

## TELLER COUNTY SPCC PLAN OVERVIEW

Due to current EPA and federal requirements any facility that houses over 1,620 gallons of petroleum products or chemicals is required to develop a comprehensive Spill control and containment plan. The purpose of the plan is to have a mechanism in place for spill response and prevention. Environmental issues are expensive, just 25 gallons of spilled oil that enters a storm drain or waterway can cost up to \$40,000 to remediate. It is mandatory that every effort is made to prevent spills and it is equally important for employees to know how to contain and manage a spill so that the spill does not pose an environmental risk or leave our property.

Teller County houses nearly 30,000 gallons of fuel, oil, chemicals, and emulsions that are used in daily operations. This plan covers the Cripple Creek and Divide facilities. The SPCC plan details the location, quantities, and the risk involved with the use and storage of these oils and chemicals. Additionally the PE that develops the plan is required to assess our storage and handling practices and recommends remedies for any non-compliant findings. Once these findings are remedied, the plan is certified by the engineer. Upon certification, we will have sixty days to train all employees that use a county fuel site or use any of the fluids listed in the plan. Key departmental employees that will be directly responsible for containment or cleanup must also be trained during this timeframe.

The SPCC plan is our response guidebook for any type of spill. It assigns responsibilities to key individuals that are required to perform inspections on tanks and dispensers, it guides us through the response steps when a spill occurs, provides a comprehensive “map” of our operations to emergency response and fire personnel, and guides supervisors in the proper procedures for containment, clean up , reporting, and remediation.

The development of this plan mandates that all county departments, in cooperation with the primary SPCC coordinator, follow the regulations, best management practices, and training requirements contained within the plan. It must also be reviewed and updated as operations change and it also requires a five- year review by a PE to ensure continued compliance with laws and regulations.

This plan requires ongoing maintenance, departmental participation, and employee awareness to be successful. It is an important step in being an environmentally responsible organization.