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WHC_PLN_MC_POLLUTION INCIDENT RESPONSE MANAGEMENT PLAN		

1.0 Introduction

This Pollution Incident Response Management Plan (PIRMP) is applicable across all Maules Creek Coal Mine subject to the Environment Protection Licence (EPL) 20221.

LICENSEE	PREMISES	EPL ID	ACTIVITY / SCALE
Maules Creek Coal Pty Ltd	Maules Creek Coal Mine Therribri Road, Boggabri NSW 2382	20221	Coal works (> 5,000,000 T handled) Crushing, grinding or separating (> 2,000,000 T processed) Mining for coal (> 5,000,000 T produced)

2.0 Notification Protocol

Under Part 5.7 of the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997*, 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 incident 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 clean-up activities. The supervisor will also contact the Environmental Superintendent to determine incident notification requirements in consultation with the HSEC Manager.
4. The HSEC Manager will provide the required notification to the relevant agencies.
5. The HSEC Manager 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 (If required) in the following order:-




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Priority	Authority	Contact*
1	Police Ambulance SES Fire & Rescue NSW	000 or 112 – If required, emergency services will be the first responders. 1300 729 579 Boggabri Fire Station: (02) 6728 2299 Narrabri Fire Station: (02) 6792 3667 Bushfire Information Line: 1800 679 737 State Emergency Services 132 500 (if required)
2	Environment Protection Authority	Environment Line: 131 555 – <i>first instance.</i> Local EPA contact – Rebecca Scrivener – Armidale - North Branch NSW EPA: (02) 6773 7000
3	Public Health Unit	Tamworth (Hunter/New England) Public Health Unit Phone: (02) 6764 8000 After hours: (02) 4924 6477
4	SafeWork NSW	13 10 50
5	Local Authority	Narrabri Shire Council - Phone: (02) 6799 6866 After Hours Emergency Phone: 0429 911 111 After Hours Emergency Phone: 0429 911 111 E: council@narrabri.nsw.gov.au
6	Department of Planning Industry and Environment	Hunter Office (Singleton – Compliance): (02) 6575 3405 Head Office (Sydney): (02) 9228 6111 compliance@planning.nsw.gov.au
7	Department of Planning Industry and Environment – NSW Resources Regulator	Regional Office Orange – 02 63609526 Mark Buchan – 0427 327 718
8	Natural Resources Access Regulator (NRAR)	NRAR - enquiriesnrar.enquiries@nrar.nsw.gov.au Alex Bowlay – 02 92047492, 0428 953 378
9	Department of Primary Industries	Head office: (02) 6391 3100 Water-related matters: 1800 353 104 Forests-related matters: 1800 655 687

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.

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3.0 Communication Protocol with the Community

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

- The affected landholder, tenant or lessee will be notified about the incident and informed as to the control/containment and clean-up mechanisms applied. Contact details for immediate landholders surrounding MCCM are provided in the site's complete 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;
- The relevant CCC will be advised of the incident through usual environmental reporting processes relative to the CCC.

In the event of a post blast fume incident, site personnel will make direct contact at the properties likely to be affected with advice to remain in doors with windows closed until such time as the fume passes. Landholders will be advised, by direct contact, once high risk conditions have passed. Determination of likely affected residences will be made by use of the on-site weather station and consideration of prevailing wind speeds and direction.

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.