

## **Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Makes Changes to Spill Prevention Program**

In December 2006, the EPA Administrator signed a final rule to amend the Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure (SPCC) plan. These amendments include:

- Providing the option for facilities that handle up to 10,000 gallons of oil and that have had no reportable discharge of oil in the previous three years to certify their own SPCC plans. The rule otherwise requires a Professional Engineer to certify SPCC plans. All plans previously required a Professional Engineer's certification.
- Exempting mobile refuelers, such as airport refueling trucks from the secondary containment requirements for storage containers.
- Removing SPCC requirements for animal fats and vegetable oils for certain types of facilities.
- Extending the SPCC compliance dates for farms.

To review the rule, please visit website:

<http://www.epa.gov/oilspill/pdfs/fr122606.pdf>

For detailed information about requirements of these amendments, please visit:

[http://www.epa.gov/oilspill/spcc\\_dec06.htm#amendments](http://www.epa.gov/oilspill/spcc_dec06.htm#amendments)

To view a Fact Sheet on the Rule, visit:

<http://www.epa.gov/oilspill/pdfs/SPCCFactsheetOverviewDec06.pdf>

*Currently, facilities (with exception of farms) must either (1) prepare and implement a new SPCC Plan: or (2) amend and implement an existing plan by October 31, 2007. Facilities established after October 31, 2007 must implement a plan upon start up. EPA has proposed to extend the deadline until 2009 but that proposal isn't finalized.*