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Happy Earth Month! Earth Day is April 22 and this issue contains a special Green Tip. This issue also includes information on SPCC, an industrial storm water permit update, and more. If you have questions or topic suggestions, please reply to this email.

TRI Reporting

The official TRI reporting deadline to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is July 1, 2010. South Carolina only accepts reports submitted electronically via the Internet to the U.S. EPA's Central Data Exchange. Facilities submitting by Internet are exempt from any separate mailing to S.C. For more information go to <http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/baq/ToxicReleaseInventory/>

Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure

In the state of South Carolina, the Department of Health and Environmental Control does not directly regulate Aboveground Storage Tanks (ASTs) containing gasoline and/or other petroleum products. However, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulates ASTs through the Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure (SPCC) Rule (<http://www.epa.gov/emergencies/content/spcc/index.htm>). This regulation applies to non-transportation-related facilities with a total aboveground oil storage capacity of greater than 1,320 gallons, or total completely buried oil storage capacity greater than 42,000 gallons. In addition to the storage capacity criteria, a facility is subject to SPCC regulations if, due to its location, the facility could reasonably be expected to discharge oil into navigable waters of the U.S. or adjoining shorelines. On June 19, 2009, EPA published in the *Federal Register* a SPCC compliance date extension for all facilities until **November 10, 2010**. Facilities, including farms, must amend or prepare, and implement SPCC Plans by the compliance date in accordance with revisions to the SPCC rule promulgated since 2002. The full text of this regulation is found at 40 CFR part 112.

Learn if the rule applies to your facility and the latest requirements with the guide called "A Facility Owner/Operator's Guide to Pollution Prevention" that can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/emergencies/docs/oil/spcc/spccbluebroch2002.pdf>.

Additional information can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/emergencies/content/spcc/index.htm> and questions can be directed to Ted Walden (404-562-8752) with the EPA Region 4 in Atlanta, GA.

Industrial Storm Water General Permit Update

The Department intends to have an effective date of October 1, 2010 for the Industrial Stormwater General Permit. For their pre-notice review, EPA, Region IV officially responded on February 22, 2010. The permit will go on public notice April 2, 2010. You may view the public notice with a link to the draft permit at <http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/water/publicnote/html/PublicNotice.ashx?pnid=149>.

Web Updates

The following webpages have been updated recently.

Water Compliance

http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/water/wpc_compliance.htm

Air Toxics – Area Sources

<http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/baq/AreaSources/index.asp>

Green Tip

Ground-level Ozone Forecasting Season begins April 1 - Ozone has become an even bigger challenge in South Carolina with the EPA planning to lower the standard. With this challenge come opportunities to voluntarily reduce ozone pollution in our state.

What does your work site do to reduce ozone and other types of air pollution from vehicle exhaust? Have you enrolled in DHEC's Take a Break from the Exhaust program? "Take a Break" is a free Web-based program that allows workplaces and your employees to track the choices they make every day to reduce vehicle use and to "Spare the Air." If your employees are carpooling, taking the bus or even staying in for lunch, we want to know about it! By enrolling your work site in "Take a Break," your employees can earn points for activities that help lower pollution. It also shows that you're a good neighbor with an interest in helping to keep your community healthy by cutting down on vehicle use and idling around your facility.

For more information or to enroll your work site in Take a Break from the Exhaust, contact Jack Porter at porterje@dhec.sc.gov.

To stay up to date on the ozone forecast in your area, sign up for EnviroFlash. This program will send you an email each day letting you know the ozone forecast. EnviroFlash can be found at <http://www.enviroflash.info/>.

Additional Newsletters

UST Newsletter

http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/lwm/html/ust_news.htm

Swimming Pool Newsletter - Newsplash

<http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/water/recreation.htm#splash>

Smart Business Recycling Program

http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/lwm/recycle/smart_business/archive.htm

Non-Point Source Newsletter - Turning the Tide

<http://www.dhec.sc.gov/environment/water/npspage.htm#npsnews>

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