# **AUDIT**

# FLAMMABLE LIQUID STORAGES AS 1940

# SHOALHAVEN STARCHES

# BOLONG ROAD BOMADERRY NSW

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**Site Layout** 

#### 1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Shoalhaven Starches facility is located within an industrial and farming area of Bomaderry, approximately 3km north of the city of Nowra.

The industrial processes carried out on this site require the storage and handling of large quantities of hazardous chemicals. This report summarises compliances audits of the bulk storage of Class 3 flammable liquids on this site. A separate report will summarise the compliance audits of the bulk storage and handling of Class 8 corrosive substances. The compliance audits summarised in this report were carried out in late 2019 and early 2020.

Australian Standard AS 1940 – *The storage and handling of flammable and combustible liquids* specifies requirements appropriate to the storage and handling of these fire-risk chemicals. The summary reports and check lists in this document advise non-compliances with this standard.

## Summary of Major Findings

- (i) The major storages of flammable liquids on this site are Ethanol Bulk Storage tanks. Ethanol is a major product of this site. Ethanol is stored in these bulk tanks, prior to loading into road tankers and iso-tanks.
- (ii) The road tanker loading area has been upgraded to achieve the requirements of Section 6 of AS 1940.
- (iii) The food grade ethanol storage tanks in tank bund 2 are of recent construction. These tanks are of stainless steel construction. The vapour space of these tanks is blanketed with nitrogen. The nitrogen blanket minimises the fire risk, and enhances the safety of these storages.
- (iv) It is proposed that five additional food grade ethanol storage tanks be added to an extended tank bund 2, as part of approved Mod 18 and new Mod 19. These will be identical to the current food grade ethanol storage tanks, and will be provided with high integrity overfill protection, and nitrogen padding.
- (v) The tanks in tank bund 2 are also provided with high integrity overfill protection. The risk of spillage is effectively controlled.
- (vi) These safeguards are not currently provided on the ethanol storage tanks in tank bund 1.
- (vii) It is recommended that the tanks in tank bund 1 be upgraded and provided with the safety features installed on tanks in tank bund 2.

#### 2. FACILITY DESCRIPTION

The Shoalhaven Starches facility is located within an industrial and farming area of Bomaderry, in the Shoalhaven Local Government Area which is located approximately 160 km south of Sydney. The facility is located on Bolong Road which is the main road from the Princess Highway to Shoalhaven Heads. The manufacturing facility is located approximately 3km north of the city of Nowra, and is situated on a flat alluvial plain on the northern banks of the Shoalhaven River.

The immediate surrounding environment can be described as follows:

- North: The property boundary faces the sealed Bolong Road. The company has approximately 1000 hectares of cattle grazing land beyond Bolong Road.
- South: The property faces onto the south bank of the Shoalhaven River.
- East: The property boundary faces onto vacant land, with the decommissioned Australian Paper plant located a few hundred meters beyond.
- West: The property boundary faces a Concrete Batching Plant.

The Shoalhaven Starches facility operates on a 24 hour, seven days a week, production cycle. There are four shift teams named Red, Green, Yellow and Blue shifts. Each shift consists of approximately 35 personnel who work 12 hour shifts being: Day Shift - 6:00am to 6:00pm and Night Shift - 6:00pm to 6:00am.

On Day Shift Monday to Friday there are approximately 120 employees on site, including engineering personnel at the Main Administration Building situated at 36 Bolong Road, Bomaderry. Contract personnel on-site can range from twenty to two hundred personnel depending on the number of construction or maintenance projects underway at any one time.

The facility manufactures a product range that includes Starch, Gluten, Glucose, Brewer's Syrup, Gem Sweet, Ethanol and Dried Distillers Grain (DDGS). The production process involves mixing flour with water and separating the watery starch substance from the dough. The starch and gluten are dried in various steam and gas heated driers. The waste in liquid and solid form from the starch and gluten plant is distilled to produce high grade Ethanol.

Waste Syrup, Mill-mix (pelletised grain husks) and other protein-rich waste are processed to produce Dried Distillers Grain (DDGS) a protein-rich stockfeed that is sold in both liquid, powder and pellet form.

