

Get spill prevention plan in place before May deadline

What is Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasure (SPCC) and all the hubbub about some farmers needing to have a plan in place by Friday, May 10? If you are wondering the same thing, perhaps this article will answer your questions or help you find the answers.



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The goal of the spill prevention program is to prevent oil spills into the waters of the U.S. and adjoining shorelines. Oil spills can injure people and damage the environment.

A key element of this program requires farmers and facilities that exceed certain oil storage requirements to have an oil spill prevention plan, called an SPCC Plan. These plans can help farmers prevent oil spills which can damage water resources needed for farming operations.

Under the program, a farm is defined as "a facility on a tract of land devoted to the production of crops or raising of animals, including fish, which produced and sold, or normally would have produced and sold, \$1,000 or more of agricultural products during a year."

The program applies to a farm which meets all three of these criteria:

1. Stores, transfers, uses or consumes oil or oil products, such as diesel fuel, gasoline, lube oil, hydraulic oil, adjuvant oil, crop oil, vegetable oil or animal fat.
2. Stores more than 1,320 gallons in aboveground containers or more than 42,000 gallons in completely buried containers; Count only containers of oil that have a storage capacity of 55 gallons or more. Adjacent – or non-adjacent – parcels may be considered separate facilities. Containers on separate parcels – identified by the

farmer as separate based on how they are operated – do not need to be added together in determining the 1,320-gallon threshold.

3. Could reasonably be expected to discharge oil to water or adjoining shorelines, such as lakes, rivers, and streams. The environment and flow properties of oil when combined with rain must be considered.

Farms that meet all three criteria are required to develop an oil storage containment plan by May 10. Information on the program can be obtained from www.epa.gov/emergencies/content/spcc/spcc_ag.htm.

An owner or operator of a qualifying Tier I facility can develop a self-certified plan.

A Tier I facility has:

- Total aboveground capacity between 1,320 and 10,000 gallons.
 - No aboveground single container with a capacity greater than 5,000 gallons.
 - In the three years before the date the plan is certified, had no single discharge of oil exceeding 1,000 gallons or no two discharges each exceeding 42 gallons within any 12-month period.
- What information goes into my plan?
- A list of oil containers at the farm or parcel with a capacity of 55 gallons or more.
 - Description of the procedures to prevent a spill

• Description of measures installed to prevent oil from reaching water.

• Description of measures to contain and clean up an oil spill to water.

• A list of emergency contacts and first responders.

Sample plans and plan templates are available at www.epa.gov/emergencies/content/spcc/tier1temp.htm.

The plan should be maintained at your facility if you are there four hours a day or at your nearest office if the facility is not staffed. Your plan will need to be updated when any changes are made to your storage or containment. In addition, the plan must be reviewed every five years.

This information was obtained from the K-State Agronomy Department

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'Just kidding!' — the Mayans



JUDY ROGERS/Golden Plains High School

Senior Camron Spreser crowned junior Lena Janke as the 2013 Prom Queen as royalty candidates senior Jesus Garcia (left), junior Asia Kurth and senior Haydyn Best looked on at the Golden Plains Prom Saturday. Spreser, crowned king of the prom, themed "Just Kidding ... the Mayans," is the son of LeRoy and Renee Spreser of Selden. Janke, an exchange student from Germany, lives with host parents Lane and Laura Rush of Colby. The royal couple started off an evening of dancing following a meal prepared by junior parents.

Bus found; thief missing

PITTSBURGH (AP) — A school bus stolen from a Pittsburgh company's lot has been found, but police still don't know who stole it or why.

The bus was reported stolen from Monarch Bus Co. on Monday. A driver noticed the bus was missing that morning, but at first assumed another driver had taken it out early.

When the bus didn't return, company officials reviewed surveillance video and determined someone drove it out of the lot sometime after 11 p.m. Sunday.

Police say the bus must run for a while so its air brakes will work, so investigators believe whoever took the bus knows something about the vehicles. The flat-nose bus, which carries more than 70 passengers, is also difficult to drive.

Still, police found it Monday evening behind Point Plaza in Butler, about 30 miles north of the city.

Public Notice

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THOMAS COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of Linda K. Petty aka Linda Kay Petty formerly Linda Rummel, Deceased.

Case No. 13-PR-13

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The State of Kansas To All Persons Concerned:

You are hereby notified that on April 3, 2013, a Petition for Probate of Will and Issuance of Letters Testamentary was filed in this Court by Bradley A. Rummel aka Bradley Rummel, an heir, devisee, and legatee, of Linda K. Petty aka Linda Kay Petty formerly Linda Rummel, deceased and executor named in the Last Will and Testament of Linda K. Petty aka Linda Kay Petty, deceased. All creditors of the above named decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within four (4) months from the date of first publication of this notice, as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

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