ntepa Northern Territory Environment Protection Authority

ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION LICENCE

(Pursuant to section 34 of the *Waste Management and Pollution Control Act*)

Licensee	West Daly Regional Council
Licence Number	**EPL431**
Registered Business Address	West Daly Regional Council 1 / 4 Albatross Street Winellie NT 0820
ABN	25 966 579 574
Premises Address	N.T. Portion 01637 plan(s) CP 004183 NEMARLUK
Anniversary Date:	15 October
Commencement Date:	15/10/2026
Expiry Date:	14/10/2036
Scheduled Activity	Operating **premises** for the disposal of **waste** by burial that service, or are designed to service, the **waste** disposal requirements of more than 1000 persons. Collecting, transporting, storing, re-cycling, treating or disposing of a **listed waste** (as per Table 1) on a commercial or fee for service basis, other than in or for the purpose of a sewage treatment plant.
Description	The Wadeye Waste Management Facility is managed by the West Daly Regional Council. The landfill disposes of putrescible and solid inert waste by burial, and stores listed waste (as per Table 1) for transfer to an authorised facility for processing.

Table 1 - Listed Wastes Authorised to be Handled

Listed Waste	Collection	Transport	Storage	Treatment	Recycling	Disposal
Acidic solutions or acids in solid form	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗
Lead, lead compounds	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗
Tyres	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗
Waste mineral oils unfit for their original intended use	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗

✓ Activity authorised by this licence

✗ Activity not authorised by this licence

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INFORMATION ABOUT THIS LICENCE

- This licence does not in any way relieve the licence holder from its obligations to comply with the WMPC Act, including the general environmental duty in section 12 of the WMPC Act and the duty to notify of incidents causing or threatening to cause pollution under section 14 of the WMPC Act.

Duration of a licence (section 40, 43 and 45 of the WMPC Act)

- A licence will remain in force until its expiry date or until it is surrendered by the licensee or is suspended or cancelled in accordance with the WMPC Act.
- The licensee must notify the Northern Territory Environment Protection Authority (NT EPA) within 14 days after ceasing to conduct the activity.
- The licensee may, with the approval of the NT EPA, surrender the licence to the NT EPA.

Amendment or Revocation of a licence (section 37 of the WMPC Act)

- The licensee may apply to amend or revoke a condition of this licence.
- A fee applies and the application must be made using the designated form via NT EPA Online.
- The NT EPA may also amend or revoke a condition of this licence as set out in section 38 of the WMPC Act.

Transfer of a licence (section 46 of the WMPC Act)

- The licensee can apply to transfer their licence to another person.

Renewal of a licence (section 40 of the WMPC Act and section 3 of the Regulations)

- The licensee may apply for the renewal of their licence not earlier than 90 days, and not later than 30 days, before their licence expires.
- A fee applies and the application must be made via NT EPA Online.

Public Register

- A copy of environment protection licences and any plans for environmental management, reports, submissions or documents required as a condition of an environment protection licence, will be placed on a register in accordance with section 9 of the WMPC Act.
- The NT EPA makes this register freely available from the NT EPA website.

Environment Protection Objectives (Part 4 of the WMPC Act), and Water Quality Standards (section 73 of the *Water Act 1992*)

- An Environment Protection Objective (EPO) is a statutory instrument to establish principles on which:
  a. environmental quality is to be maintained, enhanced, managed or protected;
  b. pollution, or environmental harm resulting from pollution, is to be assessed, prevented, reduced, controlled, rectified or cleaned up; and
  c. effective waste management is to be implemented or evaluated.
- In accordance with section 18 of the WMPC Act a beneficial use, quality standard, criteria or objective declared under section 73 of the *Water Act 1992* and in force is an environment protection objective for the purposes of the WMPC Act.
- The following EPOs and Beneficial Use Declarations (BUDs) are relevant to this licence:
  - Not applicable

Environmental Interests

- This section highlights sensitivity of the surrounding land use and environment associated with the location of the approved activity:
    - Sites of Conservation Significance - not applicable
    - Ramsar Wetland - not applicable

Cultural Interests

- It is the licensee's responsibility to contact the Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority, appropriate land council or other governing body and ensure that any Authority Certificates required as a result of conducting the licenced activity are obtained and complied with.