Waste water from the production processes is treated and reused in the factory and to irrigate pastures on a 1000 hectare Environmental Farm where grasses are grown as feed for beef cattle that graze on the farm. Bio Gas produced from the factory effluent is recirculated back to the factory for steam production in the Boilers.

#### 3. HAZARDOUS CHEMICAL STORAGE AND HANDLING

The industrial processes carried out on this site require the storage and handling of large quantities of hazardous chemicals. These processes result in the production and storage and handling of large volumes of ethanol. Ethanol is a highly flammable liquid and is also classified as a hazardous chemical.

This report summarises compliances audits of the bulk storage of Class 3 flammable liquids on this site. A separate report will summarise the compliance audits of the bulk storage and handling of Class 8 hazardous chemicals.

Australian Standard AS 1940 – The storage and handling of flammable and combustible liquids specifies requirements appropriate to the storage and handling of these chemicals.

The compliance audits summarised in this report were carried out in late 2019 and early 2020. These bulk storages reviewed in this report are listed in the table below.

	Class 3 Bulk Storage Depots								
	Shoalhaven Starches								
	Bomaderry Site								
Depot	Contents	DG	Tank	Storage	Tank	Map Ref.			
No.		Class	Capacity	Type	Location	No.			
			litres						
Ethanol	Ethanol	3- PG II	3,715,000	Above-	Ethanol	Tanks			
Tank Bund 1	UN 1170		(total capacity)	Ground Tanks		1-8			
Tank	Ethanol	3- PG II	944,000	Above-	Ethanol	Tanks			
Depot 16	UN 1170	J-1011	(total	Ground Tank	Ethanoi	10,11,12 &13			
- IF I I I	22.22,4		capacity)						
Tank	Ethanol	3- PG II	2 tanks at	Above-	Ethanol	Mod 18			
Depot 16	UN 1170		236,00 each	Ground Tank		Tanks 14, 15			
						Not yet			
Tank	Ethanol	3- PG II	3 tanks at	Above-	Ethanol	constructed Mod 18			
Depot 16	UN 1170	J-1011	236.00 each	Ground Tank	Ethanoi	Tanks 16, 17.			
						and 18			
						Not yet			
						constructed			
Denaturant	Methanol	3- PG II	5,000	Above-	Ethanol	11			
Tank11 Denaturant	Unleaded Petrol	3- PG II	5,000	Ground Tank Above-	Ethanol	12			
Tank12	Officaded Tetroi	J-1011	3,000	Ground Tank	Ethanoi	12			
Denaturant	Tertiary Butyl Alcohol	3- PG II	5,000	Above-	Ethanol	13			
Tank13	, ,		,	Ground Tank					
Denaturant	Unleaded Petrol	3- PG II	5,000	Above-	Ethanol	14			
Tank14	TT 1 1 1D . 1	2 PC II	5,000	Ground Tank	Ed. 1	1.5			
Denaturant Tank15	Unleaded Petrol	3- PG II	5,000	Above- Ground Tank	Ethanol	15			
23	Xylene	3- PG II	6.000	Roofed IBC	Ethanol	23			
23	N-Propyl Acetate	5 1011	6,000	Store	Ethanor	25			
	Ethyl Acetate		6,000						
51	Methyl Isobutyl Ketone	3- PG II	50,000	IBC Store	Ethanol	51			
	Methoxy Propanol								
	Propyl Alcohol N Propyl Acetate								
	Xylene								
35	Acetic Anhydride	8 sub	3,000	Above-	Starch	35			
	UN 3463	risk 3	•	Ground Tank					
		- PG II		& Drums					

#### 4. DEPOT AUDITS - DESCRIPTION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

#### 4.1 Ethanol Tank Bund 1 (Tank Depots 1 to 8)

Ethanol Tank Bund 1 contains 7 tanks. Dimensions and Capacity of these tanks are in the table below

