

NEW SPCC INTEGRITY TEST REQUIREMENTS FOR STORAGE CONTAINERS AND TANKS

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Recently the EPA has revised their rule concerning SPCC plans. This rule, 40 CFR 112 now includes integrity testing to small shop built storage tanks. This has caused much confusion in many different industries. Fines have been issued to owners not in compliance. Owners of large AST's have been familiar with inspection requirements for years but the owners of small shop built tanks are now going to be required, by law, to perform some sort of integrity assessment of their tanks. Rule 40 CFR 112 states that "Industry Accepted Standards" shall be used. There are a couple of standards which could be used and applied but there are a myriad of different type of shop built tanks in many different settings. Therefore, there is much need for guidance when complying with this new regulation. This paper would give examples of several different approaches to small tank integrity tests.