RULES FOR INTERPRETING THE CONDITIONS OF THIS LICENCE

- Where there is a discrepancy between the conditions of this licence and any plan, standard, guideline or other document referred to in this licence, the conditions of this licence prevail to the extent of the inconsistency.
- Any reference to any standard (Australian or international) in this licence means the relevant parts of the current version of that standard.
- A reference to any guideline or code of practice (or to the relevant parts of any guideline or code of practice) in this licence means the current version of the guideline or code of practice.
- Under section 39 of the WMPC Act, any contravention of or failure to comply with this licence by the licensee may be an offence.
- In determining whether the licensee has committed an offence, the licensee may be liable for the conduct of its directors, employees or agents.
- The licensee should ensure that each of its directors, employees, contractors or agents are aware of, and comply with, this licence.
- In this licence, unless the contrary intention appears, words that are defined in the WMPC Act are intended to have the meaning given to them in that Act.

LICENCE CONDITIONS

GENERAL

1 The licensee must ensure the contact details recorded in NT EPA Online for this licence are correct at all times.

2 The licensee must at all times have a 24 hour emergency contact.

3 The licensee must pay via NT EPA Online the annual fee calculated in accordance with the method prescribed in the Regulations within 10 business days of the anniversary date of this licence, for each year or part of a year that this licence is in force.

4 The licensee must cause clear and legible signage, in English, to be displayed in a prominent location at each public entrance to the premises that includes the following details:

4.1 environment protection licence number issued under the WMPC Act; and

4.2 24 hour emergency contact details.

5 The licensee must cause a copy of this licence to be available for inspection by any person, in hard copy form, at the premises.

6 The licensee must implement, maintain and follow the documents listed in Table 2.

Table 2. Licence documents

Document Name
WDRC - Waste Management Facility - Landfill Environmental Management Plan
WDRC - Waste Management Facility - Emergency Response Plan

7 The NT EPA may require the licensee to revise or amend and resubmit any document to the NT EPA by a specified date.

8 The licensee must provide to the NT EPA, within 10 business days of a request, a copy of any document, monitoring data or other information in relation to the activity, in the format requested by the NT EPA.

9 All notices, reports, documents or other correspondence required to be provided as a condition of this licence, unless otherwise specified as a condition of this licence, must be provided in electronic form by uploading the document via NT EPA Online (or by emailing environmentalregulation@nt.gov.au).

10 Within 10 business days of any amendment being made to a document listed in Table 2 the licensee must provide the amended document to the NT EPA, along with:

10.1 a tabulated summary of the amendment(s) with document references;

10.2 reasons for the amendment(s); and

10.3 an assessment of environmental risk associated with the amendment(s).

EARLY SURRENDER OF LICENCE

11 Any reports, records or other information required or able to be provided by the licensee under this licence must be submitted to the NT EPA prior to the licensee surrendering the licence. If the date on which a report, record or other information is required falls after the date the licensee requests to surrender this licence, the licensee must provide the report, record or information as far as possible

using data available to the licensee up to and including the date the request to surrender the licence is made.

OPERATIONAL

12 The licensee must not collect, transport, store, recycle, treat or dispose of listed waste other than the listed waste specified in Table 1.

13 The licensee must ensure any plant and equipment used by the licensee in conducting the activity:

13.1 is fit for the purpose and use to which it is put;

13.2 is maintained;

13.3 is operated by a person trained to use the plant and equipment.

14 The licensee must ensure that wastewater generated from washing plant and equipment associated with the activity does not cause pollution.

15 The licensee must segregate waste at the premises in clearly designated areas.

16 The licensee must ensure that only the following wastes are disposed of by burial at the premises:

16.1 putrescible waste;

16.2 solid inert waste; and

16.3 listed waste as specified for disposal in Table 1.

17 The licensee must ensure that litter:

17.1 is contained within the boundary of the premises;

17.2 is not deposited or allowed to accumulate in stormwater drain(s), water or leachate dam(s); and

17.3 does not accumulate along the boundary of the premises.