Ethanol	Tank	Rund	1
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Tank	Tank	Tank	Max	Tank	Distance to	PV Vent	Emergency	Nitrogen
No.	Working	Diameter	Fill	Height	Adjacent	Size/Set	Vent	Blanket/
	Capacity	m	Level	(approx.)	Tanks m.	Pressure	Size/	Foam
	litres		m	m	(approx.)		Set Pressure	Injection
1	230,000	6.74	6.45	8	0.7m & 1m	Free Vent	500mm	Foam Injection
						100mm flame arrestor	weighted	
2	560,000	8.17	10.68	12	1 m & 0.7m	As above	As above	Foam Injection
3	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	_				As above	As above	Foam Injection
3	560,000	8.15	10.73	12	1 m			,
4	118,000	4.16	8.68	10	1	As above	As above	Foam Injection
5	98,000	3.23	11.96	14	1.5	As above	As above	Foam Injection
6	123,000	4.4	8.09	10	1	As above	As above	Foam Injection
7	441,000	7.7	9.47	11	1.2	As above	As above	Foam Injection
8	770,000	7.35		22	1	150 NB	450mm	Foam Injection
						Vac22kPa	Set Press 2 kPa	& Nitrogen
						Press 0.75kPa		Blanket

- Tank Bund 1 contains Industrial Ethanol Storage Tanks 1 to 7, and Food Grade Ethanol Tank 8.
- The total capacity of tanks in this bund is 2.9 Million Litres.
- The separation distance between tanks in this bund is approximately 1 metre. These storages are classified as a 'Tank Cluster'. AS 1940 discourages this close packed arrangement and specifies that the bund capacity for tank clusters be at least the 110% of the total tank capacity = 3.2 million litres.
- AS 1940 also requires that all tanks in a tank cluster have foam injection systems.
- Tank Bund 1 does not have the containment capacity required by AS1940. Tanks in this bund do not have foam injection systems.
- The distance from tanks to the bund wall does not comply with the requirements of AS 1940.
- It is not practical to upgrade this bund to achieve a 3.2 million litre capacity. Complete rebuilding would be necessary.
- Overflows from this bund would enter the site waste-water drainage system, which feeds to the waste water treatment plant at the Farm, approximately 2 kilometers from the main site. Large flows of dilution water could drop the ethanol concentration below 20%, and decrease the flash point of this water ethanol solution.

#### Recommendations for Ethanol Tank Bund 1

- It is practical to implement controls that would significantly reduce the risk of fire or explosion in these tanks. These additional controls should include;
  - ➤ Provision of high integrity overfill protection, including two independent level monitoring instruments on each tank, and independent shut off valves.
  - > Provision of inert gas blanketing for each tank. (already provided on Tank 8)
  - > Investigate the possibility of draining Tank Bund 1 to a remote containment compound.
- Implementing the controls listed above would be much less expensive than rebuilding this tank bund, and rebuilding the tanks within the bund.
- Flammable liquid storage tanks should be emptied, degassed, cleaned and inspected internally at least every ten years. These internal inspections should be scheduled as soon as possible. The ten yearly tank inspection should be carried out by an independent external inspection company.

- Emergency vents, PV vents, isolation valves and other critical tank equipment should be inspected and tested at least annually. These maintenance activities should be scheduled as soon as possible.
- Records of tank inspections, and critical equipment maintenance must be maintained.

## 4.2 Ethanol Tank Bund 2 (- Depot 16)

#### Ethanol Tank Bund 2

- Tank Bund 2 contains Food Grade Ethanol Storage Tanks 10, 11,12, and 13.
- The total capacity of the 4 tanks in this bund is 944,000 Litres.
- The separation distance between these tanks appears to be in excess of one third of the tank diameter. This is not classified as a tank cluster.
- The four tanks in this bund were constructed in 2017. The tanks are of stainless steel construction.
- The capacity of Tank Bund 2 is in excess of 110% of the capacity of the largest tank in the bund. Bund Capacity is 455,000 litres.
- The four existing tanks are provided with high integrity overfill protection.
- The four existing tanks are provided with inert gas blanketing (nitrogen).
- The four existing tanks have 150mm PV vents set at 0.22kPag Vacuum, and 0.75 kPag.
- The four existing tanks have 450mm Emergency vents set at 1.35kPag
- The 5 tanks proposed as Mod 18 and Mod 19 will also have high integrity overfill protection, and nitrogen blanketing. PV and Emergency Vents will be as for the existing tanks. All tanks will be separated at least one third of the tank diameter.
- The distance from tanks to the bund wall does not comply with the requirements of AS 1940. External screening is required.

