



Pollution Incident Response Management Plan- Treatment Plant

Cootamundra – Gundagai Regional Council - Treatment Plant

The objective of this Management Plan is to describe the relevant legislation, policies guidelines and standards which apply to the operation of the Cootamundra – Gundagai Regional Council - Treatment Plant and influence the environmental management principles and procedures to be used on the site.

The Cootamundra – Gundagai Regional Council Treatment Plant pollution response plan has been developed in accordance with the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 and the Protection of the Environment Operations (General) Amendment (Pollution Incident Response Management Plan) Regulation 2012. The legislation requires holders of environmental protection licences to make parts of their Pollution incident Response Management Plans available to the Public with the aim of improving the management of pollution incidents and how they are prevented, reported, managed and communicated to the general community.

The Information is provided to meet Cootamundra - Gundagai Regional Council's obligations under clause 98D of the regulation in relation to licenced landfills. This is not indication of increased pollution risk from the facility.

The Cootamundra – Gundagai Regional Council Treatment Plant is located on Turners Land Cootamundra New South Wales, in the Cootamundra - Gundagai Regional Council. The facility is located 5.7 km east of the township of Cootamundra. The Facility has been operational for many years and has progressively expanded the Material Recycling facility opening in 1992 with the Transfer station operational in 2005 providing a range of waste recovery and disposal services for the Council and the community and has been continuously operation since its development.

Premises Details

Cootamundra - Gundagai Regional Council Treatment Plant

EPA Licence No: 1603

Turners Lane

Cootamundra

NSW 2590

Lot 562 & 563 DP 881310; Lot 1 DP 439801; Lot 556 DP820859

The Facility adjoins a Council Waste Depot.

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Access to both the Facility and the Waste Depot is by Turners Lane, Cootamundra.

Description of activity

The Cootamundra - Gundagai Regional Council Treatment Plant is controlled by an Environmental Protection Licence under section 55 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 it is now a requirement that all pollution incidents are report to the EPA, NSW Health, Fire and Rescue NSW, Work Cover

The NSW EPA requires immediate (promptly without delay) reporting of pollution incidence that may cause material harm to the environment.

In the event of an incident with the immediate threat to human health or property **000** will be called first to alert first response units to control and contain the incident. . Fire and Rescue NSW, NSW Police and NSW Ambulance Service are the first responders.

All staff, contractors and members of the public that are in the facility at the time will be evacuated to the assembly point as per council's procedures on the attached facility evacuation plan.

After alerting **000** first responders (if necessary), notification to the following authorities in the order listed below must occur:

- NSW EPA Line **131 555**
- Cootamundra - Gundagai Regional Council 1300 459 689
- Cootamundra - Gundagai Regional Council After Hours **0408 278 956**
- NSW Health Public Health Unit on **1300 066 055** to be directed to local health unit
- Work Cover **131050**
- Fire and Rescue NSW (if not called for initial emergency response) **1300 729 579**

Information that may be required to be reported to the EPA could include:

- Time, date nature and location of the incident
- Estimated quality and pollutants involved
- Cause and circumstances of the incident
- Action taken or intended action

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Community Notification

Community impacts as a result of incidence are varied depending on nature of the incident, notification to the community will be determined by the nature of the incidence. The following methods will be used to notify the community,

- Direct contact via telephone or site visit
- Media Releases
- Warning Signs

Cootamundra - Gundagai Regional Council will make direct contact via the most suitable means with owners/occupiers in the direct vicinity of Cootamundra Treatment Plant advising them of any impending or actual pollution risk and actions to be taken. Every attempt will be made to provide early warning to directly affected premises. When and where necessary warning signs will be placed to alert the community of any risk in the area. The wider community will be advised depending on the nature and scale of the incident via media releases. Council will continue to provide notification, updates and information during and after the incident to keep the community up to date and ensure notification when the incident is no longer of concern or the situation has restored to normal.

Review of Management Plan

The Cootamundra Treatment Plant Pollution Incident Response Management Plan will be reviewed annually to monitor and make required updates as necessary. Contact details within the plan will be updated as required, with the review and update of the doby of the plan every twelve (12) months.

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Cootamundra Treatment Plant



Aerial view of Cootamundra Treatment Plant and surrounding properties.

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Evacuation Plan – Cootamundra Treatment Plant



Evacuation Procedure

- ❖ WHEN INFORMED OF THE NEED TO EVACUATE THE WASTE DEPOT AREA, LEAVE BY THE NEAREST SAFE EXIT, AS INSTRUCTED BY STAFF OR EMERGENCY PERSONNEL .
- ❖ LEAVE IN AN ORDERLY MANNER, **DO NOT** PANIC.
- ❖ TURN RIGHT FROM WASTE DEPOT DOWN TURNERS LANE. MAKE YOUR WAY 100 METERS ON RIGHT TO **ASSEMBLY POINT** INDICATED NEAR FENCE.
- ❖ STAY AT THE **ASSEMBLY POINT** UNTIL TOLD YOU MAY LEAVE OR RE-ENTER THE TREATMENT PLANT.