



NARRABRI MINE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

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1 INTRODUCTION

This PIRMP is applicable across all Narrabri Coal Mine operations subject to Environment Protection Licence (EPL) 12789. The details of the EPL are outlined in Table 1.

Table 1: Site Details

SITE	EPL ID	ACTIVITY
Narrabri Coal Operations Pty Ltd	12789	Coal Works (>5,000,000 T handled), Coal Mining (>5,000,000 T produced)

2 NOTIFICATION AND COMMUNICATION REQUIREMENTS

2.1 Internal

Workers must notify their Supervisor who will then notify the General Manager, Environmental Manager or Surface Operations Manager of a pollution incident in accordance with Section 148 of the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* (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 action¹. 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 General Manager, Surface Operations Manager or Environmental Manager (unless they have appointed a delegate) are the only positions authorised to contact the following authorities in the order listed (as required by the type and nature of the pollution event):

1. Environment Protection Authority Environment Line – 131 555
2. Public Health Units – 1300 066 055
3. Safework NSW – 131 050
4. Local Government (Narrabri Shire Council) – (02) 6799 6866
5. Fire and Rescue NSW - 1300 729 579
6. NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure – 1300 420 596
7. NSW Resources Regulator – 1300 814 609

¹ 106 – Text Emergency Relay Service: If you have a hearing or speech impairment, you can contact police, fire or ambulance on 106 directly through a TTY (teletypewriter or text phone).

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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.

Any water-related incident must be reported to the Commonwealth Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water in accordance with condition 42 of EPBC ref 2019/8427.

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.

Where there is a known possibility of an unavoidable incident precautions will be taken to provide prior warning to potentially affected landholders.

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 by the positions nominated above 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 in the internal version of the Plan.



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