#### Recommendations for Ethanol Tank Bund 2

- Emergency vents, PV vents, isolation valves and other critical tank equipment should be inspected and tested at least annually. These maintenance activities should be scheduled as soon as possible.
- Records of tank inspections, and critical equipment maintenance must be maintained.
- Schedule ten yearly internal tank inspections for these tanks. Records of tank inspections, and critical equipment maintenance must be maintained.

## 4.3 Drum, IBC and ISO tank Storage Compounds

- AS 1940 specifies that package storage compounds be separated from flammable liquid storage tanks, by a tank diameter, and at least 6 metres.
- Drum Stores 23 and 51 appear to be too close to Storage Tanks.
- Drum Stores 23 and 51 are not bunded at the fork truck entrance. Ride over bunds are required.
- These bunds must be relocated.

Relocating iso tank stores to the old paper mill site would address these issues and greatly relieve congestion in the ethanol storage area.

# 4.4 Denaturant Storage Tanks

The Ethanol Storage Area of the Shoalhaven Starches site includes six denaturant tanks, each having a capacity of 5,000 litres. Contents of each tank are:

Tank 1	Tank 2	Tank 3	Tank 4	Tank 5	Tank 6
ULP	ULP	Tertiary Butyl	ULP	Methyl IsoButyl	Methanol
Motor Spirit	Motor Spirit	Alcohol	Motor Spirit	Ketone	
		(2-			
		METHYLPROPAN-			
		2-OL)			
UN1203	UN1203	UN1120	UN1203	UN1245	UN1203
F.P<-40 deg C	F.P<-40 deg C	F.P 11 deg C	F.P<-40 deg C	F.P 14 deg C	F.P 11 deg C
Class 3	Class 3	Class 3	Class 3	Class 3	Class 3
					SubRisk 6.1
PG II	PG II	PG II	PG II	PG II	PG II

These six tanks are identical in size and construction detail.

Details of tank construction, and tank fittings are summarised below;

- Tank dimensions are approximately 1.2 m diameter by 4 m high.
- Capacity of each tank is 5,000 litres.
- The outlet pipes for the three ULP tanks are connected. Leak or failure of any section of this piping could result in the loss of the contents of all three tanks. (15,000 litres).
- Spacing between tanks is approximately 1.2 m
- Bund dimensions are approximately 5.5 m by 15.5 m. by 600 mm high.
- Bund capacity is approximately 50 cu metres.
- Bund contained about 50 mm of dirty water.
- Each tank is fitted with a flame arrestor.
- Pressure vacuum vents are fitted on five of the tanks.
- Each of these tanks is fitted with two earthing connections.
- Temperature transmitters are installed on all tanks.
- Level transmitters are operational on five of the tanks. (the level transmitter on one ULP tank 2 is not functional, but the level transmitters on Tanks 1 and 4 monitor the common level in these three tanks.
- Tanks are loaded from the tanker loading area.
- Products are unloaded from IBCs using spear.
- ULP is unloaded from tanker.
- Dry Break coupling is provided at the loading point to control the risk of back flow from piping to the denaturant tanks.
- Loading piping discharges to the top of each tank.
- The tank level of the selected tank, is displayed at the loading point.
- The denaturants are added to road tankers at the time of loading. The ratio controller is set to 1% approximately.
- The tanker filling Scully system controls of risk of overfilling road tanker.
- Nitrogen blanketing system has been disconnected.

## Recommendations for Denaturant Tanks

- Flammable liquid storage tanks should be emptied, degassed, cleaned and inspected internally at least every ten years. These internal inspections should be scheduled as soon as possible.
- Emergency vents, PV vents, isolation valves and other critical tank equipment should be inspected and tested at least annually. These maintenance activities should be scheduled as soon as possible.
- Records of tank inspections, and critical equipment maintenance should be maintained.

- Checks required to ensure that the PV vents installed are sufficient to allow emergency venting.
- Tank construction drawings and records should be located and retained.
- Bund should be drained and cleaned.
- Tanks require cleaning.
- Consider the reconnection of the nitrogen blanketing system.

