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Battery Energy Power Solutions Pollution Incident Response Management Plans (PIRMP)

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1. Purpose

This document provides the publicly available information from Battery Energy Power Solutions' Pollution Incident Response Management Plan (PIRMP) for the Fairfield site.

As per the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 (the POEO Act), the holder of an Environment Protection Licence must prepare, keep, test, and implement a pollution incident response management plan (PIRMP) that complies with Part 5.7A of the POEO Act in relation to the activity to which the licence relates.

*If a **pollution incident** occurs in the course of an activity so that material harm to the environment (within the meaning of section 147 of the POEO Act) is caused or threatened, the person carrying out the activity must **immediately** implement this plan in relation to the activity required by Part 5.7A of the POEO Act.*

The purpose of this document is to:

- Provide clear information on how Battery Energy will notify relevant authorities in the event of a pollution incident;
- Explain how nearby owners, occupiers and the community will be informed where they may be affected;
- Describe the mechanisms used to provide early warnings and regular updates during a pollution incident; and
- Support the protection of human health, property and the environment.

2. Environment Protection licence for Battery Energy

Battery Energy holds an **EPL 5803** with the **NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA)** for **Battery Energy lead-acid battery manufacturing and warehousing facility** (located at 96 Fairfield Street, Fairfield NSW 2165).

Table 1 Battery Energy EPL details

Environment Protection Licence (EPL)			
Name of licensee:	Battery Energy Power Solutions PTY LTD		
(Including ABN)	ABN: 83 003 325 139		
EPL Number:	5803		
Premises name and address	96 Fairfield Street, Fairfield NSW 2165		
Company or business contact detail	Name: Battery Energy Power Solutions Pty Ltd Position or title: Ziyad Yalda Business hours contact number: +61 2 9632 3633 Email: customer.service@batteryenergy.com.au		
Website address	www.batteryenergy.com.au		
Scheduled activity on EPL	Manufacturing Lead-Acid batteries and warehousing facility		
Fee-based activity on EPL	Fee based activity	Activity scale	Unit of measure
	Battery Production	>0.00—500.00	T annual production capacity

* Listed in the EPA Public Register

3. Hazards and Potential Pollutants

3.1 Identify Potential Hazards

The potential major environmental hazards that have been identified at Battery Energy are listed below:

- Air emissions – lead, Type 1 substances, dust and total solid particles
- Sulphuric acid spills
- Lead/lead-compound waste spills or releases
- Oil, contaminated water, wastewater or firewater releases to land/stormwater

3.2 Pre-Emptive Actions to be Taken

To minimise the likelihood and potential consequences of a pollution incident, Battery Energy maintains the following preventative controls:

- Stormwater protection controls and spill-response equipment;
- Installation of monitoring equipment on discharge points (air and water).
- Routine inspection and maintenance of plant, equipment and pollution-control systems;
- Bunding of hazardous chemical storage areas and use of IBC storage tanks for sulphuric acid.
- Safety Data Sheets and hazardous chemical information for substances used or stored on site

4. Notification of relevant authorities

4.1 Notification of relevant authorities

Identify any persons or authorities required to be notified as per Part 5.7A of the POEO Act in the case of a pollution incident that causes or threatens to cause material harm to the environment.

- **If a pollution incident presents an immediate threat to human health or property, emergency services must be contacted first by telephoning 000. Fire and Rescue NSW, NSW Police and NSW Ambulance are the first responders for immediate threats and emergency control.**
- If there is no immediate threat requiring 000, the pollution incident must still be assessed promptly. Where it causes or threatens material harm to the environment, the relevant authorities under section 148 of the POEO Act must be notified immediately (promptly and without delay), while safe and practicable actions are taken to control, contain and minimise the incident.

Relevant authorities include:

Table 1 Relevant Regulatory Authorities

Authorities	Contact Numbers
Notification of relevant authorities	
Fire and Rescue NSW	000(Emergency)
EPA	131 555
SafeWork NSW	131 050
Fairfield City Council	02 9725 0222

4.2 Notification of Neighbours and the Community

- Where a pollution incident has the potential to affect neighbouring premises or the community, Battery Energy will identify the potentially affected owners, occupiers and sensitive receivers and provide appropriate notification and information.

Relevant Neighbours and the Community include:

- Neighbouring commercial properties.
- General public within the vicinity of the site includes pedestrians, motorists, and users of nearby recreational facilities.

- Nearby water courses (rivers, streams, dams etc.) used for recreational and /or commercial purposes.
- Potential downstream users of affected waterways, where applicable.
- Schools, Churches, and Nursing homes.

Depending on the nature of the pollution incident, affected persons may be advised to:

- Uncontrolled emission of air pollution: remain indoors, close windows and doors, and switch off air-conditioning where there is an uncontrolled air emission; or
- Avoid drinking, fishing or swimming in affected waterways until authorities confirm it is safe.

4.3 Early warnings and Regular updates

Where a pollution incident has the potential to affect surrounding premises or the community, Battery Energy will provide an early warning to potentially affected persons as soon as practicable and will communicate with affected neighbours, businesses, schools and other relevant persons by:

- Door knocking
- Phone call
- Warning signage
- Letterbox notifications
- Updates on the Battery Energy public website
- Communication through relevant authorities or emergency services.

Regular updates will be provided to affected neighbours and the community, where appropriate, throughout the incident until the incident is controlled and the risk to the community has ceased.

5. Availability

- A copy of the full PIRMP will be maintained at the licensed premises and made readily available to persons responsible for implementing the PIRMP and to an authorised officer on request.
- The required public information will be published in a prominent position on Battery Energy's publicly accessible website within 14 days after the PIRMP is updated, where required by the Regulation.
- A controlled copy of the full PIRMP will also be maintained within Battery Energy's QWHS Management System.

6. Reference

- Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 (POEO Act)
- Guideline: Pollution Incident Response Management Plans (2020)
- Management Risk of Hazardous Chemicals in the Workplace, *Model Code of Practice, Safe Work Australia.*
- NSW Work Health and Safety Act 2011
- NSW Work Health and Safety Regulation 2025
- Battery Energy Internal Documentations:

  - Battery Energy Environmental Policy
  - Battery Energy Occupational Health and Safety Policy
  - Battery Energy Hazardous Chemical Register
  - Battery Energy Environment Plan-Aspect & Impact Evaluation Register
  - Battery Energy Emergency Preparedness Procedure
  - Battery Energy Incident and Injury Reporting and Investigation Procedure
  - Battery Energy Hazard Identification and Risk Management Procedure
  - Integrated Management System (IMS) which complies with requirements of IAF MD11:2013, incorporating ISO 14001:2015, ISO 45001:2018 and ISO 9001:2015.