



## **McMinns Pumping Systems**

### **Blocked Hose Procedure**

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#### **Blocked Vacuum Hose – Single Hose**

- Leave hose in source (septic tank, grease trap etc)
- Leave truck in vacuum mode, leave inlet valve open
- Release camlock cams at truck suction valve. Allow air to enter system, this will empty the inlet port on the truck
- Close valve and hose will empty back into source, remove vacuum hose and keep end raised, remove object causing blockage by whatever means necessary and reconnect hose to vacuum port
- Recommence emptying tank
- Use a bucket along with absorbent material to contain any (unlikely) spillage. Any spillage MUST be reported and recorded
- Vacuum up absorbent material when tank is empty. Water may be used to assist clean-up.
- Ensure that any spill has been contained and controlled using spill kits on the truck.
- Clean up and dispose of any contaminated waste as per NTEPA requirements.
- Visual inspection of plant to look for external leaks.
- Ensure you record and report any spills as per the Emergency Response Plan

#### **Multiple Hoses**

- Basically follow above initially, working your way from the vacuum truck back toward the source, one hose at a time until the blockage is located
- By following above, hoses should be empty to remove blockage, but the spill containment procedure must still be used to ensure no spillage occurs
- Follow above procedure to remove blockage and contain any (unlikely ) spillage
- Once blockage is cleared, recommence emptying of tank
- Report any spillage immediately



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