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1. INTRODUCTION

2. SUPPORTING CLAUSES

2.1 SCOPE

This procedure details the process to be followed by any employee or contractor who is attempting to contain or clean up any spillage which occurs at, or as a result of, Lethabo Power Station activities are to be used as supplementary to LBE23003 (Environmental Non-conformance Investigation and Reporting) and ensure compliance to LBE22004 Waste Management Work Instruction

2.1.1 Purpose

To provide a procedure for the containment and clean-up of spillage incidents which have or may have a negative impact on the environment.

2.1.2 Applicability

This document shall apply throughout Lethabo Power Station, its employees, contractors and suppliers wherein Eskom, Lethabo Power Station has a controlling interest.

2.2 NORMATIVE/INFORMATIVE REFERENCES

2.2.1 Normative

Identifier	Name
LBE22004	Waste Management Procedure
LBE23003	Environmental Non-conformance Investigation and Reporting
LET09022	Handling of Bulk Caustic Spillages
LET09021	Handling of Bulk Ammonia Spillages
LET09023	Handling of Bulk Lime Spillages
LET09020	Handling Bulk Acid Spillages
LEA09036	Procedure in case of an Ammonia Leak or Spillage
ENV16-L009	Position paper on ash spillages
ENV19-L010	Position paper on the illegal dumping of ash
Guideline for the Administration of Emergency Incidents as Contemplated in Section 30 of the National Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 of 1998)	

2.2.2 Informative

- National Environmental Management Act, No 107 of 1998
- National Water Act, No 36 of 1998

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2.3 DEFINITIONS

2.3.1 Classification

a) Controlled disclosure: controlled disclosure to external parties (either enforced by law, or discretionary).

Definitions	Explanation
Emergency incident	means an unexpected, sudden and uncontrolled release of a hazardous substance, including from a major emission, fire or explosion, that causes, has caused or may cause significant harm to the environment, human life or property;
Employee	Includes full time and contracted workers, as defined by the OHS Act, 1993
Environment	means the surroundings within which humans exist and that are made up of- (i) the land, water and atmosphere of the earth; (ii) micro-organisms, plant and animal life; (iii) any part or combination of (i) and (ii) and the interrelationships among and between them; and (iv) the physical, chemical, aesthetic and cultural properties and conditions of the foregoing that influence human health and well-being;
First Observer	The person/s who is part of, witnesses, or discovers an environmental non-conformance and informs persons in the next level of internal (Station) reporting
Non-conformance	Is defined as a non-fulfilment of a requirement. In terms of a spill incident, this includes: • Any spillage whether contained in the Station's closed loop drain system or not (e.g. sewage spillage; ash / effluent water spillage; coal spillage; cooling water spillage; oil spillage or leak; chemical spillage); • The uncontrolled release / overflow or dumping of any substances, whether inside the station boundary or not; • An unpermitted deposition / overflow whether deliberate or unintentional, inside or outside the station boundary; • Occurrence due to malfunction of the plant which impacts on the surrounds; Occurrence due to human error which impacts on the surroundings.
Watercourse	means- a) a river or spring: b) a natural channel in which water flows regularly or intermittently: c) a wetland. lake or dam into which, or from which, water flows: and

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Definitions	Explanation
	d) any collection of water which the Minister may, declare to be a watercourse, and a reference to a watercourse includes. where relevant, its bed and banks:

2.4 ABBREVIATIONS

Abbreviation	Description
BU	Business Unit
DFFE	Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment
DWS	Department of Water and Sanitation
EH&S	Environmental, Health and Safety
NEMA	National Environmental Management Act
OHS	Occupational, Health and Safety
OPS	Operating
PPE	Personal Protective Equipment
SAP EHS	System Application Product Environmental, Health and Safety
SDS	Safety Data Sheet
SHE	Safety, Health and Environmental
SRM	Safety risk management

2.5 ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

2.5.1 Lethabo Power Station Employees, Contractors and Suppliers

- It is the responsibility of every person at Lethabo Power Station; therefore, the onus is on every employee to report any spill pollution as per LBE23003.

2.5.2 First observer

- Must by any means possible prevent / contain the spillage from contaminating the natural environment or flowing into the station drains.
- Report the spillage to the environmental department, SRM and OPS support and Fill out spill assessment table (240-47176039)

2.5.3 The Environmental Department

- Is responsible for the verification of any reported incident (if necessary, with the person/s responsible for the particular plant or section involved).
- Is responsible to assess the spillage to determine if any further clean-up / bioremediation is required to address the spillage.
- Is responsible for capturing the incident for investigation on SAP EH&S and reporting to relevant authorities where applicable.
- Follow up on remedial actions for spillages.

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2.5.4 OPS Support

- Is responsible for assisting with containment and for clean-up of the spillage.

2.5.5 Chemical Services

- If the chemical/oil has spilled into a watercourse, is responsible for taking samples and reporting the quality to the environmental department.