## 4.5 Acetic Anhydride Storage Tank No 35

- Acetic Anhydride is a flammable liquid. The requirements of AS 1940 are applicable.
- Acetic Anhydride is also a corrosive liquid. The requirements of AS 3780 are also applicable. (AS 1940 requirements are generally more demanding.)
- Safework notification advises that the capacity of this depot is 3,000 litres.
- This vertical HDPE tank is within a concrete block bund. Bund height is approx 1.5 m.
- Distance between tank and bund is approximately 1 m.
- This tank is filled from 200 litre plastic drums, using an air operated drum pump.
- Drums of Acetic Anhydride may be stored just outside the tank bund.
- Class 3 Signage is displayed at the bund and at the tanker unloading point. Pumps and other equipment requiring regular maintenance are within the bunded area.
- Piping within bund and transfer piping is HDPE.
- Piping in bund is not labelled and not colour coded.
- A level transmitter, and level switch are installed on this tank. Level transmitter display is local.

# Recommendations for Acetic Anhydride Tank No 35

- Ensure that the operation of the tank high level switch, and level transmitter are checked regularly.
- AS 1940 specifies metal tanks for the storage of flammable liquids. Plan for the replacement of this tank.
- The preferred material for Acetic Anhydride is stainless steel.
- Acetic Anhydride drums should not be stored within 6 metres of this tank.
- Consider replacement of this tank by a larger tank filled from a road tanker or isotank.

# 5. AS 1940 COMPLIANCE CHECK LISTS

# 5.1 Compliance Check List - Ethanol Tank Bund 1- Tanks 1 to 8

# Ethanol Storage – Tank 1 to Tank 8 AS 1940 check list for Tanks, Compound & Tanker Loading

Code Precaution	True	Not	Code	Comment
		True	Reference	
DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION: A static storage tank shall be designed and constructed to AS 1692 or equivalent standard.	Design Code not known		5.2.1	Design drawings required. Hydrostatic test certificate required for each tank.
MARKING: Each tank shall be distinguished by individual identification numbers.			5.2.2	
PIPEWORK: Pipes shall be constructed from a material resistant to attack, and compatible with liquid Pressure piping shall comply with As 4041. All pipes shall be protected from physical damage. Pipes shall be colour coded or labelled. Flexible hoses shall not be used except at transfer points,			5.2.4	
FILL POINTS: Fill point shall be readily accessible. Fill point shall be protected from damage. Fill point shall be in open air, -no ignition sources within hazardous area. Fill point located so that tank vehicle is not required to enter the tank compound. Each fill point shall be clearly identified. Area around the fill point and hose connection shall be impervious to the product.	Not filled from Road Tankers		5.3.2	Assume that product is pumped across from fermentation process tanks.  SCADA screen displays indicate that tanks 1 to 7 do not have high integrity overfill protection, and do not have inert gas blanketing systems.
LIQUID LEVEL INDICATION: -It shall be possible to monitor the amount of liquid in any tank intended to receive a delivery. The gauge shall show the normal fill level of the tankThe Fill level shall not exceed 95% of the tank capacityTanks ( with capacity > 5,000 litres of flammable) shall have a high level alarm set at a maximum of 97% of tank capacityA contents guage and LAH remote from the tank, shall be provided at the fill point, orIn addition to the LAH they shall incorporate an independent			5.3.2	

