



TARRAWONGA OPEN CUT OPERATIONS

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TARRAWONGA COAL MINE

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INTRODUCTION

In accordance with the requirements of Part 5.7A of the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* (POEO Act) and Part 3A of the *Protection of the Environment Operations (General) Regulation 2009* (POEO Regulation), holders of an Environment Protection Licence (EPL) must prepare a Pollution Incident Response Management Plan (PIRMP or the Plan) in relation to the activity to which the licence relates.

This Plan addresses the requirements of the legislation and describes the measures to be implemented at Tarrawonga Coal Mine (EPL 12365) for managing pollution events. The premises is owned and operated by Whitehaven Coal (WHC).

This PIRMP is applicable to the Premises as defined in the EPL. The details of the EPL are outlined in Table 1.

Table 1 - Site Details

Site	Local Authority	EPL ID	Activity
Whitehaven Coal Mining Limited - Tarrawonga Coal Mine	Narrabri Shire Council	12365	Coal Works (>2,000,000 T – 5,000,000T handled), Coal Mining (>2,000,000 T – 3,500,000T produced).

NOTIFICATION AND COMMUNICATION REQUIREMENTS

1.1 Internal

All workers and contractors must notify Whitehaven of a pollution incident in accordance with Section 148 of the POEO Act (refer to section 7.1.2)

In the event of an incident that requires an emergency response, the site's emergency management processes shall be implemented as per the Emergency Response Control Plan.

Note: measures should be taken to “control, contain and clean up” a pollution incident. Containment of any spills should be undertaken if it is safe to do so, and immediately once contained (or if containment is not possible) the supervisor should be contacted to inform them of the incident.

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1.2 External

If the incident presents an immediate threat to the human health or property the site must contact “000” prior to any other action. 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 site must contact the following authorities in the order listed:

ID	Agencies	Contact details
1	Environment Protection Authority (NSWEPA)	131 555
2	Public Health Unit – Tamworth	(02) 6764 8000
3	Safework NSW	131 050
4	Local Government (Narrabri Shire Council)	(02) 6799 6866; or 0429 911 111 (after hours emergency phone)
5	Fire and Rescue NSW/ Narrabri RFS FCC	1300 729 579/ 02 6792 3667
6	Natural Resource Access Regulator (NRAR)	1800 633 362
7	Resources Regulator	1300 814 609

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),

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- 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 regulator Officer of the relevant Department.

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.

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 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 this Plan



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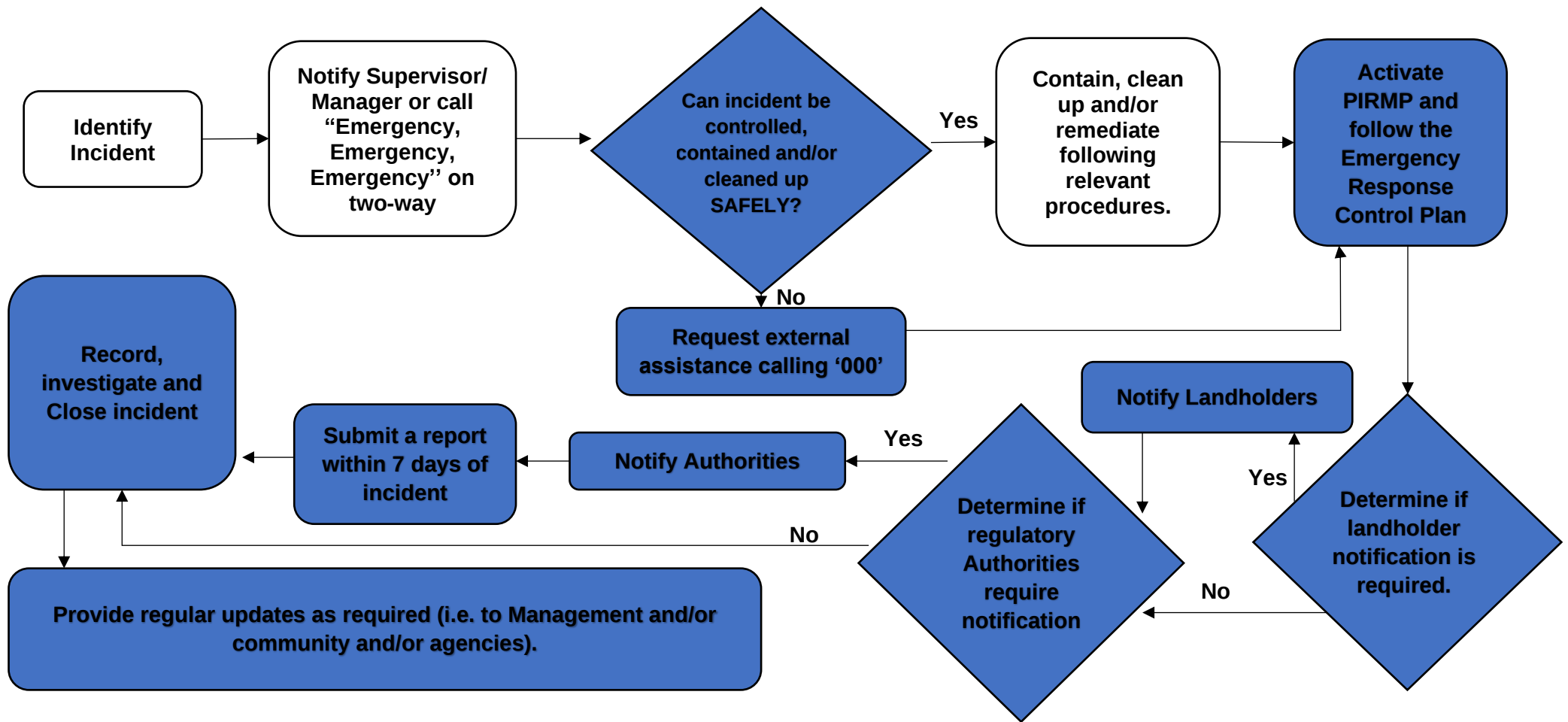
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Appendix: Actions to be taken during or immediately after pollution incident

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Management



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DOCUMENT REVIEW

The Plan must be reviewed and, if necessary, revised if one or any combination of the following occurs:

- At least once every 12 months following testing of the Plan;
- When potential pollutant inventories (in terms of type and/or quantity) change;
- When potentially polluting activities change; or
- Following a pollution incident that has triggered the Plan.

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