

# Statement of Environmental Objectives

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# 1 Introduction

This Statement of Environmental Objectives (SEO), for the operation of Pipeline Licence No. 12 (Beverley Lateral), has been prepared by Epic Energy in accordance with the requirements of the Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Act 2000.

## 1.1 Background

The Beverley Lateral was constructed in 2000 and is owned by Heathgate Resources Pty Ltd (Heathgate) and operated by Epic Energy. The pipeline transports natural gas from the Cooper Basin to the Beverley mine site via a lateral pipeline off the Moomba to Adelaide Pipeline (MAPS). Epic Energy operates the Beverley Lateral for pipeline owner Heathgate under Pipeline Licence No. 12. Details of Pipeline Licence No. 12 and associated infrastructure are provided below.

<b>Licence</b>	Pipeline Licence 12
<b>Licence description</b>	<i>Pipeline</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Beverley Lateral (14.4 km)</li></ul> <i>Facilities</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1 Inlet Meter Station</li></ul>
<b>Location</b>	Refer to Figure 1.
<b>Activities covered by this SEO</b>	All regulated activities relating to the operation of the Beverley Lateral. This SEO does not apply to de-commissioning of the pipeline. A separate SEO will be required prior to de-commissioning. This SEO does not apply to pipeline construction projects.

## 1.2 Purpose of SEO

The intent of this SEO is to outline the environmental objectives to which the pipeline operating activities will conform. The objectives of this SEO have been developed on the basis of information and issues identified for Pipeline Licence No. 12 and are in keeping with the objectives of the Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Act 2000, which include:

- To minimise the environmental damage from the activities involved in the construction or operation of transmission pipelines for transporting natural gas;
- To establish appropriate consultative processes involving people directly affected by regulated activities and the public generally;
- To promote adherence to AS2885 as a primary means of achieving public, environmental and safety objectives;
- To protect the public from risks inherent in regulated activities.

It should be noted that the major environmental impacts associated with a pipeline project are associated with construction, while operational impacts are negligible in comparison. This SEO applies to pipeline operations only.

Figure 1: Location of Pipeline



## 2 Environmental Objectives

The Objectives for the environmental management of Pipeline Licence 12 are:

<b>Objective</b>	<b>Goal</b>
1. To avoid unnecessary disturbance to 3 <sup>rd</sup> party infrastructure, landholders or land use	1.1 To minimise disturbance or damage to infrastructure / land use and remediate where disturbance cannot be avoided
	1.2 To minimise disturbance to landholders
2. To maintain soil stability / integrity	2.1 To remediate erosion as a result of pipeline operations in a timely manner
	2.2 To prevent soil inversion
3. To maintain native vegetation cover on the Right of Way	3.1 To promote and maintain regrowth of native vegetation on the Right of Way to be consistent with surrounding area
	3.2 To minimise additional clearing of native vegetation as part of operational activities
	3.3 To ensure maintenance activities on the easement are planned and conducted in a manner that minimises impacts on native fauna
4. To prevent the spread of weeds and pathogens	4.1 To ensure that weeds and pathogens are controlled at a level that is at least consistent with adjacent land
5. To minimise the impact of the pipeline operations on surface water resources	5.1 To maintain current surface drainage patterns
6. To avoid land or water contamination	6.1 To prevent spills occurring, and if they occur minimise their impact
	6.2 To remediate and monitor areas of known contamination arising from pipeline operations
	6.3 To prevent the spread of contamination where the Right of Way intersects known contaminated sites
	6.4 To ensure that rubbish and waste material is disposed of in an appropriate manner.
	6.5 To prevent adverse impacts as a result of hydrotest water wastewater (water bath heaters and washdown water) disposal
7. To minimise the risk to public health and safety	7.1 To adequately protect public safety during normal operations
	7.2 To adequately protect public safety during maintenance
	7.3 To avoid fires associated with pipeline maintenance activities
	7.4 To prevent unauthorised activity on the easement that may adversely impact on the pipeline integrity
8. Minimise impact of emergency situations	8.1 To minimise the impact as a result of an emergency situation or incident
	8.2 To restore any damage that may occur as a result of an emergency situation
9. To minimise noise due to operations	9.1 To ensure operations comply with noise standards

