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## Standard Guide for Security of Tank Farm Installations for Compliance with Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasure Plan (SPCC) Regulations<sup>1</sup>

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### INTRODUCTION

Federal Regulation 40 CFR 112.3 requires an owner or operator of certain onshore or offshore facilities that have tanks used for storing oil to prepare a written Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure Plan (SPCC Plan). The SPCC Plan must include a description of the security measures that are implemented at the facility to prevent unauthorized access to oil handling, processing, and storage areas. Such security measures may involve fencing, lighting and other more sophisticated systems.

The SPCC rule defines Tier I and Tier II facilities. The owner/operator of Tier I and certain Tier II facilities may prepare and self-certify the SPCC Plan. Refer to United States Environmental Protection Agency - Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasure (SPCC) Rule - Stream-lined Requirements for Tier I and Tier II Qualified Facilities for aid in determining if a particular facility is a qualified Tier I or Tier II facility. If the requirements for self-certification are not met then the SPCC Plan must be certified by a Professional Engineer (P.E.) Some states do not permit self-certification of SPCC Plans and thus requires that all SPCC Plans be certified by a Professional Engineer (P.E.) The owner/operator should check with the state engineering licensing board to find out if it prohibits SPCC Plan self-certification.

### 1. Scope\*

1.1 This guide covers fencing and lighting only. More sophisticated security systems may be appropriate for the facility but discussion of these types of systems is beyond the scope of this document.

1.2 The information included in this guide is intended for petroleum bulk storage facilities. It is not intended for use with retail fueling and other motor fueling facilities, refineries, chemical plants, docks, oil production facilities, or electric power generation, transmission, distribution and service center facilities. Fencing, lighting or other security measures designed to prevent unauthorized access to the bulk storage facility may be components of Best Management Practices (BMPs) that the facility uses to prevent releases of petroleum to storm water

discharges. There are several different types of fencing and lighting that can be effective. The intent of this document is to outline a method for providing security fencing and lighting that has been effectively used. There are other fencing and lighting methods that may be adequately effective. Some facilities may be considered adequately secure without fencing or lighting. An analysis of the threat level should be made to determine the type of security system to employ.

1.3 Any facilities must meet local, state, and federal building, architectural, hazardous material handling and storage, and fire protection codes.

1.4 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as standard. No other units of measurement are included in this standard.

1.5 *This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.*

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\*A Summary of Changes section appears at the end of this standard

## 2. Referenced Documents

### 2.1 *ASTM Standards:*<sup>2</sup>

- A121 Specification for Metallic-Coated Carbon Steel Barbed Wire
- A123 Specification for Zinc (Hot-Dip Galvanized) Coatings on Iron and Steel Products
- A392 Specification for Zinc-Coated Steel Chain-Link Fence Fabric
- A817 Specification for Metallic-Coated Steel Wire for Chain-Link Fence Fabric and Marcellled Tension Wire
- F567 Practice for Installation of Chain-Link Fence
- F626 Specification for Fence Fittings
- F900 Specification for Industrial and Commercial Steel Swing Gates
- F1043 Specification for Strength and Protective Coatings on Steel Industrial Fence Framework
- F1083 Specification for Pipe, Steel, Hot-Dipped Zinc-Coated (Galvanized) Welded, for Fence Structures
- F1184 Specification for Industrial and Commercial Horizontal Slide Gates

### 2.2 *American National Standards Institute/American Petroleum Institute*<sup>3</sup>

- ANSI/API Standard 780 Security Risk Assessment Methodology for the Petroleum and Petrochemical Industries

### 2.3 *Chain Link Fence Manufacturers Institute:*<sup>4</sup>

- CLF-SFR0111 Security Fencing Recommendations The Tested and Proven Performance of Security Grade Chain Link Fencing Systems
- CLF-WLG 0110 Chain Link Fence Wind Load Guide for Selection of Line Post and Line Post Spacing
- CLF-PM0610 Product Manual

### 2.4 *United States Department of Transportation:*<sup>5</sup>

- AC150/5370 – 10F
  - Item F-161 – Wire fence With Steel Posts (Class C and D Fence)
  - Item F-162 – Chain Link Fence Item
  - Item F-163 – Wildlife Deterrent Fence
  - Item F-164 – Wildlife Exclusion Fence

