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MANAGEMENT PLAN**
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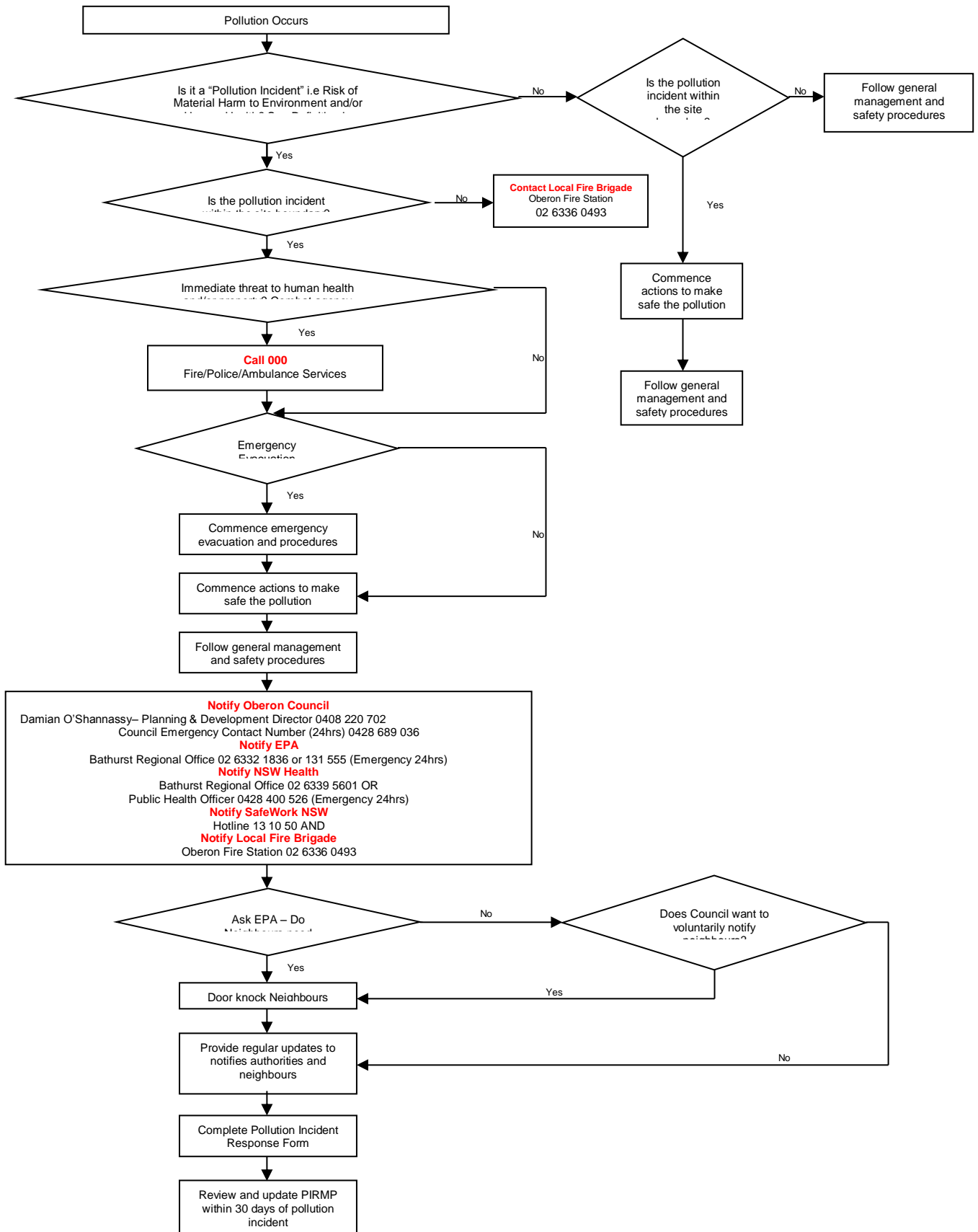
1.0 POLLUTION INCIDENT CLASSIFICATION, RISK ASSESSMENT AND CONTRIBUTING FACTORS

Table 1.1 – Pollution Incident Classification, Risk Assessment and Contributing Factors

Description of Pollution Incident	Likelihood	Impact	Contributing Factors
Surface or subsurface fires at active landfill	Low	Medium	High winds, dry weather, prolonged high temps and low humidity. Human errors made during waste screening at OWD, poor maintenance of plant and equipment, spontaneous combustion.
Surface or subsurface fires at maintenance and inactive areas	Low	High	High winds, dry weather, prolonged high temps and low humidity and spontaneous combustion.
Mixing of leachate and stormwater or waste and stormwater	Low	Medium	Prolonged periods of heavy rain, and lack of surface water pond and site maintenance.
Identification of any failure of an environmental protection system	Low	Low	Prolonged periods of heavy rain and/or a mechanical failure of the leachate holding system.
Identification of a significant difference in groundwater indicator parameters	Low	Low	Prolonged periods of heavy rain
Detection of subsurface gas, surface gas and/or accumulated gas in buildings at greater than 1.25 per cent methane (volume for volume)	Low	Low	On-site buildings which have not been designed to prevent accumulation of methane gas
Acts of vandalism or target of terrorist activity	Low	Medium	Increased risk during hours of closure
Any other incident or observation that could potentially pose an immediate environmental hazard outside normal operating conditions	Low	Low	n/a