<b>Objective</b>	<b>Goal</b>
10. To minimise atmospheric emissions	10.1 To eliminate uncontrolled atmospheric emissions
	10.2 To minimise the generation of dust.
11. To adequately protect cultural heritage sites and values during operations and maintenance	11.1 To ensure that identified cultural sites are not disturbed

## **3 Assessment Criteria**

The environmental objectives identified above are subject to an assessment to measure the level of achievement. The assessment criteria for each objective will be one of the following:

- Defined conditions - objectives for operation activities that can only be managed through the prevention of unacceptable actions (e.g. no remnant vegetation shall be cleared);
- Defined requirements - the achievement of an objective can be assessed against the implementation of specific procedures or actions required for an activity (e.g. the design and construction of the pipeline must meet the requirements of AS 2885.1 Pipelines—Gas and Liquid Petroleum);

Appendix A tabulates the objectives and the appropriate assessment criteria.

## 4 Reporting

It is a requirement under Section 85 of the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Act 2000* that any incidents that are determined to be 'serious' or 'reportable' incidents must be reported to the Minister.

### 4.1 Definitions

The following descriptions have been provided to help clarify and elaborate on the definitions given in Section 85(1) of the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Act 2000* and Regulation 32(1) of the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Regulations 2000*.

**Serious incident** means an incident arising from activities conducted under the licence in which:

- a) a person is seriously injured or killed; or
- b) an imminent risk to public health or safety arises; or
- c) serious environmental damage occurs or an imminent risk of serious environmental damage arises; or
- d) security of natural gas supply is prejudiced or an imminent risk of prejudice to security of natural gas supply arises.
- e) Some other event or circumstance occurs or arises that results in the incident falling within a classification of serious incidents under the regulations or a relevant statement of environmental objectives.

**Reportable incident** means an incident (other than a serious incident) arising from activities conducted under a licence classified under the regulations as a reportable incident.

In accordance with Regulation 32(1), the following are classified as reportable incidents:

- a) an escape of petroleum, a processed substance, a chemical or a fuel that affects an area that has not been specifically designed to contain such an escape; and
- b) an incident identified as a reportable incident under the relevant statement of environmental objectives.

See Appendix B for an expansion of incident definitions.

### 4.2 Reporting Requirements

**Serious Incidents** must be reported to the PIRSA Minister as soon as practicable after the occurrence, as per Section 85 of the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Act 2000* and Regulation 32 of the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Regulations 2000*.

**Reportable Incidents** must be reported to PIRSA on a quarterly basis within 1 month of the end of the quarter, as per Regulation 32 of the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Regulations 2000*.

## 5 Definitions

Definitions of the terms used in the SEO are provided below.

<b>Area of known Archaeological Sensitivity</b>	A part of the landscape that contains demonstrated occurrences of cultural material. The level of sensitivity depends upon the density and significance of the material.
<b>Archaeological Potential</b>	A part of the landscape, generally a physiographic unit or landform, that is likely to contain occurrences of cultural material on the basis of comparative research in similar areas.
<b>Infrastructure</b>	Physical assets which are built on the land (e.g. roads, power poles, fences, railway, troughs, gates, dams, other services)
<b>Landholder</b>	Owner or occupier of the land.
<b>Landuse</b>	Use of land e.g. grazing, cropping, access, industrial, residential, environmentally sensitive area, recreational
<b>Pipeline operations</b>	<p>Any activity associated with the operation, inspection and maintenance of the pipeline, Right of Way and associated facilities. This includes:</p> <p><b>Pipeline</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dig ups</li> <li>Pigging &amp; Integrity Testing</li> <li>Welding</li> <li>Cathodic Protection</li> <li>Inspection and Testing</li> <li>Pipeline surveys (including marine surveys for pipeline in marine areas)</li> </ul> <p><b>Right of Way</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Easement</b> Patrolling / Inspections (foot, vehicle, aerial)</li> <li>Vegetation Control</li> <li>Erosion Control</li> </ul> <p><b>Facilities (Main Line Valves, Compressor Stations, Camps, Access Tracks, Cathodic Protection Beds, Meter Stations)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Storage and use of diesels, oils and chemicals</li> <li>Weed Control</li> <li>Waste treatment and disposal</li> <li>Inspection and Testing</li> </ul>
<b>Consistent with surrounding land/area</b>	A qualitative assessment of land condition on the easement to determine if condition of the easement is similar to that of adjacent land (i.e. soil, vegetation, landform)
<b>Line of sight clearance</b>	Clearing of large vegetation between pipeline markers to maintain a clear line of site between each pipeline marker, e.g. for trees on easement where large trees cannot be retained, vegetation trimmed to height of 1 m over pipeline and to 3 m either side of centreline. This is to satisfy the operational obligations to ensure pipeline integrity and personnel safety cannot be compromised (i.e. any objective is subservient to these requirements).
<b>Spill</b>	Uncontrolled or unplanned release or discharge of a hydrocarbon, chemical or hazardous substance.
<b>Uncontrolled emission</b>	Discharge to air that is not planned or part of any routine operation or routine maintenance (e.g. maintenance or checks of valves and

