

# Attachment J

## Accident Prevention and Emergency Response

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## **J.1 Accident Prevention and Emergency Response**

As outlined in Attachment C.2 the operator is to put in place an Environmental Management System (EMS) which will address such matters as Emergency Preparedness & Response in dealing with accident and emergency situations resulting in effects on the environment.

An emergency telephone contact list will be maintained at the site inspection office. This contact list shall include details with respect to the emergency services, Doctor, relevant agencies (including EPA and Meath County Council) and management (including out of hours) for dealing with emergency response.

The site office will be staffed and remain open between the hours of 08:00 hours to 18:00 hours Monday to Friday inclusive (excluding Bank and National Holidays) and between 08:00 hours to 14:00 hours on Saturday. An emergency contact number for out of hours will be prominently displayed at the site entrance and staff members will be available in the event of an emergency call-out.

### **J.1.1 Emergency/Spill Response Procedures**

It is considered that accidents and emergency situations resulting in effects on the environment is confined to possible emissions to surface and/or groundwater in the event of a fuel spillage. As such the following Emergency/Spill Response Procedures will be put in place.

The main risk associated with oil or chemical spills is the potential for the spill to enter drains, watercourses, soils and the ground water system, causing contamination and / or fire or explosion risk.

It should be noted that significant emphasis has been placed on control and abatement measures to ensure there is no risk to surface and /or groundwater i.e.

- A mobile double skinned (integrated bunding) fuel bowser will be used to refuel mobile plant on site.
- Waste oil products are stored within the existing container on site. Waste oils are disposed of by a licensed waste contractor and removed off site.
- All oil barrels and lubricants will be stored on spill pallets/ spill trays.
- Spill kits will also maintained on site.
- Any inappropriate materials discovered (e.g. glass, plastic, timber, steel, etc) will be stored within skips provided in the designated quarantine area awaiting removal off site by an approved waste collection contractor to an approved facility.

In the unlikely event of a spillage the following procedure will be followed:

The facility manager, or appointed nominee, is responsible for carrying out the following procedure in the event of a spillage.

**1. It is the responsibility of the person who discovers the spill to:-**

- Immediately contain the spill (*Only if possible and safe to do so*).
- Inform the Facility Manager or appointed nominee.

**2. The Facility Manager, or appointed nominee shall:-**

- Ensure all sources of ignition are extinguished
- In the event of a fire follow the Fire Safety Procedure
- Contact the appropriate emergency services if necessary
- Keep the area well ventilated if the spill is in a confined space
- Ensure that all unnecessary untrained personnel are kept well away from the scene
- Identify the material spilled and obtain the MSDS to ensure that handling and PPE requirements are clearly understood and that those containing the spill are wearing the appropriate PPE.
- Stop the spill and contain it as much as possible, use the materials provided in the Environmental Spill Kits.
- Notify the EPA, Meath Co. Council, Fisheries Board, if necessary.
- Carryout any necessary remediation works/ and or seek appropriate professional advice.
- Any waste or contaminate materials generated during the cleanup of the spill, shall be disposed of by an appropriate licensed waste collection contractor.
- Complete an incident report

## **J.2 Fire Control**

The only waste to be accepted at the facility for recovery comprises inert soils and stone, and inert construction and demolition waste. As such it is not expected that the site activities concerned are likely to give rise to any significant risk of fire.

In the event of a fire, the employee on the scene shall raise the alarm with all staff in the immediate area and confirm that all staff are present and accounted for. Assist in containing the fire using the appropriate extinguisher – only if it is safe and they are confident to do so. All personnel will have also undergone appropriate training and will be aware of potential hazards on site.

In the event where a fire cannot be controlled the appropriate emergency services will be contacted either by dialling “999 or 112” and informing the operator of which service is required. An emergency contact list shall be maintained at the site office.

The incident will also be reported immediately to the Site Foreman/Operations Manager.

If the fire is located adjacent to explosive or further flammable materials the area should be vacated immediately and personnel should retreat a safe distance. Emergency services should be made aware of any potential hazards on site when they arrive.

### **J.1.3 Public Liability Insurance**

The company is at present reviewing its public liability to ensure that the level of cover is appropriate to the environmental risks posed by the site.