



Supplement F – Spill Contingency Plan

Application for Permits to Mine in Alaska (APMA) - BLM Supplement F – Spill Contingency Plan

A spill contingency plan is required for every Plan of Operations in accordance with 43 CFR 3809.401.

A Spill Contingency Plan (SCP) should demonstrate that you are trained, capable, and equipped to respond to a spill of oil at a scale consistent with the quantities used in your operations.

If you plan on having storage for more than 1,320 gallons of oil or fuel a Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasures Plan (SPCC) may be required in accordance with Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations on oil pollution prevention (40 CFR 112). [Important Note: All oil containers greater than 55 gallons are included in determining storage capacity and the EPA includes fuels in the definition of oil.] Completing an SPCC will meet the BLM's requirement for a SCP. Even when not required, some miners use the SPCC planning process to provide a SCP.

Check the EPA's website for guidance on creating a SPCC or an SCP; <http://www.epa.gov/osweroe1/content/spcc/>. The BLM requirements for a SCP follow 40 CFR 112 Appendix G, Attachment 2 - Oil Spill Contingency Checklist, just checking the boxes on the Checklist is NOT a complete Spill Contingency Plan.

A complete SCP will contain all of the information described in the outline below*

- (a) List all parties who may be involved in planning and directing oil removal operations. This includes owners, operators, and employees involved in implementing and carrying out the SCP and the responsibility of each person or position.
- (b) Establish internal inspection and notification procedures for the purpose of early detection and timely notification of an oil discharge. (See the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) for the requirements for reporting spills <http://dec.alaska.gov/spar/spillreport.htm> .):
 - (1) Identify each water body that may be affected in the event of the oil or fuel spill and how to access the site(s).
 - (2) Establish a communication system (telephone, satellite phone, or email) that is able to provide notification of an oil or fuel spill within the requirements of state and federal regulations.
 - (3) Establish a list, to be posted, of agencies and possibly other operators or companies that can provide spill response capabilities for the maximum amount of fuel stored on site for the duration of the Plan.
- (c) Provide assurance that the resources to respond to any spill exist and can be committed in the event of an oil discharge situation including:
 - (1) Provide an inventory showing that the applicable equipment, materials and supplies are available to remove a maximum anticipated oil spill.
 - (2) If you do not own or plan to acquire all the personnel, supplies, and equipment necessary to respond to an oil or fuel spill, establish and provide documentation that another party is ready, willing, and able to clean up a maximum oil discharge.
- (d) Have a specific plan in place for actions that will be taken after the discovery and notification of an oil or fuel discharge including:
 - (1) Provide the names and contact information of an oil discharge response operating team consisting of trained, prepared, and available operating personnel.



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- (2) Designate a properly qualified oil discharge response coordinator who is authorized and charged with the responsibility of directing and coordinating response operations and who knows how to request assistance from Federal authorities.
- (3) Designate a reliable communications system for directing the coordinated response operations.
- (4) Plan for varying degrees of response efforts depending on the severity of the oil discharge.
- (5) Prioritize those water bodies or water-uses to be protected if there is an oil discharge where your response operations may not be adequate to protect all water bodies or all uses.

* The contingency plan must be consistent with all applicable state and local plans, Area Contingency Plans, and the National Contingency Plan (NCP).

More information is also available on the main BLM – Alaska Minerals

Webpage: <http://www.blm.gov/ak/st/en/prog/minerals.html>