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## **Pollution Incident Response Notification**

### **Orica Liddell Plant**

In accordance with Part 5.7A of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997, Orica Liddell has prepared Pollution Incident Response Management Plan (PIRMP). The PIRMP outlines the processes to prevent and minimise the risk of pollution incidents and ensure comprehensive and timely information is provided to relevant authorities and stakeholders.

In the event of a pollution incident, Orica Liddell will implement the following procedure for notifying relevant authorities and other stakeholders.

The following information shall be recorded where possible and provided to those agencies requiring notification:

- The time, date, nature, duration and location of the pollution incident;
- The location of the place where hazard / pollution is occurring or is likely to occur;
- The nature, the estimated quantity or volume and the concentration of any hazards / pollutants involved;
- The circumstances in which the pollution incident occurred (including the cause of the incident, if known); and
- The action taken or proposed to be taken to deal with the pollution incident and any resulting risks / pollution or threatened risks / pollution.

### **Immediately contact the following authorities:**

1. 000 – If the incident presents an immediate threat to human health or property. Emergency Services (Fire & Rescue, the Police and NSW Ambulance Service) are the first responders responsible for controlling and containing incidents.
2. If the incident does not require Emergency Services (or once 000 has been called) notify the relevant authorities in the following order:
  - EPA Environment Line 131 555
  - Hunter New England Health (02) 4921 3000
  - The WorkCover Authority 131 050
  - Singleton Council (02) 65721400 / (02) 6578 7290
  - Fire & Rescue (if not contacted already) 000
  - Department of Planning and Infrastructure (02) 9228 6111

## **Communicating with neighbours and the local community**

Orica understands that there is a high level of community expectation around the notification of pollution events. This Section of the report outlines who is to be notified in the event of a pollution event, what methods will be used for making notifications and guidance on the content of notifications and updates.

### **Defining Who Is To Be Notified**

#### Industrial Neighbours

Adjacent industrial neighbours may be required to activate their own emergency plans, in response to an emergency at Orica.

There are no formal mutual aid arrangements with any industrial neighbours.

The key infrastructure surrounding the plant are detailed below:

- New England Highway 720 meters north of the plant
- High Voltage power line approximately 1000 metres to the south of the plant
- Disused airport at the junction of Lemington Road and the New England Highway 1700 metres east of the plant
- Nearest Industrial infrastructure is approximately 1400 metres to the north-east of the plant, on the north side of the New England Highway

The following groups may need to be notified in the event of a pollution event:

- Adjacent industry
- Workers in the area
- Visitors and people passing through the local area

In the event of a pollution incident, notifications will be made to those individuals potentially impacted or impacted.

### **Notification Methods**

#### *Initial incident notification*

In the event of a pollution event that is an emergency with the potential for off-site impact, the key means of notification of anyone who may potentially be affected will be via Emergency Services.

Depending on the nature of the offsite emergency, Orica may also initiate communications with adjacent neighbours and potentially affected groups in accordance with the Emergency Response Plan (ERP).

If a pollution event is not an emergency with potential for off-site impact the following notification methods will be utilised:

- Orica Media releases
- Website updates [www.oricaminingsservices.com/liddell](http://www.oricaminingsservices.com/liddell)

One, some, or all of the above notification methods will be utilised, depending on the nature of an incident and the potential for impact on the community. The Incident Commander or delegate is responsible for determining the community notification method/s.

#### *Follow up incident notification*

An initial notification will be followed by an update (to the original recipients, or a smaller or larger group as deemed relevant) in the event that Orica:

- determines that a new or different response is required by members of the community or site neighbours in response to the pollution incident; or
- decides to provide an update on the status of the investigation.

#### **Notification Content**

Notifications made under this plan are to be timely, clear and concise. Initial notifications may be followed with subsequent notifications and additional or more detailed information over time as required. As a minimum, notifications should include:

- A brief statement on the nature and timing of the pollution incident (e.g. there has been a spill of Ammonium Nitrate Solution)
- Which party is responsible for responding (e.g. Emergency Services are in attendance or the EPA has been advised)
- The action (if any) required by the recipient of the notification (e.g. Evacuation)
- Contact details for seeking further information (in most cases this will be the community complaint and enquiry hotline 02 6570 9793).