Appendix 6 - Fuel & Chemical Spills Emergency Procedure

FUEL AND CHEMICAL SPILLS EMERGENCY PROCEDURE

1. Immediately cordon off the area and stop work
2. If the material is flammable, ensure that there are no ignition sources in the immediate area
3. Contain the spill as much as possible using an appropriate material, such as absorbent pads, booms, kitty litter, cement dust or hay bales
4. Block all entrances to stormwater drains, to prevent contamination of the stormwater system
5. Clean up the spill using an absorbent medium, ensuring that the material SDS is followed and appropriate PPE is used. This may involve the removal of soil or water from the affected area to ensure that there is no remaining contamination
6. Place the contaminated absorbent medium in an appropriate container and ensure that it is labelled with the contents
7. Arrange for the disposal of the material to an appropriately licensed facility
8. Ensure that disposal receipts are obtained as proof of appropriate disposal
9. Ensure that the EPA is notified as soon as possible if the spill left the bounds of the site or has the potential to cause significant environmental damage
10. Notify the Principal’s Representative as soon as practicable, and ensure that incident and corrective/preventive action forms are completed