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# 1 PURPOSE & SCOPE

This document contains parts of the Austube Mills Pollution Incident Response Management Plan and have been modified to exclude personal information within the meaning of the Privacy and Personal Information Act 1998.

This Pollution Incident Response Management Plan (PIRMP, herein referred to as the plan) has been developed to describe Austube Mills Newcastle (herein referred to as Austube Mills Newcastle) response to a potential pollution incident and to comply with the requirements of the Protection of the Environment operations Act (POEO Act 1997).

The plan incorporates the Austube Mills Newcastle site located at Industrial Highway Mayfield. The plan only covers the above-mentioned site and does not include other InfraBuild sites within the nearby area.

The full plan includes the identification of potential hazards, pollution inventory and safety equipment kept on site, site contact and community details, corrective actions, and training.

The purpose of the 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 plan will be implemented in a situation where a pollution incident occurs on-site whereby material harm to the environment is caused or threatened.
- During such an event, Austube Mills Newcastle will immediately report the incident to the EPA, NSW Health, Fire and Rescue, SafeWork NSW and Newcastle City Council.



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### 2 REGULATORY REQUIRMENTS

The full PRIMP has been prepared based on an amendment made to the Protection of the Environment Legislation Amendment Act 2011 (POELA Act) to improve the way pollution incidents are reported, managed, and communicated to the general community.

The Act includes a new requirement under Part 5.7A of the POEO Act, to prepare keep, test, and implement a pollution incident response management plan.

This document has been prepared in accordance with NSW EPA Environmental Guidelines: Preparation of pollution incident response management plan.

A full copy of the plan is available in written form at Austube Mills Newcastle.

A written copy of the plan must be made available to an authorised EPA Officer on request or to any other who is responsible for implementing the plan.

### **3 DEFINITION OF A POLLUTION INCIDENT**

Pollution incident means an incident or set of circumstances during, or as a consequence of, which there is or is likely to be a leak, spill or other escape or deposit of a substance, as a result of which pollution has occurred, is occurring or is likely to occur. It includes an incident or set of circumstances in which a substance has been placed or disposed of on premises, but it does not include an incident or set of circumstances involving only the emission of any noise.

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 as:

#### Harm to the environment is material if:

It involves actual or potential harm to the health or safety of human beings or to ecosystems that is not trivial, or

It results in actual or potential loss or property damage of an amount, or amounts in aggregate, exceeding \$10,000 (or such other amount as is prescribed by the regulations), and

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.

### 4 **PROCEDURE**

#### 4.1 Inventory of Pollutants and information for emergency services

A summary of the sites Dangerous Goods inventory can be found throughout the site emergency response plan (available upon request).



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A HZDG manifest and storage depot location map is located in the HAZMAT box located at the site front gate for use by emergency services and is available upon request.

## 4.2 Action to be taken during or immediately after a Pollution Incident

Immediately after a pollution incident has taken place at Austube Mills Newcastle, the following actions will be implemented:

Ensure immediate notification to authorities has taken place.

Implement Pollution Incident Response Management Plan, inclusive of consideration of the need and frequency with which to notify neighbours and community.

Where possible and safe to do so, isolate the equipment or process causing the pollution incident and make area safe.

Deployment of spill containment equipment from within the department and sites General Store.

Arrange a qualified waste management contractor to access the site and assist with clean up (if possible) through the required Contractor Management System.

Determination if processing in other departments on site will need to cease or can continue.

Arrange for site Settling Pond pump to be isolated.

Arrange for disposal of pollutant to a licensed receiver. If transportation to a licensed receiver is not immediately possible, arrange for product to be stored at Wash Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) above-ground storage tank or other tanks within InfraBuild Newcastle Precinct until such time that the waste receiver is capable of receiving the waste.



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## 5 RELEVENT CONTACT DETAILS AND NEIGHBOURS

In the event of the need for an external person who requires to contact an ATM Newcastle representative in the case of a pollution incident response contact: **Infrabuild Steel Ingall Street Security 4935 4484 or 4935 4999 or 000 in an emergency.** 

Name	Name of Relevant Authority		Contact Details						
Emer	gency Services	1300	000 To be used in all situations unless as described per below 1300 729 579 Only call if there is an immediate threat to human health within the community or property						
Fire a	and Rescue NSW	000	000 131 555 02 4924 6477 - diverts to John Hunter Hospital. Ask for Public Health Officer on call. (via the local public health unit) 131 050 02 4974 2000						
EPA		131							
The I	Ministry of Health								
Work	Safe Authority	131							
Newo	castle City Council	02 49							
Newo	castle Port Corporation	02 4	02 4929 3890 131 909						
	ena (Natural Gas)	0.000							
Ausg	rid	131	388						
Aspect	Name		Business	Residential	Sensitive Receptor	Contact Details			
	InfraBuild Rod Mill		~			InfraBuild Steel Ingall Street Security 493 4484 or 4935 4999			
North	InfraBuild Bar Mill		~			InfraBuild Steel Ingall Street Security 4935 4484 or 4935 4999			
	NSW Police training (Admin Building)		~						
East	InfraBuild Wire		~			InfraBuild Steel Ingall Street Security 4935 4484 or 4935 4999			
	Fert Direct		~						
	Wests Mayfield		~			4903 6100			
	Six Hats Kindergarten		~		~	4967 4991			
	Hunter Women's Centre		~			4968 2511			
South	Safe and Sound Storage Facility		~			4968 1555			
	Residents of Arthur Street			~		Various			
	Residents of William Street			~		Various			
	Residents of Avon Street			~		Various			
	Residents of Vine Street			~		Various			
	Vacant land		~			NA			
West	InfraBuild Steel Centre		~			4967 0900			



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# 6 **REFERENCES**

- Newcastle Emergency Response Plan NC-WHS-EMG-PLN-00
- Newcastle Environmental Management System Manual NC-ENV-RRR-MAN-001

# 7 VERSION HISTORY

	Version	Issue Date	Key Changes	Reviewed by	Authorised by	Review Date
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