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# EPA Extends Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure (SPCC) Compliance Dates to July 1, 2009

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### Extension

EPA is extending the compliance dates for owners and operators to prepare or amend and implement [SPCC](#) Plans until July 1, 2009.

Text of the final rule: Oil Pollution Prevention; Non-Transportation Related Onshore and Offshore Facilities; Final Rule (PDF) (PDF)

**This final rule is effective May 16, 2007.**

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## What are the compliance dates?

<b><i>A facility (other than a farm) starting operation...</i></b>	<b><i>Must...</i></b>
On or before August 16, 2002	Maintain its existing Plan Amend and implement the Plan no later than July 1, 2009
After August 16, 2002 through July 1, 2009	Amend and implement the Plan no later than July 1, 2009
After July 1, 2009	Prepare and implement a Plan before beginning operations

<b><i>A Farm starting operation...</i></b>	<b><i>Must...</i></b>

On or before August 16, 2002	Maintain its existing Plan. Amend and implement the Plan when EPA promulgates a rule specific for farms and specifies a compliance date for farms.
After August 16, 2002	Prepare and implement a Plan when EPA promulgates a rule specific for farms and specifies a compliance date for farms.

### **Why is EPA extending the compliance dates?**

EPA is extending the compliance dates because it will provide the time for the regulated community to:

- Make changes to their facilities and to their *SPCC Plans* necessary to comply with the revised requirements that EPA expects to propose in 2007
- Fully understand the regulatory relief offered by revisions to the SPCC rule as finalized in December 2006.
- Understand the material presented in the *SPCC Guidance for Regional Inspectors*, which will be updated to address both the December 2006 revisions and the upcoming revisions expected to be proposed in 2007, before preparing or amending and implementing their SPCC Plans.

### **Who do I contact for more information about this rule?**

For general information, contact the Superfund, TRI, EPCRA, RMP and Oil Information Center at (800) 424-9346 or TDD (800) 553-7672 (hearing impaired). In the Washington, DC metropolitan area, call (703) 412-9810 or TDD (703) 412-3323.