	equipment)
<b>Easement</b>	For the purpose of this SEO, an easement is considered to be 3m either side of land that is located directly above the buried pipeline.
<b>Right of Way (ROW)</b>	For the purpose of this SEO, a Right of Way is considered to be the area cleared to permit safe, pipeline construction (typical distance 10-25 m).
<b>Minimise</b>	To reduce as far as possible, considering all other factors e.g. requirements for safe operations and accessibility.
<b>Timely manner</b>	Timeframe agreeable to Epic and impacted third party, that considers all external factors e.g. weather constraints and accessibility.

# **Appendix A: Objectives and Assessment Criteria**

**Objectives and Assessment Criteria<sup>1</sup>**

<b>OBJECTIVE</b>	<b>GOAL</b>	<b>MEASURE / HOW</b>	<b>OBJECTIVE ACHIEVED</b>
<p><b>1.</b> To avoid unnecessary disturbance to 3<sup>rd</sup> party infrastructure, landholders or land use</p>	<p><b>1.1</b> To minimise disturbance or damage to infrastructure / land use and remediate where disturbance cannot be avoided</p>	<p>Incident reports.</p> <p>Records of communications with adjacent landholders / 3<sup>rd</sup> party prior to &amp; during maintenance work.</p> <p>Landholder contact records database.</p> <p>Photo points or inspection reports, specifically to look at: removal of waste products, re-instatement of soil profiles, adequate re-contouring of surface profile, return of land use.</p>	<p>Where disturbance is unavoidable or accidental, infrastructure or land use is restored to the satisfaction of the landholder or to undisturbed condition.</p> <p>Duration of disturbance does not exceed agreed timeframe.</p>
	<p><b>1.2</b> To minimise disturbance to landholders</p>	<p>Records of communications with adjacent landholders / 3<sup>rd</sup> party prior to &amp; during maintenance work.</p> <p>Landholder contact records database.</p> <p>Landholder activities not restricted as a result of pipeline activities.</p> <p>Completed disturbance checklist.</p>	<p>No reasonable landholder complaints.</p> <p>Landholder activities not restricted or disturbed as a result of pipeline activities unless by prior arrangement.</p>
<p><b>2.</b> To maintain soil stability / integrity</p>	<p><b>2.1</b> To remediate erosion as a result of pipeline operations in a timely manner</p>	<p>Timed photo points (only after significant erosion) or annual land survey, specifically to look at evidence of erosion, subsidence, vegetation loss on Right of Way and compare to adjacent land.</p> <p>Inspections undertaken as part of regular patrols following specific works and significant storm events.</p> <p>Preventative measures implemented and monitored in susceptible areas.</p>	<p>The extent of soil erosion on the Right of Way is consistent with surrounding land.</p> <p>Note: assessment of the consistency with surrounding areas will take into account that regrowth is a time and rainfall dependent process.</p>

<sup>1</sup> Assessment criteria have been developed to be "black and white". Professional judgement is required to assess whether non-compliance is minor or major. It is necessary to ensure that adequate information is available to enable this judgement to be made.

