ntepa Northern Territory Environment Protection Authority

SECTION 14 INCIDENT REPORT (Waste Management and Pollution Control Act)

Date and Time of Notification:	Monday 4 th November 2024, 16:00hrs
Person / Company:	Power and Water Corporation
Incident:	Discharge of sewage from sewerage network

(a) the incident causing or	i Descrin	tion of the waste	that was discha	praed	
threatening to cause	i. Description of the waste that was discharged.				
pollution	Raw sewage <i>ii. Indicative wastewater quality for the discharge.</i> See below for indicative wastewater quality data.				
	Sample Date	Description	Total Suspended Solids (mg/L)	Biochemical Oxygen Demand (mg/L)	Dissolved Oxygen (lab) (mg/L)
	9/07/2024	WQ-Angurugu Pond 1 Inlet	115.0	52.0	<0.1
	11/06/2024	WQ-Angurugu Pond 1 Inlet	103.0	44.0	0.73
	13/03/2024	WQ-Angurugu Pond 1 Inlet	64.0	38.0	0.51
	9/01/2024	WQ-Angurugu Pond 1 Inlet	63.0	37.0	0.32
	Sample Date	Description	Nitrate + Nitrite as N (NOx-N) (mg/L)	(pH units)	Turbidity (lab) (NTU)
	9/07/2024	WQ-Angurugu Pond 1 Inlet	<0.1	6.85	150.0
	11/06/2024	WQ-Angurugu Pond 1 Inlet	0.4	6.78	150.0
	13/03/2024		<0.1	6.6	70.0
	9/01/2024	WQ-Angurugu Pond 1 Inlet	<0.1	7.02	74.0
	 iii. Volume of the waste that was discharged. The volume of waste discharged is unknown. No telemetric monitori occurs at these location. An estimate based on the duration and ar covered by the overflow, is approximately 5KL. 				
(b) the place where the incident occurred	 <i>i.</i> Description of the Power & Water asset from which the discharge occurred. The overflow emanated from a 100mm riser associated with the sewer main located on lot 1632, which is immediately adjacent to the public open space of lot 570. <i>ii.</i> GPS coordinates of the discharge point from the Power & Water asset, and the final coordinates of the final discharge point. 				
	Discharge Point: 136.4621391E, 13.9834282S Final discharge point, immediately surrounding the discharge point.				rge point.

	 iii. Indicate any locations nearby to the discharge point where public can gain ready-access, such as public open spaces through which the discharge moves. Access to the public was possible as the discharge occurred from a pipe located within an unfenced private residential property, immediately adjacent to public open space.
(c) the date and time of the incident	 <i>i.</i> The time and date of commencement and cessation of the discharge. The commencement time of the spill is unknown but started on Friday 1/11/2024. The spill ceased approximately 5 hours later the same day, when a local plumbing contractor unblocked the sewer main. <i>ii.</i> How Power & Water were notified or became aware of the discharge. The spill was initially reported to Power and Water's contractor by a local council representative, who then advised the Power & Water Technical Coordinator responsible for the community. <i>iii.</i> The process by which the discharge occurred. The overflow occurred due to a partial to full blockage of the sewer main, because of the incorrect disposal of non-flushable wipes into the sewer system by residents.
	<i>iv. The reason why the discharge occurred.</i> As per (c) iii.
(d) how the pollution has occurred, is occurring or may occur	As per (c) iii & (c) iv.
(e) the attempts made to prevent, reduce, control, rectify or clean up the pollution or resultant environmental harm caused or threatening to be caused by the incident	 <i>i.</i> Confirmation signage and fencing has been erected, as appropriate. Fencing in this instance was not erected as the cause of the overflow was rectified in a timely manner and the area was cleaned up as per the Power & Water Sewer Overflow Response procedure, straight after the sewer main was unblocked, making the area same for public access. <i>ii.</i> Decontamination of the site as appropriate. The gross pollutants that were discharged were picked up and disposed of appropriately, and the area was cleaned as per the Power & Water Sewer Overflow Response procedure.
(f) the identity of the person notifying the NT EPA	Power and Water's Environmental Team on behalf of Water Services



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Appendix A – Location map.



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Appendix – Location photographs.

