



PORT KEMBLA

**POLLUTION INCIDENT RESPONSE
MANAGEMENT PLAN**

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1.0 BACKGROUND

The *Protection of the Environment Legislation Amendment Act (2011)* (POELA Act) introduced several changes to improve the way pollution incidents are reported, managed, and communicated to the general community. The Act includes the requirement of licence holders to prepare, test, implement and keep Pollution Incident Response Management Plans in accordance with Part 5.7A of the POEO Act.

2.0 PURPOSE

The objectives of the Plan are to:

- ensure comprehensive and timely communication about a pollution incident to staff at the premises, the Environment Protection Authority (EPA), other relevant authorities specified in the Act (such as local councils, NSW Ministry of Health, SafeWork NSW, and Fire and Rescue NSW) and people outside the facility who may be affected by the impacts of the pollution incident.
- minimise and control the risk of a pollution incident at the facility by requiring identification of risks and the development of planned actions to minimise and manage those risks.
- ensure that the plan is properly implemented by trained staff, identifying persons responsible for implementing it, and ensuring that the plan is regularly tested for accuracy, currency and suitability.

3.0 SCOPE

SCE Transport and Logistics Pty Limited (SCE) holds an Environment Protection Licence with the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) for Christy Drive Materials Handling Facility located at Corner of Old Port Road and Christy Drive, Port Kembla NSW 2505. As per the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 (the POEO Act), the holder of an Environment Protection Licence must prepare, keep, test, and implement a pollution incident response management plan (PIRMP) that complies with Part 5.7A of the POEO Act in relation to the activity to which the licence relates.

If a pollution incident occurs in the course of an activity so that material harm to the environment (within the meaning of section 147 of the POEO Act) is caused or threatened, the person carrying out the activity must **immediately** implement this plan in relation to the activity required by Part 5.7A of the POEO Act.

A copy of this plan must be kept at the licensed premises, or where the activity takes place in the case of mobile plant licences and be made available on request by an authorised EPA officer and to any person who is responsible for implementing this plan.

Parts of the plan must also be available either on a publicly accessible website, or if there is no such website, by providing a copy of the plan to any person who makes a written request. The sections of the plan that are required to be publicly available are set out in clause 98D of the Protection of the Environment Operations (General) Regulation 2009.

Persons responsible for the License will also refer to the EPA's Guideline: Pollution incident response management plans.

NOTE: This plan must be developed and reviewed in accordance with the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 and the Protection of the Environment Operations (General) Regulation 2009.

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NOTE: SCE Transport and Logistics have not yet commenced any intended work activities associated with Material stockpiling, or cartage of materials onsite that would present the likely hazards. The site has remained vacant this last reporting period with being temporarily placed in care and maintenance to a safe and stable condition. Following completion of the site construction that includes specific terms from the Land & Environment court, and subsequent commencement of operations, as the licensee we will monitor (by sampling and obtaining results by analysis) the parameters specified.

4.0 DEFINITIONS

Pollution Incident - 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.

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, 148 and 151 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.

Material harm pollution incidents involving odour are required to be notified to the EPA in the same manner as other environmental incidents.

5.0 REFERENCES

- Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
- Protection of the Environment Operations Regulation (General) 2009
- Environmental Guidelines: preparation of pollution incident response management plans (NSW EPA 2020).
- EPA PIRMP template for premises-based licensees and mobile plant licensees

6.0 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION LICENCE (EPL) DETAILS

Name of licensee (including ABN): SCE Transport and Logistics Pty Limited

EPL number: 20984

Premises name and address: Christy Drive Materials Handling Facility, Corner of Old Port Road and Christy Drive, Port Kembla NSW 2505

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9.0 INFORMATION TO RECORD WHEN REPORTING AN INCIDENT

If you observe pollution, note as many details of the incident as possible as this will help the EPA, or other responsible authority, to investigate the incident or issue.

- **Who** observed the incident - names and contact details
- **What** is the issue, for example dust, noise, odour or contamination
- **When** it happened - the time and date, how long it lasted, if it has happened before
- **Where** it happened - the address and nearest cross streets
- **How** it has impacted your health or comfort or damaged the property
- **Other information** such as weather conditions, descriptions of people that may have been responsible for the incident
- **Evidence** such as photos or videos

10.0 NOTIFICATION AND COMMUNICATION WITH NEIGHBOURS AND THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

The occurrence of a pollution incident does not automatically trigger the need for neighbour or community notification. An assessment of the need to undertake notification must be made based upon the specific circumstances of the pollution incident having considered the pollutant type, prevailing winds, height and magnitude of any emission, direction of stormwater/tidal flow, predicted fall-out locations, and possible impacts to potential receptors.

Owners or occupiers of premises in the vicinity of the licensed premises include:

<i>BlueScope Steel Environment Officer.</i>	02 4275 7522
<i>Port Kembla Gateway:</i>	02 4276 3566
<i>Cement Australia:</i>	02 4276 4888
<i>Hyrock NSW:</i>	02 4276 4276

The Group HSEC Manager will assess the severity of the incident with regard to the impact on neighbouring properties, this includes considering:

- Does the pollution incident have the potential to affect one or more neighbouring properties?
- How will it affect them (including long and short-term effects)?
- What actions need to be taken by the neighbouring properties to protect them from harm?