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LAHH set at below the tank rated			
capacity VENTING: Each tank shall be fitted with; -A free vent or Pressure Vacuum VentAn emergency vent when conditions of 5.5 applyVapours shall be safely discharged outdoors unless recovery and treatment is requiredFlame arrestor is required		5.4	Details of PV vents not known.
SEPARATION OF ABOVE GROUND TANKS: -Diameter of tank or 15 m to fill point (for road tanker), but not less than 6 mDiameter of tank or 15 m to security fence, but not less than 6 m., or distance required by table 5.4		5.4 Table 5.3 Table 5.4	
DISTANCE BETWEEN VERTICAL TANKS:  5.7.3 (b) requires separation between tanks of half the diameter of the larger tank, if one tank has diameter > 6m.	NO	5.7.3 5.7.5	
5.7.5 allows reduced spacing for Tank ClustersTotal cross-sectional area <320 sq mdistance between tanks at least 1 mFoam fire protection required on all tanks if total cross-sectional area > 30 sq mwhere required compound capacity and clearances from other structures is being calculated, the cluster shall be regarded as one tank of aggregated volume.	Yes 230 sq m.  Provided  Refer below		
BUND CAPACITY: -110% of aggregated capacity of cluster.	Does not Comply	5.8.2	3.1 Million litres capacity required.
BUND DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION: -Impervious -Retain structural integrity in fire situationNot higher than 1.5 m unless safe and rapid exit providedDistance from inside perimeter of bund to protected place or on site protected place shall be at least half that required by Table 5.4, or 15m whichever is less.		5.8.3	

BUND DRAINAGE:			
1			
-Bund shall drain away from tank			
to sump.			
-Normally closed valve installed in			
sump or manually operated pump.			
BUND LOCATION LIMITS:	Does not	5.8.3(h)	
	comply.	Fig 5.2	
	compry.	1 1g 3.2	
TANK FOUNDATIONS:		5.11.1	
-foundation designed to support			
direct load when tank full of water.			
-foundation designed to resist			
overturning moment due to wind,			
earthquake			
-Tanks in flood prone area shall be			
anchored to prevent floating.		5.11.4	
ELIEL DICHENCING.	NA	SECTION 6	
	NA Yes	SECTION 6 SECTION 8	
-Location of Fill Point in	1 68	SECTION 8	
accordance with Table 5.3		8.2.2.1	
-Diameter of tank or 15 m to fill		0.2.2.1	
point (for road tanker), but not less			
than 6 m.			
-15 m from connection point to		8.2.2(b)	
protected places			
-8 m from connection point to		8.2.3(b)	
package store.			
TANKER I OARRIG DIW DRIG			
TANKER LOADING BUILDING: -Open on at least 3 sides	Yes	8.2.3	
-Collison protection required	1 68	8.2.4	
-Direction of entry clearly marked.		8.2.5	
-Tankers must be able to drive		0.2.3	
away in case of emergency.			
-The vehicle standing ares shall be		8.2.6.1	
graded so that spillage will drain			
away to dedicated tank or			
compound.			
-Capacity of spillage control		0.2.6.2	
system must be the capacity of the		8.2.6.2	
largest tanker compartment, or 9000 litres, whichever is less, or			
-The volume that can be			
discharged from two filling points			
having the greatest flow.			
-Drainage system requires isolating		8.2.6.3	
valve, or separator pit, or remote			
compound.			
FLOW RATES:		8.2.7	
< 1 m/sec initially			
< 7 m/sec			
then reduced EMERGENCY SHUT OFF:		0 2 0	Is vanour actiont
-Emergency stop valve located >		8.2.8	Is vapour collection system installed?
10 m from fill point, but<30m.			mstancu:
-Earthing and Bonding must be		8.2.9	
provided.		J.2.,	
-Signage required for Emergency			
Shut Off Valve		 	
TOP FILLING REQUIREMENTS:		 8.3	Industrial ethanol tanks are
			bottom filled, with Scully
			System protection.

BOTTOM LOADING REQUIREMENTS:		8.4	Food grade ethanol isotanks are top filled. Consider vapour collection system.  Food grade ethanol isotanks are top filled. Consider Dead man valve provision.
INSPECTION SCHEDULE FOR TANKS AND FITTINGS:  -Must be in accordance with Table 9.1		TABLE 9.1	Ten yearly Tank Inspection required. Reports to be retained.
FIRE PROTECTION FOR TANKS AND COMPOUND:  -Foam system required for every tank over 6 m diameter. (alternatively inert gas blanket)Foam system required for bund compound, by monitors or hydrantsCooling water deluge sprays required on these tanksHydrant system required for this area.	Foam injection is provided on Tanks 1 to 7. Foam can be provided to bund.	11.13	Compound Capacity > 2000 Tonnes Tanks 1 to 8 are a Tank Cluster.  Tanks 8,10,11,12 and 13 are provided with nitrogen gas blanketing.  Tanks 1 to 7 do not have inert gas blanketing.  Inert gas blanketing recommended for tanks 1 to 7 This would greatly reduce risk of tank fire.

