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SPCC/Clean Water Act Enforcement: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Skiatook, Oklahoma, Municipal Airport Enter into Expedited Settlement Agreement

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The United States Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) and the City of Skiatook, Oklahoma (“Skiatook”), entered into a June 8th Expedited Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure (“SPCC”) Settlement Agreement (“Agreement”). See Docket No. CWA-06-2022-4314.

Skiatook operates a Municipal Airport (“Airport”).

An EPA representative is stated to have conducted an inspection of the Airport on April 12, 2022. The purpose of the inspection is stated to have determine compliance with the Oil Pollution Prevention regulations promulgated at 40 CFR Part 112 under Section 311(j) of the Clean Water Act.

EPA is stated to have determined that the Airport violated regulations implementing the Section 311(j) by failing to comply with the Oil Pollution Prevention regulations as noted on the document attached to the Agreement denominated “Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure Plan Inspection Findings. . .”

The alleged violations include:

- Failure to have a SPCC Plan
- No training on the operation and maintenance of equipment to prevent discharges and/or facility operations
- No training on discharge procedure protocols
- No training on the applicable pollution control laws, rules and regulations and/or SPCC Plan
- No designated person accountable for spill prevention
- Spill prevention briefings are not scheduled and conducted at least once a year

The Agreement assesses a civil penalty of \$1,688.

A copy of the Agreement can be downloaded [here](#).