The Group HSEC Manager, or their delegate, will contact neighbouring properties via phone or face to face with an early warning immediately if the neighbouring property is directly affected by the incident and/or needs to complete actions to ensure the safety of their premises and any persons on their premises. The Group HSEC Manager, or their delegate, will provide regular updates to the directly affected neighbouring properties via phone or face to face and once the incident has been contained, the 'all clear' will be communicated to them.

The Group HSEC Manager, or their delegate, will contact neighbouring properties not directly affected by the incident via phone or face to face within 2 hours of the incident occurring.

The Group HSEC Manager, or their delegate, will contact the neighbouring properties with follow up communications either face to face or via phone calls or face to advise them of the conclusions of the incident investigation, including root cause and corrective actions to ensure the incident does not occur again. The follow up communication will be made once the incident investigation has been completed or sooner if information needs to be relayed urgently.

If any specific information is required to be provided to the community so it can minimise the risk of harm, this information will be provided to the community via the company website and social media platforms.

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11.0 MINIMISING HARM TO PERSONS ON THE PREMISES

An Emergency Response Control Plan sets out the response procedures that personnel on site are required to follow during and emergency at the Christy Drive site. The purpose of the plan is to minimise the level of risk to life, property, and the environment as a result of an emergency situation.

It is the responsibility of any party engaged by the PCBU in performing works onsite during the construction period to also follow an Emergency Response Control Plan, which will take into consideration the requirements of this PIRMP.

Awareness of emergency evacuation requirements is to be communicated through site induction training, and sign posted muster points.

12.0 DESCRIPTION AND LIKELIHOOD OF HAZARDS

SCE Transport and Logistics has not commenced any intended work activities associated with Material stockpiling, or cartage off onsite that would present the likely hazards.

Potential incidents identified include:

<i>Air -</i>	Escape of significant dust or smoke to atmosphere
<i>Water -</i>	Escape of significant sediment, oil, grease, fuel off site to a watercourse
<i>Land -</i>	Escape of significant sediment, oil, grease, fuel off site to land

The EPA environmental risk level of the site is one (1).

The controlled nature and permitted operation of the site currently presents a low risk:

<i>Air -</i>	Low
<i>Water -</i>	Low
<i>Land -</i>	Low

13.0 PRE-EMPTIVE ACTIONS

The development of the site has physically commenced but is not yet completed.

No activity related to the EPL have been conducted thus far. Following completion of construction and commencement of operations the licensee will commence monitoring (by sampling and obtaining results by analysis) the parameters specified, using the corresponding sampling method, units of measure, averaging period and sampling frequency.

Perimeter silt fences made from geotextile fabric are currently installed around the sites entire perimeter and maintained to capture and manage any sediment generated from stormwater events.

Re-commencement of site construction is planned to start in the third quarter of 2024, pending a development application to Wollongong Council to utilise some of the site as a transport yard.

14.0 INVENTORY OF POLLUTANTS

There are currently no pollutants at the site.

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15.0 SAFETY EQUIPMENT

SCE Transport and Logistics has not commenced any intended work activities associated with Material stockpiling, or cartage off onsite that would present the likely hazards.

Safety Data Sheets for substances used on site are to be located in hard copy format in a dedicated folder located at the site office building.

A spill control kit is to be located onsite once any mobile equipment / Heavy Vehicles are to remain more than 24hrs.

16.0 MINIMISING HARM TO PERSONS ON THE PREMISES PRIOR TO, DURING AND DIRECTLY FOLLOWING AN INCIDENT

SCE Transport and Logistics has not commenced any intended work activities associated with Material stockpiling, or cartage off onsite that would present the likely hazards.

The site is currently classified as a construction site and completely secured with a high boundary fence and locked entry gate preventing access.

See section 10 regarding development of an Emergency Response Control Plan prior to work commencement.

17.0 MAPS

Refer to *attachment 1* for updated map.

18.0 ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN DURING OR IMMEDIATELY AFTER AN INCIDENT

SCE Transport and Logistics has not commenced any intended work activities associated with Material stockpiling, or cartage off onsite that would present the likely hazards.

19.0 STAFF TRAINING, TESTING AND UPDATING THE PIRMP

The site does not formally assign responsibilities to any particular person or persons associated with the response to a pollution incident. The response to such an incident would be based on the available personnel at the time.

This plan will be reviewed on an annual basis and within one month of a pollution incident.

20.0 RECORD RETENTION AND AVAILABILITY

A copy of all SCE Transport pollution incident response records will be recorded in the companies HSEQ database (Lucidity).

A soft copy of this plan is available on the SCE server. It is also located on the SCE Website www.sce-aust.com. In addition, a copy will be produced to any EPA Inspector/Officer on request.

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3	12/08/2022	Updated contact details and Att.1	CH – HSEC Group Manager	GB- Ops Manager
4	06/03/2024	Scheduled Document review	CH – HSEC Group Manager	MA- Managing Director
5	08/04/2025	Scheduled Document review. Updated pictorial of site.	CH – HSEC Group Manager	CE- Project Manager

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Attachment 1 Map: Christy Drive Material Handling Facility (Within blue boundary) and Surrounding Areas- February 25



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