# 5.2 Compliance Check List – Denaturant Storage Tanks

Denaturant Storage Tanks
AS 1940 check list for Tanks, Compound & Tanker Loading

AS 1940 check list for Tanks, Compound & Tanker Loading							
Code Precaution	True	Not	Code	Comment			
DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION: A static storage tank shall be designed and constructed to AS 1692 or equivalent standard.		True	Reference 5.2.1	Design drawings required. Hydrostatic test certificate required for each tank.			
				No evidence to suggest that these tanks do not comply with AS 1692 requirements.			
				Tanks appear to be fit for service.			
MARKING: Each tank shall be distinguished by individual identification numbers.			5.2.2	Tanks are labelled 1 to 6.			
PIPEWORK:			5.2.4	Piping is not colour coded.			
Pipes shall be constructed from a material resistant to attack, and compatible with liquid Pressure piping shall comply with As 4041. All pipes shall be protected from physical damage.	Complies			Labelling of lines to advise contents is required.			
Pipes shall be colour coded or labelled. Flexible hoses shall not be used except at transfer points,	No						
FILL POINTS: Fill point shall be readily accessible. Fill point shall be protected from damage. Fill point shall be in open air, -no ignition sources within hazardous area. Fill point located so that tank vehicle is not required to enter the tank compound. Each fill point shall be clearly identified. Area around the fill point and hose connection shall be impervious to the product.	Complies		5.3.2	ULP tanks are filled from road tanker in the tanker loading bay.  Other tanks are filled from IBCs, in the tanker loading bay.			
LIQUID LEVEL INDICATION: -It shall be possible to monitor the amount of liquid in any tank intended to receive a delivery. The gauge shall show the normal fill level of the tankThe Fill level shall not exceed 95% of the tank capacityTanks (with capacity > 5,000 litres of flammable) shall have a high level alarm set at a maximum of 97% of tank capacityA contents gauge and LAH remote from the tank, shall be provided at the fill point, orIn addition to the LAH they shall incorporate an independent	Complies  These tanks have capacity < 5000 litres		5.3.2	Remote Level display shows tank level whilst filling.  Connection point incorporates a dry break coupling. (as required by Clause 5.3.4)			

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LAHH set at below the tank rated			
capacity VENTING: Each tank shall be fitted with; -A free vent or Pressure Vacuum VentAn emergency vent when conditions of 5.5 applyVapours shall be safely discharged outdoors unless recovery and treatment is requiredFlame arrestor is required	Comply Check vent sizing. Comply	5.4	Five of the tanks have PV vents. PV vents require regular inspection, cleaning and testing.  Check required to ensure that the vent size is sufficient for emergency venting.  All tanks have flame arrestors. Flame arrestors require regular inspection and cleaning.
SEPARATION OF ABOVE GROUND TANKS: -Diameter of tank or 15 m to fill point (for road tanker), but not less than 6 mDiameter of tank or 15 m to security fence, but not less than 6 m., or distance required by table 5.4	Complies.	5.4 Table 5.3 Table 5.4	
DISTANCE BETWEEN VERTICAL TANKS:  5.7.3 (b) requires separation between tanks of half the diameter of the larger tank, if one tank has diameter > 6m.  5.7.5 allows reduced spacing for Tank ClustersTotal cross-sectional area <320 sq mdistance between tanks at least 1 mFoam fire protection required on all tanks if total cross-sectional area > 30 sq mwhere required compound capacity and clearances from other structures is being calculated, the cluster shall be regarded as one tank of aggregated volume.	N.A.  Not a tank Cluster	5.7.3 5.7.5	
BUND CAPACITY: -110% of aggregated capacity of cluster.	Complies	5.8.2	Bund Size in excess of the capacity of tanks.  Bund Dimensions: 5.5 m by 15.5m Bund Height:600 mm Bund capacity; 50 cu m.

