

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

<p><b>Date and Time of Notification:</b></p>	<p>The first notification of an oil sheen in the water was reported from a stevedore to Darwin Port at 14:44 23/02/2021. The source and location of the leak was found at approximately 15:50 23/02/2021.</p> <p>David McMaster, Environmental Manager, Darwin Port contacted the Pollution Hotline (1800 064567) at 17:29 23/02/2021.</p>
<p><b>Person / Company:</b></p>	<p>Darwin Port Operations Pty Ltd as trustee for the Darwin Port Manager Trust ABN 60 269 541 845.</p>
<p><b>Incident:</b></p>	<p>Diesel Fuel Leak to Darwin Harbour</p>
<p><b>(a) the incident causing or threatening to cause pollution</b></p>	<p>Diesel fuel leaked (dripping) from a diesel fuel bunker pipeline that services the length of East Arm Wharf for the refuelling of vessels. The section of pipe that leaked is situated directly above the ocean and diesel fuel leaked directly into the water.</p>
<p><b>(b) the place where the incident occurred</b></p>	<p>The leak occurred at East Arm Wharf in Darwin Harbour. The land title is Section 7219 (Hundred of Bagot). The leak occurred at the 740 metre mark of East Arm Wharf (measured from the south east end of the wharf).</p>
<p><b>(c) the date and time of the incident</b></p>	<p>The first notification of an oil sheen in the water was reported from a stevedore to Darwin Port at 14:44 23/02/2021. The source and location of the leak was found at approximately 15:50 23/02/2021.</p>

<p><b>(d) how the pollution has occurred, is occurring or may occur</b></p>	<p>The fuel bunker pipeline has a join prior to it entering into a conduit in the concrete wharf structure. This began leaking (dripping fuel) at or near the join. Due to access limitations a full and detailed inspection of the pipe has not been possible.</p>
<p><b>(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</b></p>	<p>Once the location and source of the leak was located VOPAK Fuel Terminal was immediately contacted so they could isolate the supply of fuel to fuel bunker line. This isolation valve is approximately 10 metres from the leak. Other arrangements were also made to isolate the wharf bunker pipeline to limit the diesel fuel that could back flow to the leak. Arrangements were also made for the section of fuel bunker pipeline that was leaking to be pumped out. This was to depressurise the pipeline to minimise the leak and to ultimately remove all diesel fuel from this section of pipeline. The pipeline was successfully pumped out. A clean up of the harbour was not conducted with oil spill containment equipment due to weather and sea state conditions and safety concerns for responsible personnel. A hose clamp has been placed over the leak to prevent any further drops leaking. This fuel pipeline will not be used until a permanent repair is completed.</p>
<p><b>(f) the identity of the person notifying the NT EPA</b></p>	<p>David McMaster, Environmental Manager, Darwin Port contacted the Pollution Hotline (1800064567) at 17:29 23/02/2021.</p> <p>David McMaster, Environmental Manager, Darwin Port submitting this written report.</p>