

Pollution Incident and Emergency Response Management Plan for Hawkesbury City Waste Management Facility

Website Version

(Hawkesbury City Waste Management Facility - environment protection
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INTRODUCTION

This Pollution Incident Response Plan (PIRP) website version has been developed to satisfy pollution reporting obligations under s153C(a) *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 (POEO Act)* and the *Protection of the Environment Operations (General) Regulation 2022*, specifically covering sections 72(h) and 72(i) and s74 for publication on the Council's website.

It is to convey information to residents on pollution incidents, should they occur, especial those neighboring the Council's Waste Management Facility on the Driftway, South Windsor.

COMMUNICATION WITH THE COMMUNITY

If a pollution incident generated from the site threatens neighbours, such as:

- Air pollution from for example, smoke from a fire, other air contaminants or strong obnoxious odours. Affected neighbours can take immediate action by closing doors and windows to keep the air pollutants entering the dwelling or building and wait for further advice.
- Water pollution from for example, a leachate leak or spill or spill of other pollutants such as fuels, oils or other chemicals. Affected neighbours can take immediate action by avoiding human and animal contact with the contaminated stream creek or stormwaters and wait for further advice.

Council will provide early warnings of such incidents if the incident is of a scale to warrant cautionary concern for neighbours. Communication methods will be used on a case by case basis and in all situations.

Council will attempt to provide early warning to directly affected premises by phone call or site visit. Early warning is to include details of what the imminent incident is how those affected can prepare and respond, and provide important advice.

Where early warning is not possible Council will provide notification and communication during and after an incident to advise those affected with information, advice and updates. Notification and communication methods will be determined on a case by case basis and the following methods may be used:

- phone calls
- site visits/door knocking
- letter drops
- warning signs
- media releases (radio/television/newspaper/internet/social media as required)
- other methods as the situation requires.

In the event of a chemical spill into stormwater or waterway, Council staffs are to go to prominent and/or high use areas of the affected waterway and erect signage. The signs are to warn water users of the contamination and advise them to avoid activities such as swimming, fishing and boating until contamination has cleared. Additionally, if the event occurred or was occurring during dry weather, Council staff are to attend popular sites and advise users directly.

Regular communication and notification is to be provided until the incident and clean-up of impacted site and affected areas has been complete. Council is to take signs down and advise the public that regular activities can be resumed by (as required):

- phone calls
- letter drops
- media releases (radio/television/newspaper/internet/social media as required)
- other methods as the situation requires.

AUTHORITY CONTACTS FOR A MATERIAL HARM POLLUTION INCIDENT

Immediately after becoming aware of the incident, the following agencies must be notified:

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| • Fire and Rescue NSW | 000 |
| • Hawkesbury City Council – Regulatory Services | (02) 4560 4444 |
| • EPA | 13 15 55 |
| • SafeWork NSW | 13 10 50 |

- Ministry of Health, Parramatta

(02) 9840 3603