



Public Pollution Incident Response Management Plan

This Pollution Incident Response Management Plan for the Port Kembla Coal Terminal (PKCT) Environmental Protection Licence (EPL) 1625, has been developed and made publicly available in accordance with the *Protection of the Environment Operations (General) Amendment (Pollution Incident Response Management Plans) Regulation 2012* and the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 2011* (POEO Act)

All public enquiries and reporting should be directed to PKCT's 24 hour community hotline on **1800 111 448**.

If an emergency or incident is determined to have caused or threatened "material" harm to the environment PKCT will immediately contact each authority below. EPL holders are required to report "material" pollution incidents immediately instead of "as soon as practicable" (section 148 POEO Act). Licensees must notify all relevant authorities about any incidents deemed to be "material".

Emergency Pollution Response Procedure & Contact Details:

Priority 1 - If the incident is "Material" and presents an immediate threat to human health or property:

Fire and Rescue: 000

Priority 2 - If the incident is "Material" and does not require an initial combat agency, or once the 000 call has been made, notify all relevant authorities in the following order (taking guidance from EPA in the first instance):

(1) EPA Wollongong: 02 4224 4110 or 131 555 (24 Hour)	(2) Ministry of Health: 02 4221 6700 or 02 4222 5000 (Ask for Public health officer)
(3) NSW WorkCover Authority: 131 050	(4) Wollongong City Council: 02 4227 7111 or 1300 557 980
(5) Port Kembla Port Corporation: 02 4275 0100	

A **Pollution Incident** is an incident or set of circumstances during or as a consequence of which there is or is likely to be a leak, spill or other escape or deposit of a substance, as a result of which pollution has occurred, is occurring or is likely to occur. It includes an incident or set of circumstances in which a substance has been placed or disposed of on premises, but it does not include an incident or set of circumstances involving only the emission of any noise. An incident will be deemed to be significant, requiring external notification and reporting if it results in or involves:

- > **Material Harm** – harm to the environment is material if it involves actual or potential harm to the health or safety of human beings or to ecosystems that is not trivial, or
- > **Actual or potential loss or property damage** of an amount, or amounts in aggregate, exceeding \$10,000.
- > **Hazardous Substances** – Any substance present in the workplace, which is on the List of Designated Hazardous Substances [NOHSC: 10005] or may be classified as such using the Approved Criteria for Classifying Hazardous Substances [NOHSC: 10008].

All pollution incidents or potential near misses will be recorded and captured within PKCT's internal event management system. This process involves investigations by relevant managers to determine materiality and appropriate follow up responses.

Community Notification Requirements:

As the premises outlined in EPL 1625 has a number of neighbours (industrial operations and community), PKCT has developed and implemented an emergency response plan specific for the emergency and potential impacts on neighbouring properties and the broader community.

The implemented plan details how PKCT will allocate appropriate responsible people to notify and co-ordinate with affected community members.

The following mechanisms appropriate to the circumstances have been adopted to notify and update surrounding community in the event of a significant incident:

- > Incident notification and updates on the PKCT website;
- > Local media source notifications & media releases (where appropriate);
- > Telephone calls to neighbouring sites or doorknocking of residents (where appropriate).

Actions taken by PKCT Emergency Management Teams (EMTs) to respond to and combat a pollution emergency will be guided by internal emergency response management plans and procedures specific to the incident or emergency context and these plans are tested and reviewed on a regular basis.

The contact details of direct neighbours to contact in the event of an emergency in site at PKCT are found below:

Neighbouring Stakeholder	Contact Name	Contact Details
BlueScope Steel (Port Kembla)	Environment Officer on-call (Varies)	02 4275 7522 (24 Hours – ask to be put through to Environment Officer on-call)
AAT Car Terminal	Lana Howell	0417069 358
Grain Corp	Control Room (Varies)	02 4222 6408
Sydney Water	Emergency Line	13 20 90 (24 Hours)
Port Kembla Port Corporation	Port Emergency Line	02 4275 0159 or 02 4274 4571
Wollongong City Council	Duty Environment Officer	02 4227 7111 or 1300 557 980

The Map below (figure 12.1) shows the EPL boundary of PKCT's site and surrounding operations and neighbouring facilities.



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 Proximity to Neighbours**

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FIGURE 12-1

PKCT
 1:8,000 Scale at A3
 Metres

0 100 200 300 400 500