



# Pollution Incident Response Management Plan

Valmont Coatings, Industrial Galvanizers – NSW

EPA LICENCE No's 505, 1895 & 1165

# Notification Procedure for Pollution Incidents - PIRMP

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*This document is to be viewed in conjunction with site Emergency Response Plan.*

When a pollution incident occurs on site

1. Immediately engage in harm minimisation measures / spill containment as per procedures documented in the site Emergency Response Plan (ERP)
2. If the incident presents an immediate threat to human health or property contact emergency services on **000** immediately
3. Assess the level of actual or potential pollution and decide whether the incident is a '**notifiable**' incident

In combination, s.147 & s.148 of *Protection of Environment Operations Act 1997* (NSW) defines a Pollution incident (notifiable) as:

An incident where actual or potential harm to the environment occurs that;

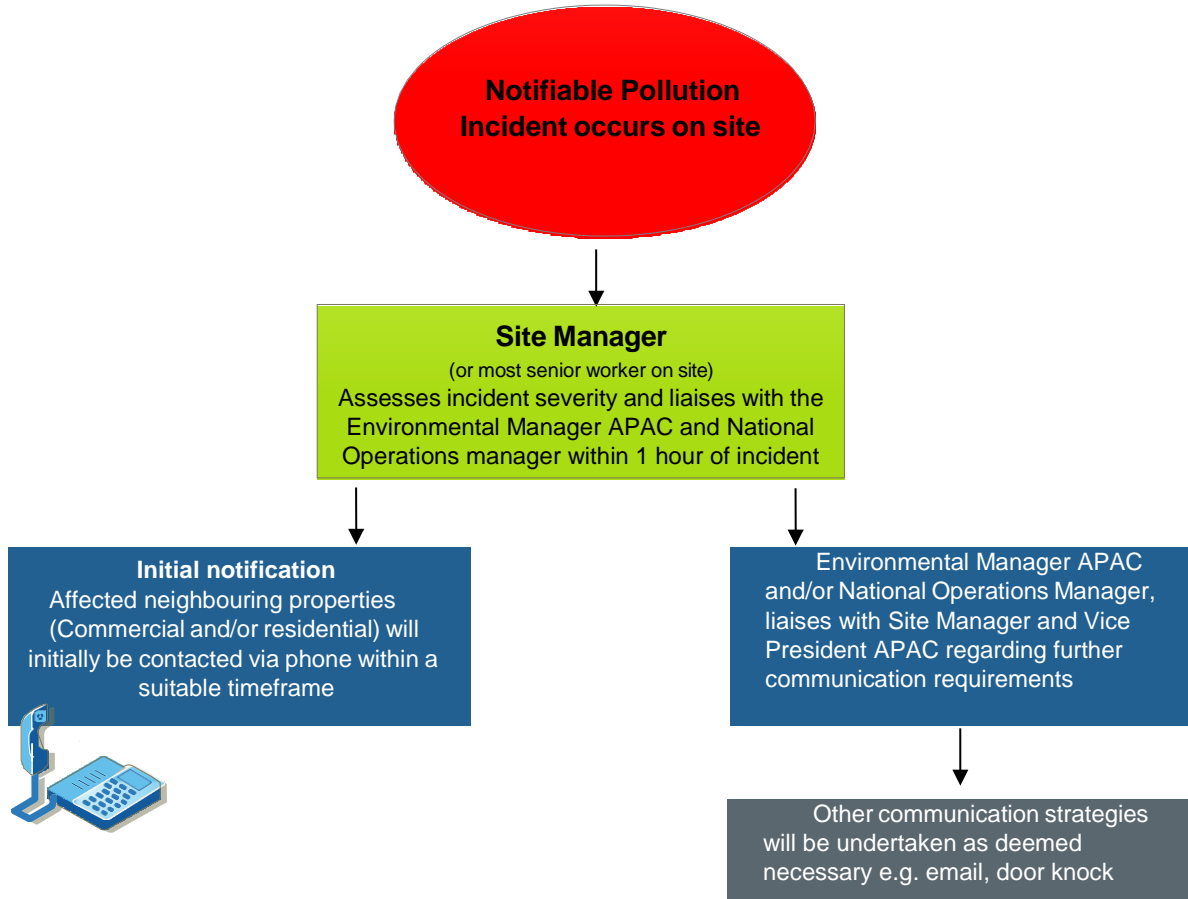
- (a)(i) involves actual or potential harm to health and safety of human beings or to ecosystems that is not trivial, or
  - (a)(ii) it results in actual or potential loss or property damage of an amount, or amounts in aggregate, exceeding \$10,000 (or such amount as prescribed by the regulation, and
  - (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.
4. If the incident is considered '**notifiable**' the following agencies must be notified immediately in listed order:

Site	Environmental Protection License
Hexham	505
Girraween	1895
Port Kembla	1165

<b>4.1 NSW EPA</b>		<b>131 555</b>	
<b>4.2 Ministry of public health unit</b>			
Hexham	(Hunter New England LHD) - John Hunter Hospital	Business Hours:	(02) 4921 3000
		After Hours (ask for public health nurse on call)	(02) 4921 3000
		After Hours (ask for public health nurse on call)	(02) 4320 2111
Girraween	(Western Sydney LHD)	Business Hours:	(02) 9840 3603
		After Hours (ask for public health officer on call)	(02) 8890 5555
Port Kembla	(Illawarra Shoalhaven LHD)	Business Hours:	(02) 4223 8000
		After Hours (ask for public health nurse on call)	(02) 4223 8000
<b>4.3 SafeWork NSW</b>		<b>131 050</b>	
<b>4.4 Local Council</b>			
Hexham	City of Newcastle	(02) 4974 2000	
Girraween	Cumberland Council	(02) 8757 9000	
Port Kembla	Wollongong City Council	(02) 4227 7111	
<b>4.5 NSW Fire and Rescue (if not previously contacted and required)</b>		<b>000</b>	

## Communicating with Neighbours

The following flowchart illustrates the actions to be taken in the event of a 'notifiable' pollution incident occurring on a Valmont Coatings site:



**Communicating with Neighbours – Actions to be taken:**

1. Operations Manager upon becoming aware of a notifiable pollution incident assesses the severity of the incident with regard to impact on neighbouring properties
  - a. Consider the following
    - i. Does the pollution incident have the potential to affect one or more neighbouring properties?
    - ii. How will it affect them (including long and short term effects)?
    - iii. What actions need to be taken by the neighbouring properties to protect them from harm?
  - b. Operations Manager contacts the Environmental Manager APAC and/or National Operations Manager within one hour of the incident occurring and informs of the incident & possible impact on neighbouring properties
2. Operations Manager contacts the neighbouring properties deemed necessary and provides them with the following information relevant to the pollution incident:
  - a. What has happened?
  - b. The Health and Safety implications for them
  - c. Corrective Actions which have been activated to minimise the harm/prevent further harm
  - d. What to expect?
  - e. His/Her contact details for further queries/concerns
2. Environmental Manager APAC liaises with Operations Manager and provides updates as required.
3. Environmental Manager APAC prepares formal written notification for NSW EPA.