



Sunshine Sugar Pollution Incident Response Management Plan

The three Sunshine Sugar mills and refinery operate under environmental protection licences (EPL) issued by the Environmental Protection Authority. The *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1999* (POEO 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 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). NSW has detailed PIRMP for sites at Condong Broadwater and Harwood. In accordance with the requirements of clause 98D of the POEO (G) Regulations, 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.

Regulatory Authority Notification

In the event of an emergency or pollution incident that causes or threatens to material harm to people or the environment the Environmental Manager or Site Operations Manager must **immediately** contact each of the relevant regulatory authorities identified below.

Authority	Telephone Number
Fire and Rescue NSW (Hazmat)	1300 729579
Ambulance/Emergency	000
EPA	131555
WorkCover NSW	131050
Ministry of Health (northern NSW)	(02) 6620 2125
Local Councils	
Broadwater Mill – Richmond Valley Shire Council	(02) 6660 0300
Harwood Mill & Refinery – Clarence Valley Shire Council	(02) 6643 0200
Condong Mill – Tweed Valley Shire Council	(02) 6670 2400

Communicating with neighbours and local community

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