

Pollution Incident Response Management Plan

This Pollution Incident Response Management Plan (PIRMP) has been made publicly available, as per Clause 98D of the Protection of the Environment Operations (General) Regulation 2009 and the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* (the POEO Act). The following represents an extract from the CGO Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan (CGO_ERT_MPL_0002), published February 2024. Detailed incident response procedures, including actions to reduce or control any pollution, operational hazards, relevant controls, maps, staff training and other key information requirements, are outlined in CGO_ERT_MPL_0002.

For the purpose of this plan a ‘pollution incident’ is defined as:
“An occurrence 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” (POEO Act).

Notification of Pollution Incidents:

In the case of an emergency, Cowal Gold Operations will contact the Emergency Services immediately on 000.
 After Emergency Services have been contacted, or in the case of non-emergency **pollution incidents***, Cowal Gold Operations will notify the Authorities outlined in Table 1 and 2 as required.

For pollution incidents that extend beyond site boundaries and which cause, or threaten to cause, harm to people, property or the environment, Cowal Gold Operations will seek the advice of the Emergency Services and Authorities to notify all relevant neighbours by a suitable method appropriate to the situation. The neighbours identified as those most likely to be impacted by a pollution incident are summarised in Table 2 and expanded in CGO_ERT_MPL_0002.

Testing of the PIRMP:

The CGO PIRMP is tested on an annual basis as a minimum, to be coordinated in conjunction with scheduled site evacuations, desktop reviews and training scenarios.
 At the time of publication, the CGO PIRMP was last tested on 16 December 2024. Testing was completed by Sheldon Wilson (Manager - UG Mining), Gregory Coase (Manager - Sustainability), Rudy Buys (Manager – Maintenance), Zachary Murphy (Manager – Integrated Planning), Lucian Cloete (Superintendent – Processing Operations), Alexandra Dowley (Advisor - Emergency Response), Harley Riley (Shift Supervisor – Processing).

Table 1: Relevant Authorities Contact Details (State/ Federal)

Name	Contact details
NSW Fire and Rescue, Police, Ambulance	000
NSW Environment Protection Authority	131 555 (Pollution Hotline) 02 6969 0700
Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI)	Written notification via Major Projects Portal
NSW Resource Regulator	1300 814 609
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (Commonwealth-protected matters)	1800 110 395 environment.compliance@dcceew.gov.au
Water NSW	General: 1300 662 077 Emergency: 1800 061 069
SafeWork NSW	13 10 50
Ministry of Health	02 9391 9000
Dam Safety NSW	General: 02 9842 8073
NSW Public Works	1300 008 888

Table 2. Relevant Authorities Contact Details (Local)

Name	Contact details
Bland Shire Council	General: 02 6972 2266 Emergency after hours: 0418 402 350
Forbes Shire Council	General: 02 6850 2300 Emergency after hours: 1300 978 633
Lachlan Shire Council	General and Emergency after hours: 02 6895 1900

*A **pollution incident** is required to be notified if:
“There is a risk of material harm to the environment which includes actual or potential harm to the health or safety of human beings or to ecosystems that is not trivial, or actual or potential loss or property damage of an amount, or amounts in aggregate exceeding \$10,000.” (Clause 1, Section 147, POEO 1997)

Related Documents:

- Environment Protection Licence 11912
- Development Consent 14/98 and 2011/64
- State Significant Development 10367
- CGO Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan
- Environmental Management Plans

Evolution Contact Details (in Priority Order):

- 1. General Enquiries 02 6975 4600
- 2. Community Enquiries and Complaints 02 6975 3454
- 3. Gregory Coase (Sustainability Manager) 0458 990 021