

ENV-POL-PLN-001 Pollution Incident Response Management Plan

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Relevant authority notification

Notification of an environmental incident is the responsibility of ALL site personnel. In the instance of identification of an environmental incident, the personnel will report the issue immediately to their supervisor, who in turn will immediately report it to the Environmental Superintendent.

Once the PIRMP has been activated, the BCOP Environmental Superintendent must then immediately contact the agencies listed below in the order of hierarchy outlined in Table 5.1.

Table 5-1 Agencies to be contacted in the event of a Pollution Incident

Agency	Contact Details
Ambulance, Fire and Rescue NSW and/or Rural Fire Service (only if the incident presents an immediate threat to human health or property)	000
Secretary – Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure	Support Team: 1300 305 695 Team Leader – Compliance: (02) 6575 3401
Environmental Protection Authority	131 555
Ministry of Health NSW	(02) 9391 9000
SafeWork NSW	131 050
Narrabri Shire Council	Business and after hours: (02) 6799 6866

After initial notification of any material harm incident, it will be the responsibility of the BCOP Environmental Superintendent or Environment and Community Manager to liaise with any authority listed above that requests additional information or is providing directions for management of the material harm incident. This may include incident investigation of 'material harm', preparation of reports and ongoing environmental monitoring results.

Determination of material harm

Following containment and reporting of a 'pollution incident', immediate action must be taken to determine if the incident can be classified as a 'material harm incident'. As defined by Section 147 of the POEO Act,

- (a) Harm to the environmental is material if -
 - (i) it involves actual or potential harm to the health or safety of human beings or to ecosystems that is not trivial, or
 - (ii) it results in actual or potential loss or property damage of an amount, or amounts in aggregate, exceeding \$10,000 (or such other amount as is prescribed by the regulations), and
- (b) loss includes the reasonable costs and expenses that would be incurred in taking all reasonable and practicable measures to prevent, mitigate or make good harm to the environment.
- (2) it does not matter that harm to the environment is caused only in the premises where the pollution incident occurs.

The determination of a material harm incident will be made by the BCOP General Manager Operations in consultation with the BCOP Environmental Superintendent and/or Environment and Community Manager. If the BCOP General Manager Operations is not available immediately, the determination will be made by the BCOP Environment and Community Manager.

Notification to local landholders and community

If there is a risk of pollutants migrating to neighbouring landholder properties, it will be the responsibility of the BCOP Environment and Community Manager (or delegate) to contact relevant landholders via

telephone to provide early warning. Where necessary, information on how to minimise harm to persons or the premises will be provided. This may include information and suggested responses in the event of:

- a blast fume pollution incident, including:
 - the location of the blast, prevailing winds, height and trajectory of the fume cloud, and severity of the fume,
 - the actions to be taken to minimise harm to human health, such as closing all doors and windows and ensure all persons remaining inside until the fume cloud has dispersed.
- a bushfire incident, including the location and trajectory of the fire and the prevailing winds.
- A chemical spill, including the location and extent of the spill, potential impacts to the receiving environment, and any relevant actions to be taken to minimise the risk of harm through contact with the chemical.

Subsequent updates on the progress of any related cleanup/remedial actions will also be provided to affected landholders.

Contact details for potentially affected landholders downstream of the Boggabri Coal Mine will be kept up to date in the Boggabri Coal Mine Stakeholder Register.