

Chaffey Dam Augmentation and Safety Upgrade

Pollution Incident Response Management Plan Extract

A Pollution Incident Response Management Plan must be prepared for all Projects based in NSW that hold an Environment Protection Licence (EPL), or for any project if directed to prepare one by the EPA.

It is a requirement under Clause 98D of the POEO Amendment Regulations 2012 that certain sections of the Plan are made publicly available on the website within 14 days after being prepared and approved for issue. The sections are those that cover procedures for contacting the relevant authorities and communicating with the community.

Sections 1 and 2 of the Chaffey Dam Augmentation and Safety Upgrade, Pollution Incident Response Management Plan, meet the requirements of Clause 98D, these sections have been extracted and made available on the John Holland website.

1) External Notification Protocol

The following authorities must be contacted in the order below.

	Authority	Phone Number
1	EPA Pollution Line Environmental Protection Authority (EPA)	131 555
2	Local Public Health Unit	2700 2714
3	Workcover	131 050
4	Local Authority (Council) Tamworth Council	Tamworth 02) 6767 5555, or 1300 733 625 during office hours. At all other times, emergency calls are diverted to Council's after hour's service (on the same phone number).
5	Fire and Rescue	000 (emergency)

2) Community Notification and Action Protocol

The following table lists the mechanisms to be followed in the event that a pollution incident has the potential to impact the surrounding community, in order to minimise the risk of harm.

Pollution Incident Scenario	Pollution Impacts	What to do	Who to Notify	When	Communication Mechanism
Large release from sediment dam	Damage to river ecosystem, Impacts on downstream use	Cease pumping any water Install floating sediment barrier if not already installed	Downstream users State Water Corporation	Immediately	Door knock Telephone Letter drop
Major Chemical/ Fuel spill to waterways	Damage to river ecosystem, Impacts on downstream use	Implement all possible controls to prevent or reduce the spill, Isolate the area of contamination	Adjacent / downstream residents State Water Corporation	Immediately	Door knock Telephone Letter drop
Material spilt onto Highway	Traffic Incident	Apply absorbent Engage traffic control Engage water carts and Street Sweeper	Members of travelling public RMS	Immediately	Stop/Go signs VMS
Excessive Dust	Unwanted sediment deposit on property, Damage to health. Community reputation	Engage water cart Consider stop work if high wind conditions exist	Adjacent residents/ businesses	Within 24 hr	Door knock Telephone Letter drop