

APPENDIX 3.8.1

Emergency Response Plan

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EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROCEDURE (ERP)

1.0 PURPOSE:

To address emergency situations and minimise potential impacts on the environment.

2.0 RESPONSIBILITY:

The General Manager is responsible for ensuring this procedure is implemented. The driver of the vehicle is responsible for putting the ERP in place in the event of an emergency during the collection of waste.

3.0 PROCEDURES:

The emergency response procedures are predicated by the types of emergency that may occur during the collection of wastes are discussed individually below.

3.1 Emergency Telephone Numbers:

Local Fire Brigade:	Skerries	01 849 1254
	Ballbrigggin	01 841 2137
Ambulance Service:		999
Gardaí		01 843 7222
Eastern Fisheries Board:		01 278 7022
Environmental Protection Agency:		01 268 0100
Fingal County Council:		01 890 5000
Local Doctor (Dr. Keane)		01 849 1497

3.2 Health and Safety

In the event of any serious injury to personnel the emergency number for the ambulance service will be clearly posted within the vehicle. The General Manager and/or Operations Manager will be notified of any incidents immediately and will advise the driver reporting the incident on how to handle the emergency as swiftly and efficiently as possible. For

minor injuries the number of the local doctor will be posted within the vehicle. In addition, first aid kits are available in all vehicles at all times.

3.3 Oil Spill/Leachate spill

In the unlikely event of an oil spill (or a leachate spill) the following procedure will be followed:

- a) The source of the spill will be closed off immediately if possible. The site manager or assistant manager will be notified immediately.
- b) The liquid will be contained as far as is practicable by employing absorbent booms and mats around any drainage gullies and in the spill liquid itself. Spill kits are provided in all vehicles.
- c) A waste oil tanker (or tankers) will be contracted immediately to pump any liquid spill.
- d) The following Authorities will be notified by telephone at the earliest opportunity: EPA; Fingal County Council; Eastern Fisheries Board.
- e) All oil will be removed from the surface by either pumping or use of absorbent mats. All waste oils and materials will be disposed to an appropriate facility.

All drivers will be informed as to the location and use of the spill kits.

3.4 Breakdown of Equipment

In the event of breakdown all incoming/outgoing waste on board will be diverted to an alternative recovery facility or directed to landfill. This will be achieved by contacting another driver to organise changing the load. Equipment will be repaired as soon as possible.

3.5 Fire

The emergency telephone number for the fire brigade will be clearly posted in all vehicles.

In the unlikely event of a fire the following procedure will be employed:

- a) The alarm will be raised by the person who first notices the fire.
- b) All staff will be evacuated from the vehicle.
- c) The fire brigade will be notified immediately.
- d) The General Manager or Operations Manager will be informed immediately.
- f) The EPA, Fingal County Council and the Eastern Fisheries Board will be notified at the earliest opportunity.

It may be possible for site staff to extinguish small fires using the fire extinguishers on board the vehicles. This procedure will be restricted to small fires only and the decision will be made by the General Manger/Facility Manager.

3.6 Crash

Emergency contact numbers for the ambulance, fire brigade, police and doctor will be posted in all vehicles.

- a) In the event of an accident – collision or crash, the General Manager and/or the Operations Manager should be notified immediately. They should advise on whether an ambulance, fire brigade and/or local doctor should be contacted depending on the situation.
- b) The driver should remain with the vehicle and ensure that details of any other person involved are taken immediately.

- c) The driver should insure that all parties involved remain at the scene until otherwise advised by the relevant authority.

3.7 All other emergencies

All other emergencies will be notified to the General Manager/Facility Manager and dealt with as speedily and efficiently as possible.

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