

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

Date and Time of Notification:	Time :3 pm Date 24/3/2023
Person / Company:	West Arnhem Regional Council
Incident:	Sewage overflow due Sewerage lift station Pump failure

<p>(a) The incident causing or threatening to cause pollution</p>	<p>Due to a recent pump failure at the sewerage lift station in jabiru, the sewage overflowed into the nearby surroundings. WARC engaged a contractor on urgent basis to install a temporary pump to stop the overflow and in the meantime fix the issue.</p> <p>The site has been fenced and repair works are in progress.</p>
<p>(b) The place where the incident occurred</p>	<p>i. Description of the WARC asset from which the discharge occurred.</p> <p>Sewerage Lift station which is the last collection point prior to entering a sewerage treatment plant within a Council owned WWTP.</p> <p>ii. GPS coordinates of the discharge point from the PWC asset, and the final coordinates of the final discharge point.</p> <p>Approximate locations are as follows; Discharge Point: -12.672545, 132.845685</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The Lift Station is situated outside the town and the contractor has closed road access to the lift station and one road access is open for the council employees which is monitored on regular basis. The area is fenced and secured.</p>
<p>(c) The date and time of the incident</p>	<p>The overflow was observed at approximately 0800 hrs by West Arnhem Regional Council staff on 17/03/2023, and the spill was controlled by approximately 09:30hrs of 17/03/2023. The Pumps failed again that same day at 1700 hrs and the spill was controlled by 1830 hrs</p>

<p>(d) How the pollution has occurred, is occurring or may occur</p>	<p>Due to the pump failure at the sewerage lift station overflow occurred and spilled into the surroundings and since the pollution has been contained and a new pump has been installed</p>
<p>(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</p>	<p>i. Confirmation signage and fencing has been erected, as appropriate. Fencing and signage was erected in this instance around the area surrounding the spill.</p> <p>ii. Decontamination of the site as appropriate WARC has engaged a contractor to clean up the site consistent with sewage spills/Overflow response work Instruction as appropriate to the location and to minimise risk to the environment.</p> <p>The full area of impact has been identified by the contractor and is treated accordingly.</p>
<p>(f) The identity of the person notifying the NT EPA</p>	<p>West Arnhem Regional Council</p>

Appendix A – Location map



Figure 1: Map of the spill location



Figure 2: Enlarged Site location

Appendix B – Photographs of spill site



Figure 3: Overflowing Due to Pump failure





Figure 4: Site Secured with temporary Fencing