BUND DESIGN AND		5.8.3	
CONSTRUCTION:			
-Impervious			
-Retain structural integrity in fire			Bund of concrete construction
situation.	Commlian		Build of concrete construction
-Not higher than 1.5 m unless safe	Complies		
and rapid exit provided.			
-Distance from inside perimeter of	Complies		
bund to protected place or on-site			
protected place shall be at least half			
that required by Table 5.4, or 15m			
whichever is less.			D 1 4 1 1 - 1 4 1-
BUND DRAINAGE:			Bund contained approximately
-Bund shall drain away from tank			50 mm of dirty at the time of
to sump.			inspection.
-Normally closed valve installed in			
sump or manually operated pump.			
BUND LOCATION LIMITS:	Complies.	5.8.3(h)	
	1	Fig 5.2	
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TANK FOUNDATIONS:		5.11.1	
-foundation designed to support	Complies		
direct load when tank full of water.	Complies		
-foundation designed to resist			Tanks of steel frame on
			concrete bund floor.
overturning moment due to wind,			
earthquake			
-Tanks in flood prone area shall be			
anchored to prevent floating.		5.11.4	
FUEL DISPENSING:	NA	SECTION 6	
TANK VEHICLE LOADING:		SECTION 8	
-Location of Fill Point in			
accordance with Table 5.3		8.2.2.1	These tanks filled from Tanker
-Diameter of tank or 15 m to fill			
point (for road tanker), but not less			Loading area.
than 6 m.			
-15 m from connection point to		8.2.2(b)	
protected places		0.2.2(0)	
-8 m from connection point to		8.2.3(b)	
package store.		0.2.3(0)	
package store.			
TANKER LOADING BUILDING:			
	Complies	0 2 2	
-Open on at least 3 sides	Complies	8.2.3	
-Collison protection required		8.2.4	
-Direction of entry clearly marked.		8.2.5	
-Tankers must be able to drive			
away in case of emergency.			
-The vehicle standing area shall be		8.2.6.1	
graded so that spillage will drain			
away to dedicated tank or			
compound.			
-Capacity of spillage control			
system must be the capacity of the		8.2.6.2	
largest tanker compartment, or			
9000 litres, whichever is less, or			
-The volume that can be			
discharged from two filling points			
having the greatest flow.			
-Drainage system requires isolating		8.2.6.3	
valve, or separator pit, or remote		0.2.0.3	
compound.			
i compound.		8.2.7	
FLOW RATES:		0.2.7	
		0.2.7	

then reduced			
EMERGENCY SHUT OFF:		8.2.8	
-Emergency stop valve located >			
10 m from fill point, but<30m.			
-Earthing and Bonding must be	Complies	8.2.9	
provided.	Compiles	0.2.5	
-Signage required for Emergency			
Shut Off Valve			
		8.3	
TOP FILLING REQUIREMENTS:		8.3	
BOTTOM LOADING		8.4	Scully System installed for road
REQUIREMENTS:		0.1	tanker filling.
REQUIREMENTS.			turker ming.
INSPECTION SCHEDULE FOR	CHECK	TABLE 9.1	CHECK
TANKS AND FITTINGS:		-	
-Must be in accordance with Table			Tank Inspection Reports
9.1			required.
-Full internal Inspection at least			required.
every 10 years. FIRE PROTECTION FOR		11.13	
		11.13	
TANKS AND COMPOUND:			
An emergency plan shall be			
prepared, and staff trained to			
implement this plan			
-Foam system required for every			
tank over 6 m diameter.			Portable fire extinguishers of
(alternatively inert gas blanket).			the appropriate type, number
-Foam system required for bund			and capacity shall be provided.
compound, by monitors or			The fire-fighting medium shall
			be compatible with the specific
hydrants.			substances handled
-Cooling water deluge sprays			
required on these tanks.			
-Hydrant system required for this			
area.			

## 6. REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

- (i) Australian Standard AS 1940-2017 -The storage and handling of flammable and combustible liquids.
- (ii) NSW Work, Health and Safety Regulation.
- (iii) Shoalhaven Starches Emergency Plan SA-P-235 1.0.E 14-2-2019
- (iv) Shoalhaven Starches Fire Safety Study. Pinnacle Risk Management Rev 17

# Appendix 1

**Site Layout** 

