



Morella Layer Complex Pollution Incident Response Management Plan

APPENDIX 1 – PUBLICALLY AVAILABLE INFORMATION

This appendix has been prepared for purposes of making publically available the requirements of the Pollution Response Management Plan, which has been modified to exclude all personal information relating to the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998.

1. Background

This Pollution Incident Response Management Plan (PIRMP) has been developed to satisfy pollution reporting obligations under the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 (POEO Act). This plan outlines the reporting, and management requirements of an environmental pollution incident. The objective of this plan is to ensure that an environmental pollution incident is communicated to all relevant groups and individuals, to prevent, minimise and control the risk of an environmental pollution incident, and also appropriately establish and maintain the plan. This plan is a mandatory document on all NSW facilities issued with an Environmental Protection License (EPL).

The Pollution Incident Response Management Plan must:

- Be kept at all times at the premises;
- Include information as required in the POEO Act;
- Be tested on an annual basis; and
- Be implemented if a pollution incident does occur.

The notification of environmental incidents under this PIRMP is only required for those incidents causing or threatening to result in material environmental harm (a material harm incident) as defined in the POEO Act

2. Definition of a Pollution Incident

Pollution incident means an incident or set of circumstances during or as a consequence of which there is or is likely to be a leak, spill or other escape or deposit of a substance, as a result of which pollution has occurred, is occurring or is likely to occur. It includes an incident or set of circumstances in which a substance has been placed or disposed of on premises, but it does not include an incident or set of circumstances involving only the emission of any noise.

3. Protocol for notification of pollution incidents

In the event of the Pollution Incident Response Management Plan being enacted, whereby a pollution incident occurs that involves potential or actual harm to the health or safety of human beings or to an ecosystem that is not trivial, or it results in actual or potential loss of property damage that exceeds in aggregate of \$10,000 as prescribed in the Regulations, the following contacts are to be notified in the priority shown:

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Service	Contact Details
Emergency Services	000 Only if the incident presents an immediate threat to human health or property
NSW EPA	131 555 – 24hr Pollution Hotline
NSW Ministry of Health	1300 066 055 or Ph: 02 6080 8900 (diverts to Albury Base Hospital) - ask for Public Health Officer on call
Safe Work NSW	131 050
Griffith City Council	(02) 6962 8100
Fire & Rescue NSW	1300 729 579 Note: If the situation warranted calling 000 as a first point of notification, you do not need to ring Fire and Rescue NSW again

4. Notification

The relevant information about a pollution incident required to be reported consists of the following:

6. the time, date, nature, duration and location of the incident;
7. the location of the place where pollution is occurring or is likely to occur;
8. the nature, the estimated quantity or volume and the concentration of any pollutants involved;
9. the circumstances in which the incident occurred (including the cause of the incident, if known);
10. the action taken or proposed to be taken to deal with the incident and any resulting pollution or threatened pollution.

If the information required by items (3) to (5) becomes known after the initial notification is made, that information must be provided to the authorities immediately after it becomes known. A person/project must notify even though the notification might incriminate the person/project.