

Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure (SPCC) Program



UNCG EHS oversees the management and implementation of the University's SPCC Program. This program is designed to prevent the discharge of any oil-based product into the environment. The EPA's Oil Pollution Prevention Rule became effective January 10, 1974. It was published under the authority of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (Clean Water Act). Facilities subject to the rule must prepare and implement a plan to prevent any discharge of oil into or upon navigable waters of the United States or adjoining shorelines.

UNCG is in the process of amending the current plan to include new sources of possible oil pollution. Above ground storage tanks which have a capacity of 55 gallons or more, and are used to store petroleum product or oils derived from animal or plant oils are subject to the program. Most of these are containers are used to house diesel fuel for emergency generators. Other types of tanks subject to the plan are hydraulic fluid reservoirs for elevators and transformers, as well as certain construction equipment.