

Community Safety Information

Advice for neighbours of Incitec Pivot Gibson Island

This communication has been prepared by Incitec Pivot Limited to provide information to those who live, work or own property near the company’s fertiliser plant at 282 Paringa Road at Gibson Island, Murarrie. It includes information on who we are, what we do, the site hazards and what to do in the unlikely event of a site emergency. If you require further information after reading this document, please contact our Corporate Affairs Department on (03) 8695 4400 or visit www.incitecpivot.com.au.

GIBSON ISLAND – Operations overview

Incitec Pivot Limited’s Gibson Island Works is situated at the end of Paringa Road, Gibson Island, between the Brisbane River and Aquarium Passage in the suburb of Murarrie. The site covers approximately 57 hectares which is mostly reclaimed land consisting of material dredged from the Brisbane River prior to the site’s construction in the 1960s.

The Gibson Island Works has been operating since 1969 and primarily manufactures nitrogen based fertiliser products. These products include ammonia, urea, ammonium sulphate and carbon dioxide using natural gas as the principal site feedstock. The site is a significant employer with more than

400 staff during normal operations. This can increase to up to 800 during peak maintenance periods.

Our health, safety and environmental standards are designed to ensure that the operation of our facilities causes ‘Zero Harm to Everyone, Everywhere’ and demonstrates ‘Care for the Community and our Environment’.



Useful Contacts

Department of Environment and Science	1300 130 372
Workplace Health & Safety	1300 362 128
Brisbane City Council	(07) 3403 8888
Queensland Fire and Rescue	000

Our Safety Framework

All IPL sites operate under a strict framework of federal, state and local government safety and environmental regulations. The company has procedures and controls in place to meet or exceed all regulatory requirements. At Gibson Island, Incitec Pivot Fertilisers operates according to a prescribed Safety Management System which is designed to meet the requirements of OH & S legislation. In our workplace at Gibson Island we have rigid health, safety and environment policies directed at ensuring every one of our people on site returns home safely every day. Many of these people, like you also live in the bayside area and, with their families, are part of the local community.

Emergency Response

The site has robust plans ready to be put into action to manage a range of possible emergencies, including a chemical release, fire or explosion. Our emergency plans have been developed in conjunction with the Queensland Fire and Rescue Service, the Queensland Police Service and the Queensland Ambulance Service. In addition to working closely with these external emergency services, the site has its own well-trained emergency response teams.

Once activated, the detailed site emergency plans will guide IPL’s immediate response to any incident, which may include advising neighbours if necessary. Minimising the potential for impact in the community is a key part of the plans, which will cover potential incidents including fire, explosion, ammonia liquid or gas release, chemical spill or leak, bomb threat and natural disaster. In an extreme circumstance, the site and possibly the surrounding area may be evacuated.

If you live near Gibson Island, you may hear us testing our emergency warning (it makes a ‘hee haw’ sound) every Friday at midday.

Types of Incidents and Community Notification Requirements

Local Incidents

Contained to a limited area of site
 Does not impact the rest of site or off-site
 Response managed by plant personnel

Examples: medical emergency, local leak, small fire, equipment/structural failure, unstable plant operation

Community Notification – no notification required

On Site Incident

Potential to affect multiple areas on-site
 May require assistance from emergency services
 Does not impact off-site

Examples: Small toxic gas or corrosive liquid leak, fire.

Siren will sound to alert on-site personnel

Community Notification – Community notification to IPL website

Offsite Incident/Emergencies

Potential to affect onsite and offsite
 Emergency services are the designated responders if there is an immediate threat to health and safety. (e.g. Queensland Fire and Rescue, Queensland Ambulance Service, Queensland Police Service)

Example: Large Ammonia release

Community Notification:
 Incident Notification to IPL website.
 Depending on advice from emergency services:

- Emergency services are responsible for community notification
- IPL will work with emergency agencies to notify the community with further updates
- IPL will work with Government agencies to provide technical information

For other emergencies that require evacuation, Emergency Services are the only ones who can lawfully order an evacuation. IPL will comply with their instructions.

What Does the Siren Mean?

The purpose of the emergency siren at the IPL site is to alert on-site workers and initiate an onsite emergency response if needed. The siren is not used to alert the public to danger.

Community Notification: Emergency services are responsible for community notification.

The emergency siren is tested each Friday at midday and other times as required. IPL also uses the siren during emergency drills.

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