

## Guide

# Pipeline notifications

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## Introduction

The Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Regulations provides for the notification to the Regulator of pipelines.

Notification of pipelines provides risk based information to the Regulator so it can apply resources and target compliance and enforcement actions to areas of greatest risk to health and safety. It supports the duty of an owner of a pipeline used to transfer hazardous chemicals to manage the associated risks – Regulation 389.

## Scope

Notification to the Regulator is required where:

- A pipeline is proposed to be built that will cross into a public place and be used to transfer Schedule 11 hazardous chemicals.
- Part of a pipeline that crosses into a public place and is used to transfer Schedule 11 hazardous chemicals is to be repaired, removed, decommissioned, closed or abandoned.

## Regulation 390

Notification is not required where the pipeline is regulated under the Energy Pipelines Act – Regulation 328(2).

## Who must notify

The person who intends to build a pipeline or to repair, remove, decommission, close or abandoned part of a pipeline must notify the Regulator – Regulation 390. “Person conducting a business or undertaking” (PCBU) is defined in Section 5 of the *Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Act*.

A PCBU may be an individual, a body corporate, a government agency, a partnership or an unincorporated association. The person can be the operator or the owner of the pipeline.

## When to notify

Notification to the Regulator must occur:

- Before the building of the pipeline commences – Regulation 390(2)
- Before the pipeline is commissioned and is likely to contain Schedule 11 hazardous chemicals – Regulation 390(3)(a) and (b) or any changes to this information (c).
- If part of the pipeline needs to be repaired, before the repairs commence – Regulation 390(3)(d).
- If part of the pipeline needs to be removed, decommissioned, closed or abandoned, when the part of the pipeline is removed, decommissioned, closed or abandoned. Regulation 390(3)(e).

## How to notify

Notifications are required to be made to the Regulator where the pipeline is located or is proposed to be built.

Notification forms are available on NT WorkSafe’s website [www.worksafe.nt.gov.au](http://www.worksafe.nt.gov.au)

## Fees

There is no fee for a notification of a pipeline.

## What information does the regulator require?

The **Builder** is to supply written notification to the Regulator of a proposed pipeline or the repair, removal, decommissioning, closure or abandonment of a pipeline requires the following information to be provided:

- The name of the intended owner and operator of the pipeline, and
- The pipelines specifications; and
- The intended procedures for the operation, maintenance, renewal and relaying of the pipeline, and
- Any public place that the pipeline will cross, preferably specified on a map (for example a photocopy of a street directory) indicating the pipelines location in terms of public place/s into which the pipeline will cross, and
- The intended emergency response procedures.

Regulation 390(2)

The **Operator** of the pipeline that transfers a Schedule 11 Hazardous Chemical into a public place is to supply written notification to the Regulator of:

- The supplier of the Schedule 11 hazardous chemical. The supplier refers to the person that provides the Schedule 11 hazardous chemical at the start of the pipeline (first supplier)
- The receiver of the Schedule 11 hazardous chemical. The receiver refers to the person that receives the Schedule 11 hazardous chemical at the end of the pipeline (last recipient)
- The correct classification of the Schedule 11 hazardous chemical.

Regulation 391(3)

## Obligations

### Changes to details

Changes to information provided to the Regulator in a notification for a proposed pipeline or the repair, removal, decommissioning, closure or abandonment of a pipeline must be provided to the Regulator when the information changes – Regulation 390(3)(c).

### Labelling of pipeline

The operator of a pipeline used to transfer a Schedule 11 hazardous chemical must ensure so far as is reasonably practicable that the chemical transferred is identified by a label, sign or another way on or near the pipeline – Regulation 391(2).

### Risks caused by the pipeline

The operator of a pipeline used to transfer a Schedule 11 hazardous chemical must manage risks to health and safety arising from the transfer of the hazardous chemical through the pipeline – Regulation 391(1).

## Further information

### Legislation

*The Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Act* and Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Regulations are available on NT WorkSafe's website [www.legislation.nt.gov.au](http://www.legislation.nt.gov.au).

### List of jurisdiction contacts

Jurisdiction	Name of Regulator	Telephone	Web site
Commonwealth	Comcare	1300 366 979	<a href="http://www.comcare.gov.au">www.comcare.gov.au</a>
New South Wales	WorkCover NSW	13 10 50	<a href="http://www.workcover.nsw.gov.au">www.workcover.nsw.gov.au</a>
Victoria	WorkSafe Victoria	1800 136 089 or (03) 9641 1444	<a href="http://www.worksafe.vic.gov.au">www.worksafe.vic.gov.au</a>
Queensland	WorkCover QLD	1300 362 128	<a href="http://www.worksafe.qld.gov.au">www.worksafe.qld.gov.au</a>
South Australia	SafeWork SA	1300 365 255	<a href="http://www.safework.sa.gov.au">www.safework.sa.gov.au</a>
Western Australia	WorkSafe WA	1300 307 877	<a href="http://www.worksafe.wa.gov.au">www.worksafe.wa.gov.au</a>
Australian Capital Territory	WorkSafe ACT	(02) 6207 3000	<a href="http://www.worksafe.act.gov.au">www.worksafe.act.gov.au</a>
Tasmania	WorkSafe Tasmania	1300 366 322 (Inside Tasmania) (03) 6166 4600 (Outside Tasmania)	<a href="http://www.worksafe.tas.gov.au">www.worksafe.tas.gov.au</a>

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