

## Pollution Incident Response Management Plan

GridX Power Pty Ltd operates under an Environmental Protection Licence (EPL) issued by the Environment Protection Authority of NSW. The Protection of the Environment Legislation Amendment Act 2011 (POELA Act) requires holders of an EPL to prepare and implement a Pollution Incident Response Management Plan (PIRMP).

Broadly the purpose of a PIRMP is to establish protocols to assess and manage the risks of harm from a pollution incident through identification of hazards and the development of planned actions for responding to and communicating incidents within the organisation and to regulatory authorities and the local community.

Specific requirements for a PIRMP are prescribed under Part 5.7A of the POEO Act and Part 3A of the Protection of the Environment Operations (General) Regulation 2009 (POEO (G) Regs). In accordance with the requirements of clause 98D of the POEO (G) Regs, the following is an extract from the plan which details:

- The procedure for contacting the relevant authorities in the event of a pollution incident
- The procedures to be followed in notifying and communicating with residents in the vicinity of the site about a pollution incident

Under the Act a “pollution incident” is required to be notified “immediately” if there is “material harm to the environment”. This is defined 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; 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.

## Regulatory Authority Notification

In the event of a pollution incident that causes or threatens material harm to people or the environment the site operator or operator on-call (after hours) must immediately (promptly and without delay) contact each of the relevant authorities identified below.

Authority	Telephone Number
Emergency Services (Fire & Rescue, Ambulance, Hazmat)	000
Environment Protection Authority	131 555
Workcover NSW	131 050
Ministry for Health (Sydney)	(02) 9515 9420
City of Botany Bay Council	(02) 9366 3666

## Communicating with Neighbours and Local Community

In the unlikely event an incident occurs that poses any threat to human health or property of neighbouring businesses or residents Hazmat, Fire & Rescue NSW or Police will engage with and provide updates to those residents and the community. Should there be an immediate threat to human health or property and no Emergency Services personnel are in attendance the site operator will ensure those residents are door knocked and advised of the situation.