



NARRABRI MINE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

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WHC_PLN_NAR_POLLUTION INCIDENT RESPONSE MANAGEMENT PLAN – WEBSITE

1 INTRODUCTION

This PIRMP is applicable to areas within Whitehaven’s control within the area covered by EPL 12789. The details of the EPL are outlined in Table 1.

Table 1: Site Details

SITE	Local Authority	EPL ID	ACTIVITY
Narrabri Coal Operations Pty Ltd	Narrabri Shire Council	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 either the General Manager, Manager HSE, Environmental Superintendent or Surface Operations Manager 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 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, Manager HSE or Environmental Superintendent (unless they have appointed a delegate) are the only positions authorised to contact the following authorities in the order listed:

1. Environment Protection Authority Environment Line – 131 555²
2. Public Health Unit – Tamworth – (02) 6764 8000
3. Safework NSW – 131 050

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 textphone).

² Local call from landlines within NSW or (02) 9995 5555 from outside of NSW (listed contact for NSW Office of Environment & Heritage)



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4. Local Government (Narrabri Shire Council) – (02) 6799 6866 or 0429 911 111 (AH)
5. Fire and Rescue NSW³ - 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. Department of Regional NSW, Resources Regulator – (02) 6360 9521

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.

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.

³ Note: If the situation warranted calling 000 as a first point of notification, you do not need to ring Fire and Rescue NSW again.



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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.