



Pollution Incident Response Management Plan (PIRMP)



PUBLIC VERSION
For the Moree Waste Management Facility

EPL 12788

Purpose of the Pollution Incident Response Management Plan:

Moree Plains Shire Council (MPSC) has prepared a Pollution Incident Response Management Plan (PIRMP) for the **Moree Waste Management Facility** (Moree Landfill) located at 57 Evergreen Road, Moree

The PIRMP contains details of site specific actions that MPSC have or will, (when required as a result of an incident), put in place to improve the way pollution incidents are reported, managed and communicated to the general community.

These actions meet the environmental requirements introduced by the Protection of the Environment Legislation Amendment Act 2011 and the Protection of the Environment Operations (General) Amendment (Pollution Incident Response Management Plan) Regulation, 2012.

The PIRMP aims to ensure there is:

- comprehensive and timely communication about a pollution incident to staff at the premises, the Environmental Protection Authority, other relevant authorities specified by the Act, and people outside the facility who may be affected by the impacts of the pollution incident.
- control of risk of a pollution incident at the facility by requiring identification of risks and the development of planned pre-emptive actions to minimise and manage these risks; and
- a plan properly implemented by trained staff, identifying persons responsible for implementing it, and ensuring that the plan is regularly tested for accuracy, currency and suitability.

Contact Details for Immediate Notification of a Pollution Incident:

Under the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 it is now a requirement that all pollution incidents are reported to the EPA, NSW Health, Fire & Rescue NSW, WorkCover NSW and the local Council when material harm to the environment is caused or threatened.

If the incident presents an immediate threat to human health or property 000 will be called first as Fire & Rescue NSW, the NSW Police and the NSW Ambulance Service are the first responders, as they are responsible for controlling and containing incidents.

If the incident does not require an initial combat agency, or once the 000 call has been made, notification to the following authorities in the list order should occur. The 24 hour hotline for each authority is given:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NSW Environment Protection Authority Environment Line 	131 555
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry of Health via the local Public Health Unity 	6764 8000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workcover 	131 050
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moree Plains Shire Council 	6757 3222
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire & Resuce NSW (if not called for initial emergency response) 	<p>Moree Fire Service (02) 6752 7620* 000</p> <p><i>If there is no immediate threat to human health and/or property i.e. a combat agency is not required, then the Site Supervisor is still required to follow that outlined above except for dialling 000.</i></p>

Communicating with Neighbours & the Community:

Early warning and regular updates to owners and occupiers of premises who may be affected by an incident occurring at the Moree Waste Management Facility will be notified as follows:

Properties surrounding the Facility:

Should a neighbour be required to take actions due to an impending or actual pollution risk, a call to the telephone (landline and / or mobile) of the resident or business where a pollution impact may be experienced will be made by a MPSC staff member.

In the event of a major pollution incident, residents or businesses may be further contacted by an emergency service representative, such as in a case where evacuation or critical safety actions are necessary.

An 'all-clear' telephone call will also be made to residents when the incident is no longer of concern or normality has been restored.

Wider Community:

Depending on the nature, scale and timing of the incident, Council will also place routine notices and updates on its website and provide information via the local Media.

Further Information:

The PIRMP has been developed to comply with legislative obligations and is not an indication of increased pollution risk from the facility. Moree Plains Shire Council welcomes any further enquiry about the PIRMP which can be made by calling Council directly on **(02) 6757 3222**