2.5.6 Safety Risk Management

- Assess health and safety risks of spilled chemical.
- Advise on appropriate PPE to be worn for the clean-up activities.

2.5.7 Fire Risk management

- Provide SDS of spilled chemical/ oil.

2.5.8 ERI Waste Management

- ERI waste will collect the hazardous waste to the temporary hazardous waste storage area.
- ERI Waste to ensure that the proof of Safety Disposal Certificate should be shared with Environmental Department

2.6 PROCESS FOR MONITORING

- Inspections after the spill have occurred, during clean-up and after the clean-up activities have occurred.
- Inspection after the first rain where a chemical spillage has occurred in the natural environment.
- Quarterly groundwater monitoring at Lethabo Power Station as Water Use license.

2.7 RELATED/SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- 240-47176039 - Spill assessment table
- 240-47176095 - Spill assessment feedback form

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3 WORK INSTRUCTION FOR SPILLAGE

3.1 If possible, the first observer must immediately try to prevent / contain the spillage from spreading or further contaminating the natural environment or spilling into the station drains by e.g.:

- Closing a valve / tap with the permission of the relevant r operating personnel
- Plugging / repairing the leak.
- Positioning a container underneath the leak to catch the pollutant.
- Placing a leaking container / machine in a bunded area or drip tray.

3.2 In preventing / controlling a spillage, the first observer should not interfere with the normal running of plant without the permission of the relevant operating personnel.

3.3 Prevention / containment of the spillage may be done by using sand or absorbent material (drizit) and placing it on and around the spillage.

3.4 The first observer must also report the spillage to the environmental department, station control, SRM, Ops Support and his/her immediate supervisor as soon as possible, as per LBE23003 (i.e. use the Spill assessment Table 240-47176039.)

Note: The first observer should follow the precautionary principle i.e. if a spillage occurs and the environmental impact is uncertain; assume that there is a negative environmental impact.

3.5 In the event of a bulk chemical spill at the Water Treatment Plant, inform the Shift Supervisor at the Water Treatment Plant, Environmental Department, Ops Support and SRM.

3.6 Environmental Department to assess the immediate environmental risks, determine if any further clean-up or bioremediation is required to address the spillage and determine whether the spillages should be reported to authorities.

3.7 SRM and Fire Risk to assess the immediate health and safety risks and mitigation measures thereof.

3.8 Once initial containment of the spillage has occurred, or if the spillage still poses a risk of spreading, Station Cleaning must be contacted to further address the problem.

3.9 Any spillage must be contained by either berming up the contaminating matter with either:

- Ash/Soil
- Absorbing material
- Sandbags / booms
- A container / drip tray
- Bund walls
- or a combination of the above

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3.10 In the case of a water-related spillage, the spillage must be directed into the station drain system. Chemical Services must be notified immediately to collect a sample.

3.11 Always use personal protective equipment (PPE) e.g. gloves, overall, masks or respirators and goggles when containing / cleaning a spillage as per instruction from SRM and Fire Risk management.

3.12 Contaminated ash/soil or absorbing material and contaminated PPE, must be disposed of as hazardous waste as per LBE22004, as soon as reasonably possible.

3.13 In the event of a bulk chemical spill at the Water Treatment Plant, Chemical Services will initiate the relevant clean-up procedures.

Note: In case a specific clean-up procedure has not been developed, clean-up of the spillage should be initiated as per the chemical SDS.

3.14 All Spilled materials should be Scooped up and put into hazardous waste (Red Wheelie bins, Drums or Skips)

3.15 ERI waste should be called and collect the Hazardous waste to the temporary hazardous waste storage area.

3.16 Proof of Safety Disposal Certificate should be shared with Environmental Department

3.17 In case of ash spillages ENV16-L009 (Position paper on ash spillages) will be followed and to be read with latest ash spillages and dumping position paper.

3.18 The spill assessment feedback form (240-47176095) should be completed and sent to the environmental department after the clean-up of the spill is complete.

4. WORK INSTRUCTION FOR SEWAGE SPILLAGE AND REHABILITATION

4.1 If possible, the first observer must immediately restrict access to the affected area by using barricades, warning tapes or signage.

4.2 Stop the source of the sewer spillage if possible and safe by closing the valves or stopping the pumps.

4.3 The first observer must report the Sewage Spillage to the Environmental Department, SRM, Ops Support and his/her immediate supervisor as soon as possible as per LBE 23003

4.4 if someone is affected by the sewage smell or irritate, she or he must be taken to the Medical Centre immediately.

4.4 The area contaminated by sewage should be replaced or rehabilitated. If the option is to replace the contaminated topsoil (5-15cm depth should be removed and be disposed as hazardous waste. Replace the affected area with the clean uncontaminated soil.

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4.5 When the option for rehabilitation is considered, aerate affected soil to improve oxygenation. Apply bio-remediation agents to break down organic contaminants.

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6. DEVELOPMENT TEAM

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