

Community Update, 21 April 2022



Kurnell Overflow Incident Remediation

Early on Thursday 7 April the wastewater treatment plant at Ampol's Terminal at Kurnell overflowed due to heavy rain, leading to a discharge of hydrocarbon residues with large volumes of stormwater onto Captain Cook Drive and surrounding areas.

Ampol is fully committed to undertaking the necessary clean-up both in the immediate and long term to ensure community and environmental issues are addressed. Initial response works have included the installation of adsorbent pads and booms and vacuuming of stormwater drains and local waterways. From testing we have identified impacted grass and soil and these areas will now be remediated.

Ampol has engaged Manns Earthmoving to remediate impacted publicly accessible land. We appreciate that the community would like the remediation work to be completed as soon as possible and we are working hard to deliver it successfully.

Remediation work

The grass and soil in impacted areas will be excavated to an approximate depth of 200mm (or deeper as required) and replaced with clean soil and turf. The excavated soil and grass will be taken off site to a licenced facility for disposal. Following excavation, remaining soil will be assessed by environmental consultants WSP using a handheld detector to confirm that soil is not impacted. Soil samples will also be taken at that time for the purpose of validation of the remediation. Once assessed, backfilling will occur with topsoil and appropriate grass covering as specified by Sutherland Shire Council. The results of the validation sampling will be used to determine if further remedial work is required.

Timing and location of work

Planning and preparatory work for the remediation is completed. On the ground remediation work commenced Thursday 21 April 2022. The works commenced on Torres Street and Captain Cook Drive and at the Horse Arena area. The works will then continue in a southerly direction and are scheduled to be completed by Wednesday 4 May. Work locations are shown in the map over page.

Traffic and pedestrian access

Traffic management will be in place to enable vehicular and limited pedestrian access during the work but please allow additional travel time. Impact to traffic will be minimised as much as possible. Access to properties during the work will be maintained.

Managing odours and dust

Grass and soil excavation will be managed in accordance with our management controls and procedures. Monitoring is an important part of these controls which helps ensure that a safe working environment is maintained for the community and our employees and contractors. If odours and dust are observed, water will be used to suppress these odours and dust.

Hours of work

Work hours are Monday to Friday 7.00am – 5.00pm and Saturday/Sunday 8.00am – 4.00pm. Work will be undertaken on public holidays where necessary. No night work is planned. The workers have been asked to be considerate of the neighbours and the broader Kurnell community during this important work.

Other remediation activities will continue and WSP will continue with testing of soil and water in residential properties as requested.

Ampol apologises for this incident and the ongoing impacts on the community and environment. We are aiming to undertake remediation as quickly as possible. We will keep you updated as works progress.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David Peninton'.

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Remediation areas