

Pollution Incident Response Management Plan Structaflor, Oberon

1. INTRODUCTION

A Pollution Incident Response Management Plan (PIRMP) must be prepared for all Projects based in NSW that hold an Environmental Protection License (EPL), or for any project if directed to prepare one by the EPA. This PIRMP has been prepared for Structaflor Oberon and should be read in conjunction with the Structaflor Emergency Response Procedure (ERP01).



Figure 1: Structaflor Environmental Management System

2. LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Part 5.7A of the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act, 1997* requires all licensees in NSW to prepare and implement a PIRMP. The Protection of the Environment Operations (General) Amendment (Pollution Incident Response Management Plans) Regulation 2012 sets out details of the requirements for this PIRMP.



It is a requirement under Clause 98D of the Protection of the Environment Operation 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/use. The sections are those that cover procedures for contacting the relevant authorities and communicating with the community.

Sections 4 & 5 of Structaflor Pollution Incident Response Management Plan meet the requirements of Clause 98D and have been extracted and made available on the Borg Manufacturing website under the Structaflor tab.

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3. OBJECTIVES

This Plan will:

- Identify the main hazards on the site;
- Describe systems for managing pollution incidents;
- Detail mechanisms for minimizing risk, loss and damage from pollution incidents;
- Outline incident management structures;
- Ensure that the required review and update process is completed.

4. EXTERNAL NOTIFICATION PROTOCOL

The following authorities must be contacted in the order below immediately for pollution incidents that threaten or cause material harm to the environment.

Authority	Phone Number				
Emergency Services – Fire and Rescue	000*				
NSW Police					
NSW Ambulance Service					
Only ring 000 if the incident presents an immediate threat to human health or property and requires					
Emergency Services. If the incident does not require an initial combat agency or once the 000 call has been					
made, notify as listed below					
EPA Pollution Hotline	131 555				
Ministry of Health – Oberon District Hospital	6336 7200				
SafeWork NSW	131 050				
Local Authority – Oberon Council	6329 8100				
Fire and Rescue	6336 0331 (when HAZMAT not required)				



When notifying authorities that a pollution incident has occurred, the following information must be provided:

- 1. The time, date, nature, duration and location of the incident
- 2. The location of the place where pollution is occurring or is likely to occur
- 3. The nature, the estimated quantity or volume and the concentration of any pollutants involved, if known
- 4. The circumstances in which the incident occurred (including the cause of the incident, if known)
- 5. The action taken or proposed to be taken to deal with the incident and any resulting pollution or threatened pollution, if known.

If information required in items 3, 4 and 5 are not known when the initial notification is made but becomes known afterwards, that information must be provided to the authority immediately after it becomes known.

5. COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION AND ACTION PROTOCOL

Notification to any residents, businesses or other premises that may be affected by the pollution incident may include the following:

- 1. Details of the pollution incident and extent of impact (as known at the time)
- 2. Safety warnings and recommendations to prevent/minimise impacts, if required
- 3. Potential impacts on the operation of local businesses, if required.

In the event of a pollution incident which has the potential to impact the local community, the Facility Manger will liaise with the Environmental Manager to determine if community notification is required. The Emergency Flip Chart provides a detailed list of local business neighbours including contact numbers, which is to be referred to if notification is deemed necessary.

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	Potential Impacts	What to do (response)	Who to Notify	When to notify	Communication Mechanism
Hydrocarbon/Chemical spill entering stormwater drain	Pollution of water way Exposure to chemicals	Bund/contain spill and block stormwater drain to prevent further pollution and notify Shift Supervisor and Environmental Manager	Oberon Council NSW EPA	During clean-up of incident	Telephone and email
	Community complaints	Close penstock gate valves to shut down the stormwater system.			
		Place and secure floating boom in swale to contain discharge			
		Environmental Manager to inspect and assess and apply controls if applicable			

Table 2 Community Notification and Action Protocol