

The following is an update from the RCRA, Superfund & EPCRA Call Center:

EPA is considering initiatives that would provide more focused regulation for facilities that handle below a certain threshold of oil (“certain facilities”) as well as facilities with oil-filled and process equipment under the Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasure (SPCC) rule (40 CFR

Part 112). As part of this effort, the Agency is making information available to the public for review and comment as part of its process of considering possible streamlined approaches that would ensure protection of human health and the environment from oil spills. The documents present ideas for new regulatory thresholds and definitions as well as describe streamlined alternatives that could potentially replace parts of existing regulations for certain facilities. EPA is interested in receiving comments that can assist the Agency in assessing the merit of these alternatives. EPA is specifically interested in receiving any evidence, including data and analyses, related to claims made within the documents. Please be aware that the Agency is only soliciting comments on the data provided.

The documents available for comment can be found at www.epa.gov/oilspill under two titles: “Notice of Data Availability for Certain Facilities” and “Notice of Data Availability for Oil-Filled and Process Equipment.” They can also be found in the EDOCKET index at <http://www.epa.gov/edocket>, under Docket No. OPA-2004-0007 and Docket No. OPA-2004-0008, respectively.

For more information, please see the Notices of Data Availability published in the Federal Register on September 20, 2004, at (69 FR 56182) and (69 FR 56184). You can access the Federal Register at <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/index.html>.