TITLE: Water Pollution Emergency Procedure

Legislation

Under section 85 of the Water Resource Act 1991 it is an offence to cause or knowingly permit a discharge of poisonous, noxious, or polluting matter or solid waste into any 'controlled waters' without the proper authority.

Water

'Controlled Waters' include groundwater and all coastal or inland waters, including lakes, ponds, rivers, streams, canals and field ditches. Temporarily dry watercourses are included. 'Proper authority' is usually consent to discharge from the Environment agency under section 86 of the Water Resources Act 1991

Purpose

Bakkavor is committed to the management of the environment and associated watercourses and seeks to maintain and improve upon them; and has a discharge Consent Licence from the relevant authority.

Objective

Eliminate or reduce any risk of potential contamination to water.

Strategy

Identify all waste water streams and address potential issues.

Method

Establish environmental monitoring at Bakkavor encompassing all outflow points and treatment plants to ensure compliance with discharge consents and best practice.

Scope

All personnel

Responsibilities

Engineering & Manufacturing Manager

Implementation

See spill control procedure.

References

Site drainage map

Procedures

Water Pollution

Actions and Responsibilities in the advent of an Emergency

If water is at Risk of becoming polluted or becomes polluted, The Environment Agency should be informed immediately and immediate steps should be taken to stop any further pollution.

The Environment Agency provides a national 24 hour telephone service to deal with reports of Water Pollution FREEPHONE 0800 807060.

Alternatively Anglian Water Authority can be contacted Tel: 01733 371811

A plan of watercourses, drainage systems and water sources and outlets is provided and held in security and within this manual.

Available Equipment which can be used to deal with Pollution on site is as follows:

All surface drains flow towards the main pumping chamber to the rear of the site. In the event of an emergency spill, local control measures will be put in place, which include plugs, drain sealing mats, soak up mats and absorbent materials to control at source. In the event of drain pollution/contamination incident, isolation of the pump power supply with the pump chamber will stop cross flow contamination to water courses or land drainage. This pumping chamber will become the emergency tanker take off point should an event arise.

Whites Environmental “Situated Locally” are registered and licensed water abstractors and waste disposal contractors Tel: 01572767177

Local Hazards - Oil Spillage or Waste Water Spillage

In the advent of a Significant Oil or Waste water spillage after the consideration of the health and safety of persons involved, prevention of Oil or waste water entering controlled waters is the priority.

The Environment Agency / Group should be informed of the spillage immediately to assess any risks to controlled waters.