### 2.5 *United States Environmental Protection Agency:*<sup>6</sup>

- Federal Regulation 40 CFR 112 Oil Prevention Pollution Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response – Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure (SPCC) Rule – Streamlined Requirements for Tier I and Tier II Qualified Facilities
- United States Environmental Protection Agency 40 FR 112 Oil Pollution Prevention

### 2.6 *Federal Standards:*<sup>7</sup>

- Federal Specification RR-F-191K/GEN Fencing, Wire and Post Metal (And Gates, Chain Link Fence Fabric, and Accessories-(General Specification)
- RR-F-191/1 Fencing, Wire and Post, Metal (Chain-Link Fence Fabric)
- RR-F-191/2 Fencing, Wire and Post, Metal (Chain- Link Fence Gates)
- RR-F-191/3 Fencing, Wire and Post, Metal (Chain-Link Fence Posts, Top Rails, and Braces)
- RR-F-191/4 Fencing, Wire and Post, Metal (Chain-Link Fence Accessories)

### 2.7 *Lighting:*

- NFPA 70 National Electric Code – Introduction, Chapter 1, Chapter 2, Chapter 3, Chapter 4, Article 410 –<sup>8</sup>
- International Building Code Section 1205<sup>9</sup>
- IES G-1-16 Guide for Security Lighting for People, Property, and Critical Infrastructure, Illumination Society of North America<sup>10</sup>

## 3. Terminology

### 3.1 *Definitions:*

3.1.1 *foot candle, n*—is a non-SI unit of illuminance or light intensity, abbreviated fc, lm/ft<sup>2</sup>, ft-c.

3.1.1.1 *Discussion*—The SI unit is lux. One foot candle is approximately equal to 10.764 lux.

## 4. Threat Level

4.1 The first step is for the owner to investigate and determine the perceived threat level. From that determination a judgment on the type and extent of fencing and the type and extent of lighting can be made. Helpful references are detailed in Section 2 above. Contacting the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to obtain a security analysis and a vulnerability study may be helpful. Further contacting the local police department or sheriff for guidance on security strategies in the local area based on familiarity with the threat characteristics of the area will be helpful.

4.2 Another document that may be useful in identifying the threat level and evaluating the risk involved is ASNI/API Standard 780 – Security Risk Assessment Methodology for the Petroleum and Petrochemical Industries.

## 5. Fencing Systems

5.1 The reference documents describe fencing systems that are more secure and fencing systems that are less secure. The owner should perform a risk analysis and determine the appropriate fencing system for the facilities to be protected.

NOTE 1—Some fence types may be restricted by local codes.

<sup>2</sup> For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, [www.astm.org](http://www.astm.org), or contact ASTM Customer Service at [service@astm.org](mailto:service@astm.org). For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

<sup>3</sup> Available from American National Standards Institute (ANSI), 25 W. 43rd St., 4th Floor, New York, NY 10036, <http://www.ansi.org>.

<sup>4</sup> Chain Link Fence Manufacturers Institute (CLFMI) 10015 Old Columbia Rd. Suite B215 Columbia, MD 21046. <http://www.chainlinkinfo.org>

<sup>5</sup> United States Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20590 855-368-4200, <https://www.transportation.gov>

<sup>6</sup> USEPA William Jefferson Clinton Building North, USEPA William Jefferson Clinton Building North, Washington, DC 20004. <https://www.epa.gov/>

<sup>7</sup> DLA Document Services Building 4/D 700 Robbins Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19111-5094 <http://quicksearch.dla.mil/>

<sup>8</sup> NFPA, National Fire Protection Association, 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169. <https://www.nfpa.org/>

<sup>9</sup> International Building Code, by the International Code Council, 4051 Flossmoor Road, Country Club Hills, IL 60478. <https://codes.iccsafe.org/>

<sup>10</sup> Illumination Society of North America, 120 Wall St. Fl 17, New York, NY 10005-4026. <https://www.ies.org/>