OBJECTIVE	GOAL	MEASURE / HOW	OBJECTIVE ACHIEVED
	<p><b>2.2</b> To prevent soil inversion</p>	<p>Annual land survey to look for soil discolouration, success of vegetation return as an indicator.</p> <p>Disturbance checklist signed off to indicate top soil/subsoil are stockpiled separately and soil profiles appropriately reinstated following the re-instatement of works/excavations.</p>	<p>Vegetation cover on Right of Way is consistent with surrounding land.</p> <p>No evidence of subsoil on surface (colour).</p> <p>No substantiated landholder complaints.</p>
<p><b>3.</b> To maintain native vegetation cover on the Right of Way</p>	<p><b>3.1</b> To promote and maintain regrowth of native vegetation on the Right of Way to be consistent with surrounding area</p>	<p>Annual land survey to look for evidence of disturbance to vegetation on easement (apart from access tracks).</p> <p>Disturbance checklist (including timed photos) signed off to indicate adequate steps undertaken to facilitate regrowth.</p> <p>Follow-up rehabilitation work undertaken where natural regeneration has been inadequate.</p>	<p>Species abundance and distribution on the Right of Way is consistent with the surrounding area.</p> <p>Note: assessment of the consistency with surrounding areas will take into account that regrowth is a time and rainfall dependent process.</p>
	<p><b>3.2</b> To minimise additional clearing of native vegetation as part of operational activities</p>	<p>Annual land survey to look for evidence of disturbance to vegetation on easement (apart from access tracks).</p> <p>Use of Disturbance checklist and photo points before, during &amp; after any excavation or land disturbance activity.</p> <p>Vegetation trimmed rather than cleared where possible.</p> <p>Consideration of sensitive vegetation during vegetation trimming and / or clearing activities.</p>	<p>Vegetation clearance is limited to previously disturbed areas or areas assessed to be of low sensitivity, unless prior regulatory approval obtained.</p> <p>Approval obtained under the <i>Native Vegetation Act 1991</i> for any clearance of native vegetation.</p>
	<p><b>3.3</b> To ensure maintenance activities are planned and conducted in a manner that minimises impacts on native fauna</p>	<p>Use of Disturbance checklist and photo points before, during &amp; after any excavation or land disturbance activity.</p> <p>In event of pipeline repair, open trenches are monitored daily and not left open for more than 72 hours.</p>	<p>Vegetation clearing within the easement or on land adjacent to the easement is limited to previously disturbed areas or areas assessed to be of low sensitivity, unless prior regulatory approval obtained.</p>

OBJECTIVE	GOAL	MEASURE / HOW	OBJECTIVE ACHIEVED
<p><b>4.</b> To prevent the spread of weeds and pathogens</p>	<p><b>4.1</b> To ensure that weeds and pathogens are controlled at a level that is at least consistent with adjacent land</p>	<p>Regular patrols undertaken to look for evidence of weeds on Right of Way and adjacent land (if weeds on Right of Way but not adjacent land must implement control to prevent spread).</p> <p>Records of outbreaks found, weed control activities and photo-monitoring of significant outbreaks.</p> <p>Vehicle washdown processes.</p> <p>Where appropriate, closure of ROW access road.</p>	<p>The presence of weeds and pathogens on the Right of Way is consistent with or better than adjacent land.</p> <p>No new outbreak or spread of weeds reported.</p>
<p><b>5.</b> To minimise the impact of the pipeline operations on surface water resources</p>	<p><b>5.1</b> To maintain current surface drainage patterns</p>	<p>Regular patrols and annual survey undertaken to look for evidence of erosion, abnormal vegetation growth or death.</p> <p>Observations also to be undertaken following significant storm events.</p> <p>Use of Disturbance checklists and photo points before, during &amp; after excavations, CP installation, construction activities, etc.</p>	<p>For excavations, surface drainage profiles restored.</p> <p>For existing Right of Way, drainage is maintained to pre-existing conditions or better.</p>
<p><b>6.</b> To avoid land or water contamination</p>	<p><b>6.1</b> To prevent spills occurring, and if they occur minimise their impact</p>	<p>Evidence of soil discolouration, vegetation or fauna death during patrols.</p> <p>Incident / Spill reports.</p> <p>Use of spill protection methods where work is completed within or adjacent to environmentally sensitive areas.</p> <p>Containment of all hazardous substances and liquid waste in appropriate vessels.</p> <p>In the event of a spill, the spill was:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reported</li> <li>• Contained</li> <li>• Cleaned-up, and</li> <li>• Cause investigated and corrective and/or preventative action implemented.</li> </ul>	<p>No soil or water contamination as a result of pipeline activities.</p> <p>Compliance with the <i>Environment Protection (Water Quality) Policy 2003</i>.</p>

