

Minimum Environmental Expectations

PURPOSE

This document establishes the Minimum Environmental Expectations for all personnel, contractors, tenants, service providers, visitors and other Port Users operating within Darwin Port or its facilities.

These requirements apply in addition to all relevant legislation, approvals, licences, lease conditions, permits and company-specific procedures. Where another requirement imposes a higher standard, the higher standard shall apply.

KEY PRINCIPLES

All Port Users must take all reasonable and practicable measures to prevent or minimise environmental harm, contamination and environmental nuisance arising from their activities.

Port Users are responsible for ensuring their activities do not adversely impact:

- Marine waters and stormwater systems;
- Land and soil;
- Air quality;
- Native flora and fauna;
- Cultural and heritage values; and
- Other Port Users and neighbouring communities.

MINIMUM ENVIRONMENTAL EXPECTATIONS

Refer to the table below for detailed Minimum Environmental Expectations and supporting comments / examples:

EXPECTATION	MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS / EXAMPLE
Discharges to Water	No wastewater, wash water, chemicals, fuels, oils, sediments, cargo residues or other pollutants are to enter harbour waters, ponds, waterways, soil or stormwater systems unless explicitly authorised under an approval or licence. Protect drains during work activities and use designated wash-down facilities..
Waste Management	All Port Users must manage and dispose of waste generated by their activities. Waste must be segregated, securely stored and disposed of through appropriate waste facilities or licensed contractors where required.
Biosecurity	Do not enter, interfere with or remove biosecurity-controlled material unless authorised. Report suspected exotic pests, marine pests, declared weeds or biosecurity concerns immediately.
Litter and Housekeeping	Work areas must be kept clean and tidy at all times. Loose packaging, plastic wrap and other materials must be secured to prevent them becoming windblown litter.
Flora and Fauna Protection	Native flora and fauna must not be disturbed, harmed, captured or fed. Protected areas, including Pond D and other environmentally sensitive areas, must not be disturbed. Report injured wildlife or sightings of invasive species..
Dust and Air Emissions	Dust, smoke, odour and airborne contaminants must be minimised using effective controls. Activities must not cause contamination or adversely affect neighbouring operations. Work must cease or be modified if controls are ineffective.
Noise and Vibration	Noise and vibration must be minimised using reasonable and practicable controls. Activities must comply with applicable approvals and relevant NT EPA guidance.

Oil and Chemical Spills	Suitable spill response equipment must be available for the risks associated with the activity. Any spill must be immediately contained, cleaned up, reported to Darwin Port and disposed of appropriately.
Storage of Liquids	Fuels, oils and chemicals must be stored in appropriate secondary containment such as bunded areas, bunded pallets or self-bunded tanks. Storage systems must be maintained in good condition and inspected regularly.
Erosion and Sediment Control	Activities involving soil disturbance must implement controls to prevent sediment, soil or contaminated runoff entering stormwater systems or harbour waters.
Environmental Complaints	All complaints or concerns regarding environmental impacts must be reported to Darwin Port without delay.
Incident Reporting	Environmental incidents, spills, releases, complaints and near misses must be reported immediately to Darwin Port. Regulatory notification requirements remain the responsibility of the Port User where applicable.

NON-CONFORMANCE

Where a breach of these Minimum Environmental Expectations is identified:

- The issue should be communicated to the responsible person where safe to do so.
- Immediate corrective action should be taken where practicable.
- Details of the non-conformance must be recorded.
- The relevant supervisor or manager must be notified.
- Darwin Port HSE Team must be advised.
- Darwin Port may require additional controls, corrective actions or investigations.
- Serious environmental risks may result in the suspension of work activities until satisfactory controls are implemented.
- Repeated non-conformance may result in formal escalation in accordance with Darwin Port requirements, contracts, permits or lease arrangements.

EXPECTATIONS FOR ALL PORT USERS

All Port Users are expected to:

- Understand and comply with these Minimum Environmental Expectations.
- Participate in environmental inductions, toolbox meetings and briefings.
- Plan work activities to prevent environmental harm.
- Maintain good housekeeping standards.
- Report environmental hazards, incidents and near misses.
- Assist Darwin Port in achieving continual environmental improvement.
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FURTHER INFORMATION

Questions regarding these Minimum Environmental Expectations should be directed to:

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