2.0 DOCUMENT A - POLLUTION INCIDENT DECISION FLOW CHART



3.0 DOCUMENT B – POLLUTION INCIDENT EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS

3.1 DEFINITION OF POLLUTION INCIDENT

A pollution incident is required to be notified if there is a risk of ‘material harm to the environment’, which is defined in section 147 of the POEO Act:

- “(a) *harm to the environment is material if:*
- i) it involves actual or potential harm to the health or safety of human beings or to ecosystems that is not trivial, or*
 - ii) it results in actual or potential loss or property damage of an amount, or amounts in aggregate, exceeding \$10,000, 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.”*

3.2 NOTIFICATION OF POLLUTION INCIDENT

3.2.1 Notification Speed of Response

The requirement for notification of a pollution incident has changed from ‘as soon as practicable’ to ‘immediately’. In short, ‘immediately’ means ‘promptly without delay’, but it does not mean undertaking notification ahead of doing what is necessary to make safe.

3.2.2 Notification of Relevant Authorities

Where the pollution incident causes or threatens material harm to the environment or human health, all the following authorities must be notified by the Site Supervisor:

Notification of Relevant Authorities

1. Emergency Call Services

- **Emergency Hotline Number (24 hours)** **000***

*The Site Supervisor should call 000 if the incident presents an immediate threat to human health and/or property and a combat agency is required (i.e. NSW Fire and Rescue, NSW Ambulance Service, NSW Police Force) and then notify all other parties below including NSW Fire and Rescue via a local telephone number.

2. Oberon Council

- Damian O’Shannassy, Planning & Development Director 0408 220 702 or
- Council Emergency contact number (24 hours) 0428 698 036

3. The Environment Protection Authority (EPA)

- Bathurst Regional Office 02 6332 1838
- Emergency Hotline Number (24 hours) 131 555

4. NSW Health (via Public Health Units)

- Bathurst Regional Office 02 6339 5601
- Public Health Officer on Call (24 hours) 0428 400 526

5. SafeWork NSW

- Hotline Number 13 10 50

6. Fire and Rescue NSW

- Oberon Fire Station 02 6336 0493

If there is no immediate threat to human health and/or property i.e. a combat agency is not required, then the Site Supervisor is still required to follow that outlined above except for dialling 000.



4.0 POLLUTION INCIDENT REPORTING FORM

INCIDENT No:

TIME:

DATE:

DURATION OF INCIDENT:

NATURE OF INCIDENT:
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TEMPERATURE: °C WIND DIRECTION & SPEED:
..... KM/HR
RELATIVE HUMIDITY: % RAINFALL SINCE 9AM: MM
FIRE DANGER RATING:

THE LOCATION OF THE PLACE WHERE POLLUTION IS OCCURRING OR IS LIKELY TO OCCUR:
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THE NATURE, THE ESTIMATED QUANTITY OR VOLUME AND THE CONCENTRATION OF ANY POLLUTANTS INVOLVED (IF KNOWN):
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THE CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH THE INCIDENT OCCURRED, INCLUDING THE CAUSE OF THE INCIDENT (IF KNOWN):
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THE CORRECTIVE ACTION TAKEN OR PROPOSED TO BE TAKEN TO DEAL WITH THE INCIDENT AND ANY RESULTING POLLUTION OR THREATENED POLLUTION (IF KNOWN):
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HAS COUNCIL BEEN NOTIFIED?	YES	NO
HAS ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AUTHORITY (EPA) BEEN NOTIFIED?	YES	NO
HAS NSW MINISTRY OF HEALTH (VIA PUBLIC HEALTH UNITS) BEEN NOTIFIED?	YES	NO
HAS WORKCOVER NSW BEEN NOTIFIED?	YES	NO
HAS LOCAL FIRE AND RESCUE NSW BEEN NOTIFIED?	YES	NO



HAS EPA DIRECTED COUNCIL TO NOTIFY NEIGHBOURS?	YES	NO
IF NOT, HAS COUNCIL VOLUNTARILY NOTIFIED NEIGHBOURS?	YES	NO

Signature:	Date:
Council Officer	
Signature:	Date:
Planning & Development Director - Oberon Council	



5.0 PIRMP TESTING & UPDATE REGISTER

Date	Routine Testing	Routine Update	Post Incident Updates	New Copies Distributed?
7 June 2018	Desktop scenario involving a fire outside of the active cell of the facility.			
7 June 2018		Review undertaken and contact names and titles amended.		
27 October 2021		Review undertaken and contact names and titles amended		

