



MELVILLE EMPLACEMENT AREA ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

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WHC_PLN_MELVILLE_POLLUTION INCIDENT RESPONSE MANAGEMENT PLAN

1. Site Description

This Pollution Incident Response Management Plan (PIRMP) is applicable across all Melville Emplacement Area operations subject to Environment Protection Licence (EPL) 1863. The details of the EPL are outlined in the table below.

SITE	EPL ID	ACTIVITY
Gunnedah Colliery	1863	Waste Disposal (0-All)

2. Notification Protocol

Under Part 5.7 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act, it is a requirement that in the event of a pollution incident, notification is made “immediately” to the relevant authorities when “material harm to the environment” is caused or threatened.

The protocol for reporting of an incident is as follows:

1. Initiate the Pollution Incident Response Management Plan and take measures to “control, contain and clean-up”.
2. Inform your supervisor. Containment of any spill should be undertaken if it is safe to do so. Immediately on containment, or if containment is not possible, contact your supervisor to inform them of the incident. Any spill/incident must be notified to your supervisor.
3. The supervisor will initiate any additional containment/control of the incident and coordinate required cleanup activities. The supervisor will also contact the Environmental Department to determine incident notification requirements in consultation with the Group Manager – Environment, or delegate.
4. The Group Manager – Environment, or delegate, will provide the required notification to the relevant agencies.
5. The Group Manager – Environment, or delegate, will provide required reports to the relevant agencies relating to the cause, response and mitigation measures enacted to manage the pollution incident.

The relevant agencies and order of notification are prescribed as follows:-

- If the incident represents an immediate threat to human health and/or property, call 000. Fire and Rescue NSW, NSW Police and NSW Ambulance Service will be the first responders.
- If the incident does not require an initial combat agency, or once the 000 call is made, notify the relevant authorities in the following order:
 1. Environment Protection Authority on the Environment Line: 131 555
 2. Public Health Unit –Tamworth: (02) 6764 8000
 3. Safework NSW: 131 050
 4. Local Government (Gunnedah Shire Council): (02) 6740 2100
 5. Fire and Rescue NSW: 1300 729 579



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Failure to apply the above notification protocol may result in penalties of up to \$2 million for corporations and up to \$500,000 for individuals.

3. Communication Protocol with the Community

In the event of a notifiable incident occurring, which impacts on neighboring properties, the following communication protocol will be followed:

- The affected landholder will be notified about the incident and informed as to the control/containment and clean up mechanisms applied. The site does not have any immediate residential receptors, however those that are closest to operations are listed on the site's full PIRMP (not included here for privacy reasons).
- In the event of wider community impact (more than 3 landholders affected), notice relating to the incident will be provided by letter drop and/or door knock to the affected parties, with follow up advice issued as required.

In the event of any discharge incident to receiving waters, those properties directly affected by discharge water will be directly informed, with follow up contact provided confirming water quality of the discharge water, and predicted impacts on those users for all water use parameters including domestic, stock and irrigation purposes.