



## Summary of PSU Spill Plans for Oil and Chemical Storage

The following is a summary of the types of spill plans at Penn State that may be required for a facility, depending on the materials stored and the quantity. Please contact EHS to determine the appropriate plan for your storage conditions.

### Chemical Storage:

- *Preparedness, Prevention, and Contingency (PPC) Plan:*  
 Facilities that meet the following conditions are required to have a PPC Plan:
  - The facility is an industrial or commercial installation that has the potential for causing accidental pollution of the air, land, or water, or the endangerment of public health and safety; or
  - The facility has a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) stormwater permit.
  - The facility is a manufacturing or commercial installation that generates hazardous waste.
- *Off-Site Emergency Response Plan:*  
 Facilities that store [extremely hazardous substances](#), as defined by the Emergency Planning Community Right to Know Act, at or above the threshold planning quantity are required to identify themselves as emergency planning facilities, designate an emergency coordinator, and have Emergency Off-Site Response Plans.

### Oil Storage:

- *Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasures (SPCC) Plan:*  
 Facilities that meet the following conditions are required to have an SPCC Plan:
  - The facility could reasonably be expected to discharge oil in quantities that may be harmful into or upon the navigable waters of the United States or that may affect natural resources;
  - The facility has oil in aboveground containers, completely buried tanks, and temporary storage containers; and
  - The facility has completely buried storage capacity of more than 42,000-gallons of oil in tanks that are not regulated under 40 CFR §280 or 281, or the facility has an aggregate aboveground storage capacity greater than 1,320-gallons.
- *Preparedness, Prevention, and Contingency (PPC) Plan:*  
 Facilities that store oil in quantities above 55-gallons, but less than that required for the SPCC Plan are required to have a PPC Plan (see Chemical Storage above).
- *Spill Prevention Response (SPR) Plan:*  
 Facilities that store oil in regulated aboveground storage tanks in quantities that exceed 21,000 gallons in one location are required to have SPR Plans.

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