OBJECTIVE	GOAL	MEASURE / HOW	OBJECTIVE ACHIEVED
	<p><b>6.2</b> To remediate and monitor areas of known contamination arising from pipeline operations</p>	<p>Incident / Spill reports.</p> <p>Active remediation methods implemented where it is determined that contamination is spreading or level of contamination is not decreasing.</p> <p>Use of groundwater monitoring bores.</p> <p>Use of soil farms for remediation.</p>	<p>Contamination confined to known areas.</p> <p>Level of contamination continually decreasing, ultimately to meet EPA guidelines.</p>
	<p><b>6.3</b> To prevent the spread of contamination where the Right of Way intersects known contaminated sites</p>	<p>Use of Disturbance checklist and photo points before, during &amp; after excavations, CP installation, construction activities, etc.</p> <p>Identification of contaminated sites along Right of Way and establishment of monitoring points.</p>	<p>No evidence of movement of contaminated material along Right of Way (i.e. vegetation death, soil discolouration, subsidence).</p>
	<p><b>6.4</b> To ensure that rubbish and waste material is disposed of in an appropriate manner.</p>	<p>Regular patrols and annual survey undertaken to look for evidence of rubbish, spills (soil discolouration).</p> <p>Waste disposal records, chemical manifests. Appropriately licensed contractors used for any hazardous waste disposal and records are maintained for all hazardous waste disposal.</p> <p>Use of Disturbance checklist and photo points before, during &amp; after excavations, CP installation, construction activities, etc.</p>	<p>No evidence of rubbish or litter on easement or at facilities.</p> <p>Waste material is contained and disposed of in accordance with the <i>Environment Protection Act 1993</i>.</p>
	<p><b>6.5</b> To prevent adverse impacts as a result of hydrotest water and wastewater (water bath heaters and washdown water) disposal</p>	<p>Water disposed of in a manner that prevented discharge or runoff to watercourses or environmentally sensitive areas.</p> <p>Water discharged onto stable ground, with no evidence of erosion as a result of discharge.</p> <p>Records on source of water and discharge method/location.</p> <p>Testing of water quality prior to release/disposal of waste water.</p> <p>Inspection of water disposal sites for evidence of water entering a watercourse or environmentally sensitive area.</p>	<p>No evidence of impacts to soil, water and vegetation as a result of water disposal (ie. soil erosion, dead vegetation, water discoloration).</p> <p>Compliance with the <i>Environment Protection (Water Quality) Policy 2003</i>.</p>

OBJECTIVE	GOAL	MEASURE / HOW	OBJECTIVE ACHIEVED
<p><b>7.</b> To minimise the risk to public health and safety</p>	<p><b>7.1</b> To adequately protect public safety during normal operations</p>	<p>Job Hazard Analysis. Records of Annual Reports, Fitness for Purpose Reports, Risk Assessments and inspections. Records (including above) demonstrating compliance to AS2885.</p>	<p>No injuries or incidents involving the public. Demonstrated compliance with AS 2885. Emergency procedures implemented and personnel trained.</p>
	<p><b>7.2</b> To adequately protect public safety during maintenance</p>	<p>Job Hazard Analysis'. Records of communications with adjacent landholder prior to &amp; during maintenance work including advice of the nature and schedule of maintenance activities. Use of signage or bunting to identify all potentially hazardous areas. Adequate implementation of traffic management practices. Records of regular emergency response training for employees and review of procedures. Incident Reports.</p>	<p>No injuries or incidents involving the public. Emergency procedures implemented and personnel trained.</p>
	<p><b>7.3</b> To avoid fires associated with pipeline maintenance activities</p>	<p>Incident reports. Records of regular fire safety and emergency response training for all operations personnel and review of procedures. Established procedures for minimising fire risk during maintenance.</p>	<p>No pipeline related fires. Emergency procedures implemented and personnel trained.</p>

