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WRITTEN QUESTION

K McNamara to the Minister for Lands, Planning and Environment, Hon Joshua Burgoyne MLA:

Empire Energy Incident

- 1. When will Northern Territory Environment Protection Authority (NTEPA) and/or investigators from the Department of Planning, Lands and Environment be reporting on the incident that occurred at Empire Energy's Carpentaria-5 well pad in late December/early January involving the pumping of 2,000L of potentially contaminated water onto nearby vegetation, and how can this information be accessed? Will this report be made public?**

Authorised Inspectors from the Department of Lands, Planning and Environment are currently investigating the incident and issued a direction to Imperial for immediate clean-up actions and additional testing. The regulator inspected the site in early January and February this year. Inspectors have conducted additional soil and water sampling, and information collected as part of the investigation will inform the regulatory response. Outcomes of the investigation, along with any resulting compliance or enforcement actions, will be published in the Environmental Regulation Division's annual compliance report card 2024-25 on the department's website.

Imperial Oil & Gas Pty Ltd's initial incident report is available on the Department of Lands, Planning and Environment webpage, [Reportable incidents | Department of Lands, Planning and Environment](#). Imperial Oil & Gas Pty Ltd's final incident report will be published on this same webpage. The Department has required a timely response from Imperial to ensure this incident is thoroughly investigated and resolved in a timely manner.