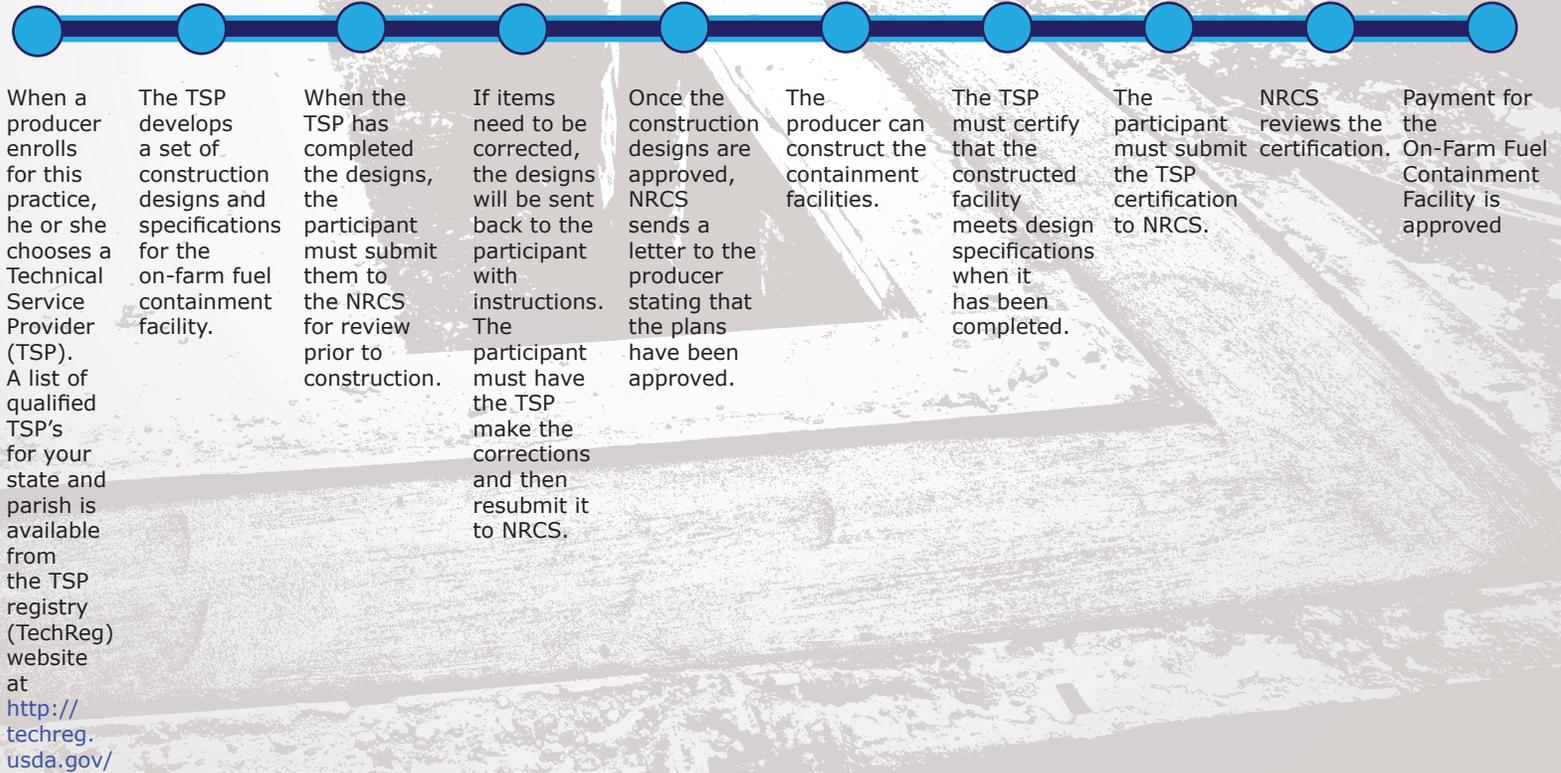
To apply for financial assistance on an Agricultural Secondary Containment Facility, the producer must first have an NRCS-approved SPCC plan. The SPCC Plan may be:

- An existing approved SPCC Plan developed by a registered Professional Engineer; or
- An approved SPCC CAP developed by a certified TSP; or
- An approved self-certified SPCC Plan.

The TSP will provide the following On-Farm Fuel Containment Facilities Deliverables:

- A set of construction plans and specifications tailored to the individual farm requirements for the SPCC Plan.
- The TSP must provide final certification once the facility has been constructed to meet design specifications.

Facility Implementation Timeline:



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