OBJECTIVE	GOAL	MEASURE / HOW	OBJECTIVE ACHIEVED
	<p><b>7.4</b> To prevent unauthorised activity on the easement that may adversely impact on the pipeline integrity</p>	<p>Inspection / Patrol reports and records.</p> <p>Comprehensive landholder liaison program and records of communications with landholders.</p> <p>Community education program implemented in Regional areas.</p> <p>Clear identification of the pipeline by signs installed in accordance with AS2885.</p> <p>All reports of unauthorised activity are reported and investigated.</p>	<p>No unauthorised activity on the easement that has the potential to impact on the pipeline integrity.</p> <p>Dial before you dig not relevant to Beverley lateral.</p>
<p><b>8.</b> Minimise impact of emergency situations</p>	<p><b>8.1</b> To minimise the impact as a result of an emergency situation or incident</p>	<p>Incident reports.</p> <p>Emergency response trials (carried out at least annually) and associated documentation.</p> <p>Records of regular emergency response training for all personnel and review of procedures.</p> <p>Link between ER exercises and Risk assessment.</p>	<p>Emergency response procedures are effectively implemented in the event of an emergency.</p> <p>Emergency response exercises are aligned with credible threats and consequences identified in the risk assessment.</p>
	<p><b>8.2</b> To restore any damage that may occur as a result of an emergency situation</p>	<p>Refer to previous criteria (Objective 1, 2, 3 &amp; 6).</p>	<p>Refer to previous criteria (Objectives 1, 2, 3 &amp; 6).</p>
<p><b>9.</b> To minimise noise due to operations</p>	<p><b>9.1</b> To ensure operations comply with noise standards</p>	<p>Incident reports.</p> <p>Monitoring results, where deemed necessary (e.g. frequent complaints).</p>	<p>Operational activities comply with noise regulations, under the <i>Environment Protection Act 1993</i>.</p> <p>No complaints received.</p>
<p><b>10.</b> To minimise atmospheric emissions</p>	<p><b>10.1</b> To eliminate uncontrolled atmospheric emissions</p>	<p>Incident reports.</p>	<p>No uncontrolled atmospheric emission.</p> <p>Compliance with EPA <i>Environment Protection (Air Quality) Policy 1994</i>.</p>
	<p><b>10.2</b> To minimise the generation of dust.</p>	<p>Incident reports.</p> <p>Compliance with EMS Procedures (vehicle movement, dust suppression, etc).</p>	<p>No complaints received.</p> <p>No dust related injuries recorded.</p>

<b>OBJECTIVE</b>	<b>GOAL</b>	<b>MEASURE / HOW</b>	<b>OBJECTIVE ACHIEVED</b>
<p><b>11.</b> To adequately protect cultural heritage sites and values during operations and maintenance</p>	<p><b>11.1</b> To ensure that identified cultural sites are not disturbed</p>	<p>Consultation with relevant heritage groups if operations occurring outside known surveyed areas.</p> <p>Surveys / Cultural heritage monitoring before / during excavations.</p> <p>Records of site locations on operations GIS.</p> <p>Use of Disturbance checklist prior to undertaking maintenance works.</p> <p>Site examined for cultural heritage material prior to work involving off-easement disturbance or in an area of archaeological potential or in an area identified as being of known medium to high archaeological sensitivity.</p>	<p>No impact to known sites without approval under the <i>Aboriginal Heritage Act 1988</i> or the <i>Heritage Places Act 1993</i>.</p> <p>Any new sites identified are recorded in Land Management System and reported to appropriate authority.</p>

## **Appendix B: Incident Definitions for Facilities and Pipelines Regulated Under the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Act 2000***

In accordance with Section 85(1) of the Act:

**Serious incident** means an incident arising from activities conducted under the licence in which:

- f) a person is seriously injured or killed; or
- g) an imminent risk to public health or safety arises; or
- h) serious environmental damage occurs or an imminent risk of serious environmental damage arises; or
- i) security of natural gas supply is prejudiced or an imminent risk of prejudice to security of natural gas supply arises.
- j) Some other event or circumstance occurs or arises that results in the incident falling within a classification of serious incidents under the regulations or a relevant statement of environmental objectives.

**Reportable incident** means an incident (other than a serious incident) arising from activities conducted under a licence classified under the regulations as a reportable incident.

In accordance with Regulation 32(1), the following are classified as reportable incidents:

- c) an escape of petroleum, a processed substance, a chemical or a fuel that affects an area that has not been specifically designed to contain such an escape; and
- d) an incident identified as a reportable incident under the relevant statement of environmental objectives.

In order to expand on Section 85(1)(e) and Regulation 32(1)(b), PIRSA has developed the following set of incident definitions (Table 1) relative to operation (facility and pipeline) activities. These definitions are intended to provide consistency with Licensee reporting and should be incorporated into the relevant Statements of Environmental Objectives (SEOs). The main purpose of the provision of examples within the definitions is to enable Licensees to clearly identify events that must be reported.

