



Metropolitan

DEMOLITIONS GROUP

MDR Pollution Incident Response Management Plan (PIRMP)

Procedures for contacting authorities and
communicating with the community



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1. Purpose

The purpose of this Pollution Incident Response Management Plan (PIRMP) is to improve the way pollution incidents are reported, managed and communicated to the general community.

This includes timely communication about a pollution incident to staff, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Sydney Council, NSW Ministry of Health, Work Cover NSW, Fire and Rescue and the people outside of the ST Peters facility.

2. Scope

This PIRMP details the procedures for contacting authorities and communicating with the community for pollution incidents that cause or threaten material harm to the environment.

This document provides only the relevant parts of the main MDR PIRMP that must be made publicly available on the company website.

3. Legislative Requirements

This Pollution Incident Response Management Plan (PIRMP) has been developed to comply with legislative requirements under the:

- *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* (POEO Act) Section 153C(a)
- *Protection of the Environment Operations (General) Regulation 2009* Clause 98C(1) (h) and (i) or
- *Protection of the Environment Operations (General) Regulation 2009* Clause 98C(2)(b) and C

The NSW EPA describes this requirement in more detail on its webpage under frequently asked questions regarding the pollution incident response management plans (PIRMPs) accessed on 7 December 2020 - <https://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/licensing-and-regulation/licensing/environment-protection-licences/pollution-incident-response-management-plans/faqs-new-requirements-for-pirmps>

4. Definitions

Term	Definitions
Harm To The Environment	<p>(a) Harm to the environment is material if:</p> <p>(i) It involves actual or potential harm to the health or safety of human beings or to ecosystems that is not trivial, or</p> <p>(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</p> <p>(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.</p>
Pollution Incident	<p>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.</p> <p>*A licensee is required to notify the relevant regulatory authorities of a pollution incident if there is a risk of 'material harm to the environment', which is defined in section 147 of the POEO Act.</p>

5. So What Needs to be Reported

Based on legislative definitions, staff are advised the following pollution incidents must be reported:

A leak, spill or emission (say gas or fumes from a fire) which is not trivial (i.e. not of small value or importance – must be over \$10,000) and involves actual potential harm to the environment.

In relation to our operations, these pollution incidents are most likely to result from large fuel spills or acts of vandalism/arson to our equipment. If there is doubt, contact your site manager immediately.

These examples are provided as a guide:

Scenario	Likely Status
Jerry can of fuel spilling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not reportable
Jerry can of fuel spilling and starting large fire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reportable – assuming that fire caused damage in excess of \$10,000 e.g. destroys a piece of plant
5,000 litre diesel fuel from storage tank that is contained within safety bund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not reportable provided no discharge from bund and spill is contained
5,000 litre diesel fuels spill from storage tank that is NOT contained within safety bund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reportable, damage is in excess of \$10,000 and clean-up costs need to be included
Vehicle/plant hydraulic hose leak or failure resulting in small spill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not reportable provided there is no escape to waterways

6. Procedures for Communicating with the Community

In the event of an environmental incident occurring at the site, impacts on the neighbouring business and local community will be variable and dependant on the location, volume of spills or other factors such as wind direction and velocity.

If an environmental incident on site is likely to impact neighbouring businesses or the local community, surrounding neighbours will usually be contacted face to face, by telephone or through information left at the place of residence by MDR representative to notify them of the situation. This notification should include any possible impacts to the neighbour as well as the procedures that have been put in place to rectify the situation.

Communication methods will be used on a case by case basis, but in all situations MDR will attempt to provide early warnings to those neighbours likely to be directly affected. Early warnings would typically include details of the nature of the incident and how likely to be affected can best prepare and respond to the incident.

Ongoing communication with the neighbouring business/residents will be maintained until such time as the incident is rectified.

7. Authorities to be Contacted

Authority	Contact Number
NSW EPA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 131 555
Inner West Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 02 9392 5000
NSW Ministry of Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1300 066 055
SafeWork NSW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 131 050
Fire and Rescue NSW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1300 729 579

8. Community to be Contacted

Neighbouring Business	Contact Number
Maritime Container Services (MCS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Terminal Manager - 02 85128955
PSN&K	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Property Manager - 02 9519 3099
Hungry Jacks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manager - 0418 673 926
Car Wash	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manager - 0431 441 181
Artist Guitars	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manager - 1300 489 816

9. Flow Chart

