

NRCS Pilot Initiative to Help Comply with On-Farm Oil Spill Regulation

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NRCS Initiative

- New pilot program:
 - ♦ Program kicked off in Pembina, ND on Oct. 21, 2010.
 - ♦ Administered through EQIP
 - ♦ Help agricultural producers meet a regulatory requirement designed to reduce the dangers of on-farm oil spills

NRCS Pilot Program

- Provides up to \$3 million to help farmers and ranchers comply with EPA's Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure Program (SPCC)
 - ♦ to assist in developing PE-certified SPCC plans and
 - ♦ implementing the secondary oil and fuel containment conservation practices
 - ♦ USDA developed interim practice standard for secondary oil and fuel containment

States participating in the NRCS pilot:

- Idaho
- Louisiana
- Nevada
- New York
- North Dakota
- Oklahoma,
- Texas
- Utah and
- Caribbean area
- Others (through traditional EQIP program)

NRCS-NMPF Partnership

- NRCS partnered with the National Milk Producers Federation (NMPF) to develop a template for dairy producers to help them determine if they needed an SPCC plan and whether or not they could self certify their plans.
- Up to 84 percent of farmers and ranchers are able to “self certify” by completing an online template.

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- NRCS assistance with SPCC Plans: contact your local USDA field service center or www.nrcs.usda.gov
- SPCC rule and additional resources: www.epa.gov/emergencies/spcc
