## ntepa Northern Territory Environment Protection Authority

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

Date and Time of Notification:	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> 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
	<ul> <li>iii. Volume of the waste that was discharged.</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>				
(b) the place where the incident occurred	<ul> <li><i>i.</i> Description of the Power &amp; Water asset from which the discharge occurred.</li> <li>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.</li> <li><i>ii.</i> GPS coordinates of the discharge point from the Power &amp; Water asset, and the final coordinates of the final discharge point.</li> </ul>				
	Discharge Point: 136.4621391E, 13.9834282S Final discharge point, immediately surrounding the discharge point.				rge point.

	<ul> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>
(c) the date and time of the incident	<ul> <li><i>i.</i> The time and date of commencement and cessation of the discharge.</li> <li>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.</li> <li><i>ii.</i> How Power &amp; Water were notified or became aware of the discharge.</li> <li>The spill was initially reported to Power and Water's contractor by a local council representative, who then advised the Power &amp; Water Technical Coordinator responsible for the community.</li> <li><i>iii.</i> The process by which the discharge occurred.</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>
	<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	<ul> <li><i>i.</i> Confirmation signage and fencing has been erected, as appropriate.</li> <li>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 &amp; Water Sewer Overflow Response procedure, straight after the sewer main was unblocked, making the area same for public access.</li> <li><i>ii.</i> Decontamination of the site as appropriate.</li> <li>The gross pollutants that were discharged were picked up and disposed of appropriately, and the area was cleaned as per the Power &amp; Water Sewer Overflow Response procedure.</li> </ul>
(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.

