

**Landowner's Name, Town, VT**  
**OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE PLAN**  
**FOR**  
**ON-FARM SECONDARY CONTAINMENT FACILITY**

A properly operated and maintained **On-Farm Secondary Containment Facility** is an asset to your property. This facility was designed and installed to provide an environmentally safe area for handling, mixing and loading of on-farm agrichemicals. The estimated life span of this practice is 15 years. The life of this practice can be assured and usually increased by developing and carrying out a good operation and maintenance program. An effective program includes:

**Operation**

1. Farms with storage capacity between 1,320 gallons and 10,000 gallons with no tank larger than 5,000 gallons and no reportable discharge need an SPCC plan. It may be written and certified by the landowner.
2. Farms with storage capacity of more than 10,000 gallons or that have had an oil spill need an SPCC Plan certified by a licensed Professional Engineer as required by EPA.
3. Any liquid that accumulates in the containment facility shall be properly disposed of as soon as possible. All environmental regulations shall be followed.

**Inspection and Maintenance**

1. Thoroughly inspect the Agricultural Secondary Containment Facility at least twice per year. The inspection should include, but is not limited to the pad, pumps, hoses, piping, valves, filters, tanks, and electrical systems.
2. Tanks shall be inspected monthly for leaks, rust or corrosion, accumulation of trash or weeds, and proper labeling and signage. If damage is discovered, the tank shall be replaced or repaired immediately.
3. Inspect concrete for cracks or other signs of deterioration. Cracks are a serious concern and must be investigated and treated. Obtain engineering assistance from NRCS or a qualified consultant.
4. Roof components and lumber shall be inspected at least twice per year. Damage shall be repaired as soon as possible.
5. All fences, railings, and/or warning signs shall be maintained to provide warning and/or prevent unauthorized human or livestock entry.
6. Immediately repair any vandalism, vehicular or livestock damage to the structure, earthen areas surrounding the structure, or any appurtenances.

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### Safety

1. Post and maintain all warning signs in accordance with state regulations and product labeling requirements.

### Specific Requirements for Your Practice

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