

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

Date and Time of Notification:	17/04/2025 9:20am
Person / Company:	JODIE PAGE CLIFT FREIGHT SERVICE
Incident:	Diesel spill at Erldunda Desert Oaks Resort

(a) the incident causing or threatening to cause pollution	One of our Fuel Tanker Drivers was delivering Diesel to Erldunda Desert Oaks Resort. He was delivering the Diesel into an above ground diesel tank, when a hose fitting came apart from the trailer causing 2,500Lts to spill out onto the ground.
(b) the place where the incident occurred	Erldunda Desert Oaks Resort, Cnr Lassetter and Stuart Highways, Ghan NT 0872 Please see attached document showing exact location of spill and co-ordinates for location of Roadhouse.
(c) the date and time of the incident	Sunday 13/04/2025 at approximately 10:30pm

<p>(d) how the pollution has occurred, is occurring or may occur</p>	<p>Whilst delivering Diesel into an 17,000Lt above ground Diesel tank driver connected hoses to pumping unit and tanker trailer in correct manner (driver has been doing this job for over 7 years in intervals of at least once a fortnight), after checking pumping unit and fittings had been fitted correctly, proceeded to pump product. Watched pump pumping in progress for several minutes, pump had been set at a lower speed than normal as he needed to go and lock the gate which he had entered and return. Normally the driver would not leave the unit while discharging, however in this instance he did leave.</p> <p>The Discharge hose ears let go and product was pumping directly onto the ground. Driver shut down the pumping unit immediately however 2,500lts had already discharged onto the ground.</p> <p>The reason we believe the hose ears let go was because of the lower speed of the pump causing excess vibration to the fittings.</p> <p>There are no failsafe mechanism for pumps whilst they are pumping as pumps, pump at the same rate (Lts/min) whether there are hoses connected or disconnected. The failsafe mechanism in this instance should have been the driver, however the driver had walked away.</p>
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<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>The driver switched the pump off as soon as he could.</p> <p>We have begun the cleanup process to remove the contaminated soil. Our process is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Firstly we will remove all the contaminated soil and lay the soil on plastic material to stop the contaminated soil leaching in the ground. • We will place a bunker around the contaminated soil • We will take several soil samples from the contaminated area before and after clean up and before filling the existing area which was contaminated. • We will then proceed to replace the existing ground with the appropriate filling and leave it in its natural state. <p>We have engaged Andrew Duran from Echo Risk Consulting to assist us with correct protocols etc.</p>
<p>(f) the identity of the person notifying the NT EPA</p>	<p>Jodie Page – Manager Clift Freight Service</p>