

# **POLLUTION INCIDENT RESPONSE MANAGEMENT PLAN**



**Lactalis /Harvey Fresh  
– EPL 11302**

## **Pollution Incident Response Management Plan for Harvey Fresh**

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### **OVERVIEW**

This Pollution Incident Response Management Plan (PIRMP or Plan) has been written to comply with the legislative requirements under the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* (POEO Act) and the *Protection of the Environment Operations (General) Regulation 2022*.

Under the legislation referred to above, the EPL also requires a PIRMP to clearly document pollution risks, communication procedures to authorities and community regarding pollution incidents, and testing and training for pollution response. If there is a pollution incident involving material harm or threatened material harm to human health or the environment, the PIRMP will be implemented.

This site is covered by an Environment Protection Licence (EPL) number 11302 for the scheduled activities fruit processing – general agricultural processing.

The site has an overarching environmental management system.

### **Purpose**

The purpose of this PIRMP is to improve the way pollution incidents are managed, reported and communicated to the general community when required.

The purpose of this plan is to:

- Ensure comprehensive and timely communication about a pollution incident to staff at the premises, the Environment Protection Authority (EPA), other relevant authorities specified in the Act (such as local councils, NSW Ministry of Health, Safework NSW, and Fire and Rescue NSW) and people outside the facility who may be affected by the impacts of the pollution incident.
- Minimise and control the risk of a pollution incident at the facility by requiring identification of risks and the development of planned actions to minimise and manage those risks
- Ensure that the plan is properly implemented by trained staff, identifying persons responsible for implementing it, and ensuring that the plan is regularly tested for accuracy, currency and suitability.

The Harvey Fresh site is located at Crawford Rd Hanwood NSW and holds EPL number 11302. Environmental Management at the site is subject to improvements in processes and practices from time to time. To accommodate these ongoing changes and also to accommodate increases in site specific environmental assessment and management, the plan will be progressively reviewed.

This Plan is to clearly define the requirements of Harvey Fresh staff to report and respond to pollution incidents in accordance with the *POEO Act 1997* and the *POEO (General) Regulation 2022*.

The Site Manager is responsible for monitoring and measuring the effectiveness of incident management and of this Plan.

### **Additional Information**

**Contact:** Neil Clark – Site Manager

**Initial Effective date: July 2015**

PIRMP reviewed / updated
July 2016
August 2018
July 2019
July 2020
March 2021
July 2021
April 2022
January 2023
November 2024

### **Emergency Incident Response Procedures**

Under *Part 5.7 of the POEO Act*, there is a duty to notify each relevant authority (identified below) of a pollution incident, where material harm to the environment is caused or threatened. Material harm includes actual or potential harm to the health or safety of human beings or to ecosystems that is not trivial or that results in actual or potential loss (refer definitions) or property damage of an amount over \$10,000.

For pollution incidents, which exceed material harm, the Harvey Fresh Site Manager will be responsible for organising the reporting to the authorities below without delay.

Neighbours if you become aware of an environmental incident from our site please phone:

**0451 534 974**

Harvey Fresh Site Manager - Environmental Complaints/Incident Reporting

**Lactalis will contact the Relevant authorities.**

#### **Notification order:**

##### **If there is an immediate threat to human health or the environment:**

<b>Call Fire and Rescue first</b>	000
EPA	131 555
Safework NSW	131 050
Griffith City Council	1300 176 077
Lactalis Regional HSE Manager - Environmental Complaints/Incident Reporting	

##### **If there is not an immediate threat to human health or the environment:**

Lactalis Regional HSE Manager - Environmental Complaints/Incident Reporting

<b>Call EPA first</b>	131 555
Griffith City Council	1300 176 077
SafeWork NSW	131 050
Fire and Rescue	02 6964 4152

Early warnings for affected or potentially affected community members for any pollution incident are to be communicated to those members via a door knock process. The Site Manager or nominee will be responsible for coordinating the door knock.

For air pollution incidents, such as an ammonia leak that may affect neighbours, those neighbours will be asked to close their doors and windows and stay indoors until further notice.

For water pollution incidents that may affect neighbours who could access the said water, those neighbours will be asked to avoid use of the water until further notice.

Regular updates of any pollution incidents will be via letterbox drop to the local community, notices in local papers or via door knocks as required.

### **Availability and Location of This Plan**

Full details of this plan can be requested by contacting:  
Site Manager on **0451 534 974**