



**GUNNEDAH COLLIERY
ENVIRONMENTAL
MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

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1 INTRODUCTION

This PIRMP is applicable to areas within Whitehaven’s control within the area covered by EPL 1863. The details of the EPL are outlined in Table 1.

Table 1 - Site Details

SITE	Local Authority	EPL ID	ACTIVITY
Gunnedah Colliery	Gunnedah Shire Council	1863	Waste Disposal (application to land)

2 NOTIFICATION AND COMMUNICATION REQUIREMENTS

2.1 Internal

Workers must notify Whitehaven of a pollution incident in accordance with Section 148 of the POEO Act.

In the event of an incident that requires an emergency response, the site’s emergency management processes shall be implemented.

2.2 External

If the incident presents an immediate threat to the human health or property the site must contact 000 prior to any other action. Emergency services are the first responders and are responsible for controlling and containing incidents.

If the incident is determined to be notifiable under this Plan, and irrespective of whether emergency services have been contacted on 000, the site must contact the following authorities in the order listed:

1. Environment Protection Authority 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
6. Natural Resource Access Regulator (water related) – 1800 633 362
7. Department of Planning, Industry and Environment – (02) 6575 3419 or 0429 395 691
8. Resources Regulator NSW 1300 814 609



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The following information must be provided in accordance with Section 150 of the POEO Act:

- The time, date, nature, duration and location of the incident,
- The location of the place where pollution is occurring or is likely to occur,
- The nature, the estimated quantity or volume and the concentration of any pollutants involved, if known,
- The circumstances in which the incident occurred (including the cause of the incident, if known),
- The action taken or proposed to be taken to deal with the incident and any resulting pollution or threatened pollution, if known,
- Other information prescribed by the regulations.

In addition to the above agencies, notifications about the incident may also be required to be made outside of the requirements of this Plan. Additional notifications will be considered on a case by case basis and will generally be made to the regular Officer of the relevant Department.

2.3 Community

The site may partake in an awareness campaign, or campaigns, for relevant neighbours and community members prior to any incidents occurring so that those individuals are prepared in the event of an incident occurring.

In the event of a notifiable pollution incident occurring, which impacts on neighbouring properties or the wider community, the affected landholder/s will be notified about the incident as soon as possible and informed as to any measures that could minimise the risk of harm as well as the control/containment and clean up mechanisms to be applied.

The type and frequency of follow up correspondence on the incident will be determined on a case by case basis.

Details for neighbours and other relevant community members (contact details, location in relation to the site etc) are provided as an appendix in the internal version of the Plan.