

1.0 Purpose

This procedure describes the preparedness and response procedures for potential accidents and emergency situations giving rise to significant environmental impacts.

2.0 Scope

This procedure applies to **electroplating processes** of **HKGEC** for which potential accidents and emergency situations may arise. The procedures for preventing and mitigating the following emergency situations are described:

- Fires, explosions;
- Major Chemical Spillage or leakage;
- Accidental wastewater discharge as a result of equipment failure

3.0 Reference Documents

Section 4.4.7, EMS Manual

EP-04 Control of Documents

EP-08 Control of Records

4.0 Definitions

- EMR – Environmental Management Representative
- FAD** – **Finance and Administration Department**

5.0 Responsibility**5.1 Environmental Management Representative**

The EMR shall review the suitability and effectiveness of the emergency procedures after each accident or emergency situation.

5.2 Function / Departmental Manager

The Function / Departmental Manager shall prepare an Emergency Response Plan to minimise the likelihood of accidents and emergency situations. The Function / Departmental Manager shall ensure that all staff and contractors who work on site are aware of and familiar with the requirements of the emergency procedures. The Function / Departmental Manager shall arrange appropriate drills at various department / area and ensure that the requirements of the emergency procedures are communicated to all staff and are implemented. In case of emergency situations in the facility, the Function / Departmental Manager shall be informed and review the accident reports and remediation works taken by responsible staff.

5.3 Emergency Team

When emergency incidents occur, the Emergency Team is responsible for the execution of the appropriate emergency procedures as advised by the EMR and/or Function / Departmental Manager.

5.4 Staff of **HKGEC**

All staff shall be familiarized with the emergency procedures and follow them in case of accidents or emergency situations.

6.0 Procedure

- 6.1 Potential emergency situations that may have impacts to significant environmental aspect(s) shall be identified by EMR, taking proactive steps to prevent emergency incidents, and completing tasks in preparation for emergencies.

- 6.2 The EMR shall coordinate the preparation and maintenance of the Emergency Response Plan (Appendix 1) that contains all emergency procedures.
- 6.3 The EMR and involved staff shall identify the root causes and any preventive actions and report the accident by completing an Accident Report (Appendix 3) after each accident or emergency situation and submit the completed form to the EMR to review.
- 6.4 The EMR shall ensure emergency drill and periodic testing of the procedures are conducted where practical and maintain the emergency drill summary report (Appendix 2) for the **General Manager** to review.
- 6.5 The EMR shall review the suitability, adequacy and effectiveness of the emergency procedures after each accident or emergency situation and revise the emergency plan as necessary.
- 6.6 The EMR shall maintain documentation on emergency response and preparedness, and emergency incidents for at least 3 years.

7.0 Records

Record Description	Record Location/ Retention Responsibility	Minimum Retention Time
Emergency Drill Report (EF-EP05-01)	EMR	3 years
Accident Report (EF-EP05-02)	EMR	3 years

8.0 Appendix

Appendix 1 : **Emergency Response Plan**

Appendix 2 : Emergency Drill Report (EF-EP05-01)

Appendix 3 : Accident Report (EF-EP05-02)

1) Fire / Explosion*a) Preparation for a fire incident*

- i) Prepare and maintain an up to date list of chemical / dangerous goods and chemical wastes indicating their location on a site map
- ii) Maintain up-to-date copies of all MSDS Sheets for chemicals stored on site
- iii) Store readily accessible copies of (i) and (ii) above in an area of the unlikely to be affected by fire. The information should be used to ensure fire-fighting activities are undertaken safely and with minimum impact to the environment.
- iv) Check that licensed contractors regularly maintain fire-fighting equipment.
- v) Maintain periodic drill fire fighting procedures

b) During an Incident

- i) Alert the fire alarm / emergency call / dial 999 as necessary.
- ii) Notify Plant Manager and fire officer, try to extinguish the fire using the fire extinguishers.
- iii) If the fire cannot be quickly controlled, evacuate the building according to "Fire Procedure" provided by the Building Management Office.

c) After the Incident

- i) Following the steps outlined in EI-03 Waste Management, to contain and dispose of liquid and solid chemical waste
- ii) Investigate the causes of the incident and prepare a report describing any environmental impacts which have resulted and how they have been mitigated.
- iii) Amend this environmental instruction and the emergency plan based on the findings described in the report if necessary.

2) Major Chemical / Untreated Wastewater / Diesel Spillage

- a) Contain the spill to minimise drainage into sewerage system
- b) Inform the Plant Manager / EMR immediately.
- c) The Plant Manager / EMR or his / her delegate shall arrange for appropriate removal and disposal of the chemicals / untreated wastewater / diesel by authorised collectors, and determine if other parties (e.g. EPD ¹, FSD ², neighbouring communities) need to be informed.
- d) For the emergency shut down of WWTP, refer to EI-10 Wastewater Treatment Plant Operation.

¹ Environmental Protection Department

² Fire Services Department

Date of Emergency Drill	
Type of Emergency Drill	<input type="checkbox"/> Fires, explosions; <input type="checkbox"/> Chemical Spillage or leakage; <input type="checkbox"/> Accidents as a result of equipment failure
Department / Section	
Starting Time	
Completion Time	
Number of participants (name list attached)	
Participation Rate	
Name of Fire Officer	
Suggestion Items	
Action Plan	

Prepared by : _____

Date : _____

Departmental Manager

Date of the Accident : _____ Time : _____

Location : _____

Type of Accident : _____

Detailed Description of the Accident :

Responses / Corrective Actions :

Possible Causes(s) of the Accident:

Suggested Preventive Measures:

Submitted by:		Position:	
Signature:		Date:	

Reviewed by : _____ Date : _____