18 The licensee must not cause or permit waste to be burned.

19 The licensee must maintain a log of fires occurring at the premises including the following information:

19.1 the time and date of when the fire was reported;

19.2 the circumstance which ignited the fire;

19.3 the time and date of when the fire ceased and whether it burnt out or was extinguished;

19.4 the location of the fire on the premises (e.g. timber stockpile, putrescible waste);

19.5 prevailing weather conditions;

19.6 observations made in regard to smoke direction and dispersion;

19.7 the amount of waste combusted by the fire; and

19.8 action taken to extinguish the fire.

20 The licensee must notify the NT EPA of any fires at the premises by contacting the Pollution Hotline on telephone number 1800 064 567 as soon as practicable after (and in any case, within 24 hours after) first becoming aware of the fire. The licensee must provide the status of the fire and this licence number when contacting the Pollution Hotline.

21 The licensee must cover waste in accordance with the NT EPA Guidelines for the Siting, Design and Management of Solid Waste Disposal Sites in the Northern Territory.

22 The licensee must ensure that all leachate is managed in accordance with the NT EPA Guidelines for the Siting, Design and Management of Solid Waste Disposal Sites in the Northern Territory.

23 The licensee must ensure that neither leachate nor water pond on the surface of the landfill.

24 The licensee must develop, maintain and implement a Rehabilitation Plan that addresses progressive rehabilitation and revegetation of completed landfill areas.

25 Where a landfill cell is no longer in use, the licensee must ensure that the landfill cell is closed and capped so as to achieve the landfill cap design objectives in the NT EPA Guidelines for the Siting, Design and Management of Solid Waste Disposal Sites in the Northern Territory.

26 The licensee must, at least three months prior to the commencement of construction of a new landfill cell, or extension of an existing landfill cell, submit to the NT EPA an application for an environment protection approval under section 31(1)(a) of the WMPC Act unless the new landfill cell or the extension of an existing landfill cell has previously been approved by the NT EPA in accordance with the WMPC Act.

27 The licensee must ensure that all materials that are likely to cause environmental harm are handled and stored in areas with a containment system in accordance with the relevant Australian Standard. Where no relevant Australian Standard exists, the containment system must be sized to contain 110% of the volume of the largest container within the area.

28 The licensee must ensure that all listed waste being transported from the premises is transported by a person licenced to transport the listed waste.

RECORDING AND REPORTING

29 The licensee must maintain records of the nature, quantities and source of waste, other than listed waste, received at the premises in each successive 12 month period following the commencement date of this licence.

30 The licensee must keep and maintain records relating to the activity undertaken and the listed waste handled by the licensee in each successive 12 month period following the commencement of this licence, which include:

30.1 the date of collection;

30.2 the source of the listed waste;

30.3 the name of the transport company, if not the licensee;

30.4 the vehicle registration;

30.5 a description of the listed waste;

30.6 the quantity of the listed waste;

30.7 the final destination of the listed waste; and

30.8 whether the listed waste was stored, recycled, treated or disposed of.

31 The licensee must retain records relating to waste, including listed waste, as required by the conditions of this licence, for a period of 2 years after the end of the 12 month period to which the record relates.

32 The licensee must keep records of all non-compliances with this licence. These records must be adequate to enable the licensee to comply with the non-compliance notification conditions of this licence.

33 The licensee must notify the NT EPA of any non-compliance with this licence by completing the Non-Compliance Notification via NT EPA Online (or by emailing environmentalregulation@nt.gov.au), as soon as practicable after (and in any case within 24 hours after) first becoming aware of the non-compliance.

34 The licensee must include in the notification of non-compliance the following information:

34.1 when the non-compliance was detected and by whom;

34.2 the date and time of the non-compliance;

34.3 the actual and potential causes and contributing factors to the non-compliance;

34.4 the risk of environmental harm arising from the non-compliance;

34.5 the action(s) that have or will be undertaken to mitigate any environmental harm arising from the non-compliance;

34.6 corrective actions that have or will be undertaken to ensure the non-compliance does not reoccur;

34.7 if no action was taken, why no action was taken; and

34.8 a date when an incident investigation report will be submitted to the NT EPA.

PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT

35 The licensee must prepare, maintain and implement a Stormwater and Drainage Management Plan for the premises. The Plan must:

35.1 demonstrate how clean stormwater will be diverted from waste disposal areas to minimise leachate generation;

35.2 demonstrate how contaminated stormwater, leachate and sediment will be prevented from leaving the premises;

35.3 include procedures for the inspection, maintenance and repair of stormwater management infrastructure to ensure its ongoing effectiveness; and

35.4 be submitted to the NT EPA within 12 months of the commencement of this licence.

36 The licensee must prepare, maintain and implement a Fire Management Plan for the premises. The plan must:

36.1 identify the risks of fire igniting and spreading within the landfill area and of fire entering from areas external to the landfill;

36.2 identify management practices to mitigate the risks identified; and

36.3 be submitted to the NT EPA within 12 months of the commencement of this licence.

37 The licensee must prepare a Landfill Closure and Post Closure Plan for the premises in accordance with the NT EPA Guidelines for the Siting, Design and Management of Solid Waste Disposal Sites in the Northern Territory. The Plan must:

37.1 include an assessment of long-term environmental risks associated with the landfill, including groundwater, surface water, and leachate management, and identify any proposed monitoring or mitigation measures;

37.2

be reviewed by a qualified person prior to submission to the NT EPA, and a written report of the review must be prepared; and

37.3 be submitted to the NT EPA, together with the review report, within 24 months of the commencement of this licence.

END OF LICENCE CONDITIONS

This licence is not valid unless signed below:



Hannah Julia Schult
Director Environmental Regulation
Delegate of the Northern Territory
Environment Protection Authority
Dated: 15/10/2026

DEFINITIONS

All terms in the Licence which are defined in the *Waste Management and Pollution Control Act* have the meaning given in that Act unless otherwise or further defined in this section.

DEFINITION	In this licence, unless a contrary intention appears:
24 hour emergency contact	the phone number of a person who can be contacted at any time and be capable of responding to and providing information about any incident associated with the activity.
Activity	the Scheduled activity as described on the covering page of this licence.
Emergency Response Plan	a written plan documenting the licensee's procedures for responding to emergencies caused by, resulting from or associated with the activity and that may cause environmental harm.
Landfill Closure and Post Closure Plan	a written plan which specifies the landfill closure and post-closure activities as set out in the NT EPA Guidelines for the Siting, Design and Management of Solid Waste Disposal Sites in the Northern Territory.
Listed waste	a waste included under Schedule 1 of the Regulations.
Non-compliance notification	an NT EPA prescribed format for notifying the NT EPA of a non-compliance.
NT EPA Online	online system for Environment Protection Licence (EPL), Environment Protection Approval (EPA) and Waste Discharge Licence (WDL) lodgement and maintenance.
Plant and equipment	all material items used in association with the activity, including (but not limited to) storage vessels and containers, pipe work and hosing, vehicles (including vessels), tools, and measuring equipment.
Qualified person	a person registered under Section 68 of the WMPC Act.
Regulations	*Waste Management and Pollution Control (Administration) Regulations 1998*.
Rehabilitation Plan	a written plan to ensure that the objectives of rehabilitation are achieved as set out in the NT EPA Guidelines for the Siting, Design and Management of Solid Waste Disposal Sites in the Northern Territory.
Solid inert waste	solid waste that has no active chemical or biological properties. These wastes do not undergo environmentally significant physical, chemical or biological transformation.
Stormwater	water flowing over ground surfaces, in natural streams and drains as a direct result of rainfall over a catchment and consists primarily of rainfall runoff.
Suitably qualified person	means a person who has professional qualifications, training, skills or experience relevant to the nominated subject matter and can give authoritative assessment, advice and analysis to performance relative to the subject matter using the relevant protocols, standards, methods or literature.
Wastewater	water that contains a contaminant or waste.
WMPC Act	the Northern Territory *Waste Management and Pollution Control Act 1998*.