Please note that examples provided within the definitions are focused towards facility and pipeline operations. To apply these definitions to other regulated activities it may be necessary to amend or substitute these examples. This can be discussed with PIRSA on a case-by-case basis.

Table 1 Incident definitions for operation (facility and pipelines) activities

Serious Incidents	Reportable Incidents
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A person is seriously injured<sup>i</sup> or killed.</li> <li>2. An imminent risk to public health or safety arises.</li> <li>3. Serious environmental damage occurs or an imminent risk of serious environmental damage arises. For example:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Disturbance to sites of cultural and/or heritage significance without appropriate permits and approvals<sup>ii</sup>.</li> <li>b) An escape of petroleum, process substance, a chemical or a fuel to a water body, or to land in a place where it is reasonably likely to enter a water body by seepage or infiltration, or onto land that affects the health of native flora and fauna species.</li> <li>c) Detection of a declared weed, animal/plant pathogen or plant pest species that has been introduced or spread as a direct result of activities.</li> <li>d) Any removal of rare, vulnerable or endangered flora and fauna without appropriate permits and approvals<sup>iii</sup>.</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. Security of natural gas supply is prejudiced or an imminent risk of prejudice to security of natural gas supply arises<sup>iv</sup>.</li> <li>5. An event that compromises the physical integrity of an asset or facility. For example:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Pipeline<sup>v</sup> or facility failure or rupture.</li> <li>b) Unauthorised activity on a pipeline easement where the pipeline is contacted and repair action is required<sup>vi</sup>.</li> </ol> </li> <li>6. An uncontrolled gas release resulting in the activation of gas detection alarms and/or emergency response and evacuation procedures of an area in or adjacent to the gas release, and/or fire or explosion.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. An escape of petroleum<sup>vii</sup>, processed substance, a chemical or a fuel that affects an area that has not been specifically designed to contain such an escape<sup>viii</sup> (other than a serious incident).</li> <li>2. An event that has the potential to compromise the physical integrity of an asset or facility. For example:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Unauthorised activity on a pipeline easement where the pipeline is contacted but repair action is not required.</li> <li>b) Unauthorised activity on a pipeline easement with equipment that has been identified<sup>vi</sup> as exceeding the pipeline's penetration resistance, determined in accordance with Australian Standard (AS) 2885.</li> <li>c) Unauthorised activity on a pipeline easement with equipment or vehicles that have been identified<sup>vi</sup> as exceeding allowable stress limits, determined in accordance with AS2885.</li> <li>d) An unapproved<sup>ix</sup> excursion outside of critical design or operating conditions/parameters.</li> <li>e) Failure of a critical procedural control in place to reduce a credible threat to low or as low as reasonably practicable (ALARP)<sup>x</sup>.</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Malfunction or failure of critical plant or equipment that had (or still has) potential to cause a serious incident.</li> </ol>

## Endnotes

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- <sup>i</sup> Includes an immediately notifiable work-related injury pursuant to Division 6.6 of the Occupational Health, Safety and Welfare Regulations 1995 that results in the issuing of a Prohibition Notice by SafeWork SA.
- <sup>ii</sup> Pursuant to *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1988* and *Heritage Places Act 1993*.
- <sup>iii</sup> Pursuant to *Native Vegetation Act 1991* (flora) and *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972* (fauna).
- <sup>iv</sup> That is, after taking into account relevant factors on a day and rights and obligations under contracts, a significant curtailment of firm service that detrimentally impacts or is likely to impact upon the security of electricity supply to South Australia or to gas supplies to a significant number of commercial and/or domestic gas users in SA.
- <sup>v</sup> As per Petroleum Act definition, the term 'pipeline' includes tanks, machinery and equipment necessary for, or associated with, operation of the pipeline.
- <sup>vi</sup> For the case where a detailed assessment is required to determine this, PIRSA recommends the incident be reported initially and amended at a later date if required.
- <sup>vii</sup> In gaseous, liquid or solid state, as per Petroleum Act definition.
- <sup>viii</sup> An area assigned during a Hazard and Operability Process (HAZOP) study as a hazardous area for the purpose of gas venting, and designed as such, is considered to be an area specifically designed to contain a gas escape.
- <sup>ix</sup> "Approval" as per AS2885 definition. Note that there may be situations where excursions are allowable under AS2885.
- <sup>x</sup> As per the Safety Management System process articulated in Australian Standard (AS) 2885.1-2007, or similar risk assessment process.