

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

<b>Date and Time of Notification:</b>	Sunday 8 June 2025 at 1:30pm
<b>Person / Company:</b>	Power and Water Corporation
<b>Incident:</b>	Sewage spill from a vac truck loss of containment on the Ross Highway in Alice Springs.

<b>(a) the incident causing or threatening to cause pollution</b>	<p><i>i. Description of the waste that was discharged.</i></p> <p>Raw sewage.</p> <p><i>ii. Indicative wastewater quality for the discharge.</i></p> <p>There is no representative wastewater quality data available.</p> <p><i>iii. Volume of the waste that was discharged.</i></p> <p>A total of 5000L of sewage has been estimated to have been spilt.</p>
<b>(b) the place where the incident occurred</b>	<p><i>i. Description of the PWC asset from which the discharge occurred.</i></p> <p>A vac truck containing approximately 5000L of sewage suffered from loss of containment whilst operating at a sewer pump station.</p> <p><i>ii. Location of the incident.</i></p> <p>The spill occurred in vacant land adjacent to the Ross Highway and Todd River in Alice Springs (Appendix A).</p> <p><i>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.</i></p> <p>Access to the public is possible. The area is open land on the outskirts of the town adjacent to a highway.</p>
<b>(c) the date and time of the incident</b>	<p><i>i. The time and date of the discharge.</i></p> <p>The loss of containment occurred at approximately 12:00pm on Saturday 7 June 2025.</p> <p><i>ii. How PWC were notified, or became aware of the discharge.</i></p> <p>Staff were on site at the time of the spill.</p> <p><i>iii. The process by which the discharge occurred.</i></p> <p>The vac truck operating on site lost containment.</p>

	<p><i>iv. The reason why the discharge occurred.</i></p> <p>It is unclear as to how the vac truck lost containment.</p>
<b>(d) how the pollution has occurred, is occurring or may occur</b>	As per (c) iii & (c) iv.
<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><i>i. Confirmation signage and fencing has been erected, as appropriate.</i></p> <p>Staff on site at the time of the spill.</p> <p><i>ii. Decontamination of the site as appropriate.</i></p> <p>Clean up consistent with Sewage Spills/Overflow Response Work Instruction as appropriate to the location, and to minimise risk to the environment. Contaminated sections of soil were excavated and removed and the area disinfected.</p>
<b>(f) the identity of the person notifying the NT EPA</b>	Power and Water's Environmental Team on behalf of Water Services

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Appendix A – Location Map 1.

