



TARRAWONGA COAL MINE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

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WHC_PLN_TAR_POLLUTION INCIDENT RESPONSE MANAGEMENT PLAN

1 Site Description

This Pollution Incident Response Management Plan (PIRMP) is applicable across all Tarrawonga Coal Mine operations subject to Environment Protection Licence (EPL) 12365.

SITE	EPL ID	ACTIVITY
Tarrawonga Coal Pty Ltd – Boggabri	12365	Coal Works (>2,000,000 – 5,000,000 T annual handling capacity), Mining for coal (>2,000,000 – 3,500,000 T annual production capacity).

2 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 spill 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 Officer to determine incident notification requirements in consultation with the Group Manager – Environment, or delegate.
4. The Group Manager – Environment, or delegate, will provide the required notification to the relevant agencies.
5. The Group Manager – Environment, or delegate, 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 in the following order:-
 1. Environment Protection Authority on the Environment Line: 131 555
 2. Public Health Unit –Tamworth: (02) 6764 8000



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3. WorkCover: 131 050
4. Local Government (Narrabri Shire Council): (02) 6799 6866, after hours emergency phone 0429 911 111
5. Fire and Rescue NSW: 1300 729 579.

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.

In addition to the above agencies, notifications may also be made outside of the requirements of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act to the following:-

- NSW Department of Planning and Environment
- NSW Department of Industry, Skills and Regional Development - Division of Resources and Energy

3 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 TCM 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.