

Pollution Incident Response Management Plan – Publicly Available Information

The following information is made publicly available as per requirements of Protection of the Environment Operations (General) Regulation 2009.

Section 98D, sub clause 3 of the Regulation states that the requirement for PIRMP to be publicly available applies only in relation to that part of a plan that includes the information required under:

- a) section 153C (a) of the POEO Act, and
- b) clause 98C (1) (h) and (i) of the POEO (General) Regulation

The legislated information required to be made publicly available is summarised by the following:

- Procedures to be followed in notifying a pollution incident to:
 - the owners or occupiers of premises in the vicinity of the terminal
 - the local authority for the area in which the terminal is located and any area affected, or potentially affected, by the pollution, and
 - any other persons or authorities required to be notified
- the contact details of each relevant authority referred to in POEO Act section 148:
 - The EPA (who are the appropriate regulatory authority for activities conducted)
 - the local authority for the area in which the pollution incident occurs,
 - the Ministry of Health,
 - SafeWork NSW
 - Fire and Rescue NSW.
- details of the mechanisms for providing early warnings and regular updates to the owners and occupiers of premises in the vicinity of the terminal

This information is summarised and contained in the following sections. All other aspects of the PIRMP are available via request to the terminal.

Notification to Authorities

According to Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997, notification is required where a pollution incident occurs in the course of an activity so that material harm to the environment is caused or threatened. A person carrying out the activity must, immediately after the person becomes aware of the incident, notify each relevant authority of the incident and all relevant information.

In event of an incident occurring (and in line with Terminal Emergency Response Plans), 000 will be immediately called if the incident presents a threat to human health or property. Through this mechanism This notifies Fire and Rescue NSW, the NSW Police and the NSW Ambulance Service.

Whether or not the 000 call has been made, the following relevant authorities shall also be notified:

Authority	Contact
EPA NSW	131 555
SafeWork NSW (formerly WorkCover)	131 050
Ministry of Health via the local Public Health Unit (John Hunter Hospital - Public Health Officer on call)	02 4924 6477
City of Newcastle Council (Local Authority)	02 4974 2000
Fire and Rescue NSW (not required if already notified through 000)	1300 729 579

The following information shall be conveyed:

- a) the time, date, nature, duration and location of the incident,
- b) the location of the place where pollution is occurring or is likely to occur,
- c) the nature, the estimated quantity or volume and the concentration of any pollutants involved, if known,
- d) the circumstances in which the incident occurred (including the cause of the incident, if known),
- e) the action taken or proposed to be taken to deal with the incident and any resulting pollution or threatened pollution, if known

Note that if (c), (d) or (e) is not known when the initial notification is made, that information must be given via follow up notification immediately after it becomes known

Notification to owners or occupiers of premises in the vicinity of the terminal

As per the Newcastle Terminal Emergency Response Plan (TERP) communications protocol, where preliminary warning or notification is required, The ATOM On-Scene Commander (OSC) is responsible for tactical liaison with neighbours and neighbouring premises. The On-Scene Commander (OSC) may delegate ATOM Responders to conduct tactical liaison with neighbours/neighbouring premises.

The list of neighbouring facilities contacts contained in section 2.3.3 of the Newcastle Terminal Emergency Response Plan (TERP) shall be utilised to contact premises in the vicinity of the terminal. The currency of the contact list is maintained during the scheduled review of the plan.

The ATOM Incident Management Team (IMT) will engage with neighbours/Neighbouring Premises/organisations in relation to on-going interactions, particularly if an emergency may potentially cause damage or disruption to neighbours.