
Environmental Management System Action List Progress Update 2023

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Recommendation

That Council receive and note the report on the progress of actions to mitigate risk of environmental harm from activities.

Background

The purpose of this report is to update Council on the progress of actions from the Environmental Management System (EMS) Action List to mitigate risk of environmental harm from Council activities. A previous progress report was provided to Council on 16 February 2022.

EMS Action List – progress update

Since the last update report, staff have continued to progress the completion of the outstanding EMS actions.

Action C1 – COMPLETE: Lime cleaning systems for both Nightcap Water Treatment Plant (WTP) and Emigrant Creek WTP have been implemented with standard operating procedures developed.

Action LM8 – COMPLETE: Spill control equipment registers and provision of chemical spill kits for Council vehicles who carry chemicals, have been completed.

Action C3 – ONGOING: The primary outstanding action remains the upgrade and augmentation of the bulk chemical storage facilities at Nightcap Water Treatment Plant (NCWTP). Investigations into the preferred location, chemical options and storage requirements have now been completed. Preliminary design of the bulk chemical storage area is expected to be completed in early 2024 with construction of the new facility to commence in winter of 2024. The procurement and construction works may take 12-24 months to complete.

Conclusion

Attachment 1 provides recommendations from Council staff on the management of the six outstanding EMS actions.

Annual reports on the progress towards addressing the active EMS actions will be provided to Council as part of the Integrated Planning and Reporting updates, until the outstanding actions are closed out.

Attachment

1. Environmental Management System Actions.