

# GLEN INNES SEVERN COUNCIL



## Pollution Incident Response Management Plan

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for Glen Innes Aggregates – Gwydir  
Highway – Glen Innes

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## About this release

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# Pollution Incident Response Plan

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## 1 Purpose & Scope

This Pollution Incident Response Plan (PIRP) has been developed to describe Glen Innes Severn Council's response to a potential pollution incident and to meet the requirements of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act (POEO Act 1997).

The PIRP covers the facility with an Environment Protection Licence controlled by Glen Innes Severn Council and situated at Glen Innes Aggregates, Gwydir Highway, Glen Innes.

The plan covers description of potential hazards, actions to be taken to prevent additional environmental harm and details of communication required in the event of an incident. The plan is based on a risk assessment for the site.

## 2 Process

In the event of a pollution incident:

- Step 1: Emergency Response: Ensure personnel are safe.
- Step 2: Emergency Response: Contain the incident where possible.
- Step 3: Notify the Site Manager or Production Co-ordinator
- Step 4: The Site Manager or Production Co-ordinator to complete the notification required in section 2.6.2 if the pollution incident meets the definition in section 2.1.

### 2.1 Definition of Pollution Incident

A pollution incident means an incident or a 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.

A pollution incident is required to be notified if there is a risk of "material harm to the environment", which is defined in section 147 of the POEO Act as:

- (a) Harm to the environment is material if:
  - (i) It involves actual or potential harm to the health or safety of human beings or to ecosystems that is not trivial, or
  - (ii) It results in actual or potential loss or property damage of an amount, or amounts in aggregate, exceeding \$10,000 (or such other amount as is prescribed by the regulations), and
- (b) Loss includes the reasonable costs and expenses that would be incurred in taking all reasonable and practicable measures to prevent, mitigate or make good harm to the environment.
- (c)

### 2.2 Description and Likelihood of hazards

Potential pollution incidents identified include:

**Air Pollution Incident:** Escape of significant dust or smoke to atmosphere.

**Water Pollution Incident:** Escape of significant sediment, leachate or fuel off site to a watercourse.

**Noise Pollution Incident:** Noise only pollution is not included as a notifiable incident.

**Land Pollution Incident:** Escape of significant sediment, leachate or fuel off site to land.

The licenced site covered by this plan has been assessed in an individual risk assessment. The controlled nature and permitted operation under the licence at the site, storage of waste product, gravel, mulch etc currently present a low risk. The residual risk from the risk assessment is considered to be low.

### **2.3 Pre-emptive actions to be taken**

The most likely forms of pollution incidents are dust or sediment runoff at this site.

Dust mitigation controls include regular watering of roadway with water cart. Watering systems are used on crushing plant to reduce the dust generated from the crushing operation with spoiling the efficiency of the product being produced.

All stormwater runoff is directed through sediment control ponds.

All fuelling of plant and equipment is carried out on site in accordance with generally accepted procedures.

## 2.4 Inventory of Pollutants

### Pollutant Risk Register – Glen Innes Aggregates

ID	Hazard/ Action	Risk Description: (what could happen, impact cause)	Consequence rating	Likelihood rating	Level of risk/ priority	Risk treatments, controls, pre-emptive mitigation measures or response	Controls OR Response References (SWP, SWMS, PLAN)	Effectiveness /Residual Risk/Actions	Responsibility (risk, control, or task owner, etc.)
1 (a)	Diesel Storage: SPILL	Surface water contamination of Sediment Pond (Onsite)	Moderate	Likely	High	Bunding installed to Tank Bunding Holds 15,600 litres – Max filled 8,000 litres	BUNDING – AS 1234	Effective Residual (LOW)	Site Manager
1 (b)	Precoat Storage: SPILL	Surface water contamination	Moderate	Unlikely	Low	Bunding Around Tank Max Capacity 10,000 litres	Spill Response	Effective Residual (LOW)	Site Staff
1 (c)	Diesel Storage: FIRE	Toxic smoke impact to neighbours	HIGH	Unlikely	High	Fire Fighting Equipment Installed and Tested	(Fire Extinguishers & Testing)	Effective Residual (MED)	Site Staff
2	Oil Storage: FIRE	Toxic smoke impact to neighbours	High	Likely	High	Extinguishers On site fire extinguishes	Emergency Response Procedures	Effective	Production Co-ordinator
2	Oil Storage: SPILL	Surface water contamination of Sediment Pond (Onsite)	Moderate	Likely	High	Oil drums on top of bunding	BUNDING – AS 1234	Effective Residual (LOW)	Site Manager

Items of a domestic nature or in domestic packaging has been excluded from this list

## 2.5 Safety Equipment

A spill kit is available on site.

Plant and equipment is available to create additional bunding in the event of significant sediment runoff or a fuel spill using material available on site

## 2.6 Contact Details

Title	Name	Contact Number
Director of Infrastructure	Vanessa Menzie	See Annexure "A"
Quarry Manager	Chris Hodder	See Annexure "A"
Production Co-ordinator	Shannon Weir	See Annexure "A"
Council Incident Line	Varies	See Annexure "A"

### 2.6.2 Notification of External Parties

The following table outlines the contact details and correct sequence for notification in the event of a notifiable pollution incident. The Quarry Manager will, after notifying the Director of Infrastructure of the incident carries out the notifications required by the table below.

Emergency Services (If dealing with an emergency)	Police Fire Ambulance	000
EPA	Environment Line	131555
Ministry of Health	Public Health – Tamworth	(02) 6764-8000
Workcover		131050
Glen Innes Severn Council	Administration Desk	(02) 6730-2300
Fire and Rescue	(To be notified of an incident that is not an emergency)	000
Mines Inspector – Angus McDouall		(02) 6738-8500

## **2.7 Communicating with neighbours and local community**

In the event of a notifiable incident, neighbouring properties will be phoned to be advised of the situation.

When a blast is planned, the Director of Infrastructure will be advised. The media officer will also be advised so that a notice can be placed in the Council section of the local newspaper advising of an impending blast and approximate date.

On the day of the blast, warning advices will be issued by the local commercial radio stations and on community radio.

When the approximate time of the blast is known, neighbouring properties will be advised by telephone of the approximate time of the blast.

## **2.8 Minimising harm to persons on the premises**

Refer to the emergency response plan for the site contained in the Mine Safety Management Plan. At all time minimising harm to persons shall be a priority.

## **2.9 Training, Testing and Review**

There is a very low risk of a pollution incident occurring. Council will review the PIRP after 12 months. Testing of the plain will be carried out at the time of review.

The plan will be implemented by 1<sup>st</sup> September 2012 and then various aspects will be discussed during regular toolbox meetings.

All staff will be trained in the PIRP and records maintained in the Councils data management system.

A copy of this plan will be uploaded to the Council website and kept within the site folder.





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