

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

Date and Time of Notification:	30.03.2026, 2040
Person / Company:	Darwin Port Operations Pty Ltd as trustee for the Darwin Port Manager Trust (DPO)
Incident:	The death of more than 1000 small fish believed to be Oxeye Herring (<i>Megalops cyprinoides</i> ~50 mm long) in Pond E North, an internal pond within East Arm Wharf. The incident appears species-specific, with no observable impacts to other fish.

(a) the incident causing or threatening to cause pollution

Based on the independent water testing conducted by DPO to date, DPO considers the incident causing or threatening to cause pollution most likely to be the discharge of low pH acidic water:

- from an iron ore stockpile area bordering the landward boundary of East Arm Wharf contiguous to Berrimah road sub-leased and controlled by Ag-River Energy Pty Ltd (**AGRE**) depicted in Figure 1 below
- into drainage channels around the perimeter of the stockpile area and directed to containment ponds located to the south and west of the stockpile area
- flowing through to Pond E (the large green pond to the south east of the stockpile area) into Pond E North bordering the harbour depicted in Figure 2 below.



Figure 1 – Map showing facilities at East Arm Wharf including the iron ore stockpile area



Figure 2 - East Arm Wharf stockpile areas (brown), channel drains (blue), sumps (yellow) and containment ponds (green).

(b) the place where the incident occurred	Pond E North, an internal pond within East Arm Wharf depicted in Figure 3 below.  Figure 3 Pond E North, East Arm Wharf
(c) the date and time of the incident	27.03.2026 at approximately 1400.
(d) how the pollution has occurred, is occurring or may occur	Based on the independent water testing conducted by DPO to date, DPO considers the pollution most likely occurred by recent large downpours of rain washing water run-off from the iron ore stockpiles, managed by AGRE, into the drainage channels around the perimeter of the stockpile area which were directed to containment ponds located to the south and west of the stockpile area through to Pond E (the large green pond to the south east of the stockpile area) into Pond E North bordering the harbour depicted in Figure 2 above.

(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

- DPO routinely undertakes water monitoring and testing at sites across East Arm Wharf.
- AGRE is required under a sublease between DPO and AGRE to contain and manage contaminated stormwater.
- After detecting the incident on 27.03.2026, DPO:
 - engaged an environmental consultant to collect and analyse water quality samples from multiple locations across East Arm Wharf for general water quality (CaCO_3 , SO_4), dissolved major cations and metals (Cu, Pb, Mn, Zn, K)
 - requested all relevant port tenants, including AGRE, produce results of their recent water monitoring required under their respective lease or licence agreements
 - advised AGRE that DPO's preliminary investigations traced low pH acidic water back to their stockpile lease area with the lowest pH levels detected in AGRE's containment ponds
 - requested AGRE ensure and confirm their ongoing implementation of measures outlined in their Environmental Management Plan especially, AGRE's stockpile run-off water treatment procedure.
- On 27.03.2026 AGRE advised DPO that it was monitoring and treating stormwater from its stockpile lease area to increase pH levels at the three locations depicted in yellow in Figure 4 below.



Figure 4 – AGRE water monitoring and treatment locations.

(f) the identity of the person notifying the NT EPA	David McMaster, DPO Environmental Manager
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