



TRANSPOWER ENVIRONMENTAL ALERT

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Update to Environmental Incident Severity Categories

What happened?

Transpower has updated the way environmental incidents are categorised in Maximo, moving from the previous Minor / Moderate / Significant scale to a 1-4 Environmental Incident Severity scale.

The new 1-4 Environmental Incident Severity scale is stated below:

1 - Extensive and/or irreversible damage

Extensive and/or irreversible damage to the environment, valued species, or culturally significant areas. High likelihood of regulatory investigation or prosecution.

2 - Extensive but reversible damage

Extensive environmental damage where remediation is anticipated and impacts can be reversed. Moderate potential for regulatory investigation.

3 - Localised impact

Localised environmental impact, typically in highly modified or lower-value environments, with a high ability for natural recovery and low regulatory risk.

4 - No environmental impact

No environmental effects. Includes administrative or compliance failures with no environmental, cultural or heritage impact, or fully contained spills that do not reach soil or water.

What you need to do

- Use the new 1-4 Environmental Incident Severity categories when reporting environmental incidents
- Continue to report all environmental incidents - if in doubt, report it and discuss severity with Transpower
- Ensure incidents are logged accurately in Maximo, using the updated category scale
- Cascade this change through your teams, so staff understand the updated terminology and expectations

Need help with incident classification?

Please reach out to your Transpower Environmental Advisor.

Further guidance can be found in these documents

- Transpower Service Specifications HSW 01.03a Incident management
- Transpower Service Specification TP SS 06.58 Incident Reporting
- Transpower Service Specification 05.10 Environmental Management
- Transpower Environmental Handbook (Sections 17 and 18)



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