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Executive Summary

Background

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Goodman, on behalf of CA, has commissioned Riskcon Engineering Pty Ltd (Riskcon) to prepare a PHA for the facility. This document represents the PHA study for the CA warehouse at Kemps Creek.

Conclusions

A hazard identification table was developed for warehouse facility to identify potential hazards that may be present at the site as a result of operations or storage of materials. Based on the identified hazards, scenarios were postulated that may result in an incident with a potential for offsite impacts. Postulated scenarios were discussed qualitatively and any scenarios that would not impact offsite were eliminated from further assessment. Scenarios not eliminated were then carried forward for consequence analysis.

Incidents carried forward for consequence analysis were assessed in detail to estimate the impact distances. Impact distances were developed into scenario contours and overlaid onto the site layout diagram to determine if an offsite impact would occur. The consequence analysis showed that one of the scenarios (full warehouse fire) would impact over the site boundary and into the adjacent land use; hence, this incident was carried forward for frequency analysis and risk assessment.

The frequency analysis and risk assessment showed that the full warehouse fire would have a fatality risk of 7.06 chances per million per year (pmpy) at the site boundary, with lesser risk at further distances from the boundary. HIPAP No. 4 (Ref. [2]) publishes acceptable risk criteria at the site boundary of 50 pmpy (for industrial sites). Therefore, the probability of a fatality from a full warehouse fire at the site boundary is within the acceptable risk criteria.

In addition, the only incident which may result in impacts to adjacent structures was a full warehouse fire. Due to the fire size there will be considerable smoke emitted which would obscure the flame surface reducing the average surface emissive power (SEP) and subsequently it would not exceed 23 kW/m^2. In addition, the distance to the closest buildings is 23 m which would allow attenuation of radiant heat from of luminous spots and would not result in sustained radiant heat such that propagation to adjacent facilities would occur.

Review of the estate proposal indicates this development is the only contributor to the risk profile; hence, cumulative risk is not a consideration at this stage. The cumulative risk at the site is therefore the reported 7.06 chances pmpy which is below the 50 chances pmpy limit. Therefore, the development of the CA warehouse does not increase the cumulative risk of the estate to an unacceptable level.

Based on the analysis conducted, it is concluded that the risks at the site boundary are not considered to exceed the acceptable risk criteria; hence, the facility would only be classified as potentially hazardous and would be permitted within the current land zoning for the site.

Recommendations

Notwithstanding the conclusions following the analysis of the facility, the following recommendations have been made:

1. The site shall be designed to contain any spills or contaminated water from a fire incident within the boundaries of the site.
2. Multiple spill kits be provided around the DG storage areas to ensure spills can be cleaned up immediately following identification.
3. The warehouse and/or site boundaries shall be capable of containing 612 m^3 which may be contained within the warehouse footprint, site stormwater pipework and any recessed docks or other containment areas that may be present as part of the site design.
4. The civil engineers designing the site containment shall demonstrate the design is capable of containing at least 612 m^3.
5. A storm water isolation point (i.e. penstock isolation valve) shall be incorporated into the design. The penstock shall automatically isolate the storm water system upon detection of a fire (smoke or sprinkler activation) to prevent potentially contaminated liquids from entering the water course.

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Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Description
ADG	Australian Dangerous Goods Code
AS	Australian Standard
CBD	Central Business District
CCPS	Centre for Chemical Process Safety
DA	Development Application
DGs	Dangerous Goods
DGS	Dangerous Goods Store
DPE	Department of Planning and Environment
FRNSW	Fire and Rescue New South Wales
HIPAP	Hazardous Industry Planning Advisory Paper
HSE	Health and Safety Executive
LPG	Liquefied Petroleum Gas
PFD	Probability of Failure on Demand
PHA	Preliminary Hazard Analysis
Pmpy	Per million per year
RDC	Retail Distribution Centre
SEP	Surface Emissive Power
SEPP	State Environmental Planning Policy
SMSS	Storage Mode Sprinkler System
SSC	Spread Sheet Calculator
VF	View Factor

1.0 Introduction

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1.2 Objectives

The objectives of the PHA project, for the proposed CA facility at Oakdale West 1A, Kemps Creek, NSW, include:

- Complete the PHA according to the Hazardous Industry Planning Advisory Paper (HIPAP) No. 6 – Hazard Analysis (Ref. [3]);
- Assess the PHA results using the criteria in HIPAP No. 4 – Risk Criteria for Land Use Planning (Ref. [1]); and
- Demonstrate compliance of the site with the relevant codes, standards and regulations (i.e. NSW Planning and Assessment Regulation 1979, WHS Regulation, 2011 Ref. [4]).

1.3 Scope of Services

The scope of work is to complete a PHA study for the CA Warehouse located at Oakdale West 1A, Kemps Creek, required by the Planning Regulations for the proposed development. The scope does not include any other assessments at the site or any other CA facilities.

2.0 Methodology

2.1 Multi-Level Risk Assessment

The Multi-Level Risk Assessment approach (Ref. [3]), although published by the NSW Department of Planning and Environment, has been used as the basis for the study to determine the level of risk assessment required. The approach considered the development in context of its location, the quantity and type (i.e. hazardous nature) Dangerous Goods stored and used, and the facility's technical and safety management control. The Multi-Level Risk Assessment Guidelines are intended to assist industry, consultants and the consent authorities to carry out and evaluate risk assessments at an appropriate level for the facility being studied.

There are three levels of risk assessment set out in Multi-Level Risk Assessment which may be appropriate for a PHA, as detailed in **Table 2-1**.

Table 2-1: Level of Assessment PHA

Level	Type of Analysis	Appropriate If:
1	Qualitative	No major off-site consequences and societal risk is negligible
2	Partially Quantitative	Off-site consequences but with low frequency of occurrence
3	Quantitative	Where 1 and 2 are exceeded

The Multi-Level Risk Assessment approach is schematically presented in **Figure 2-1**.

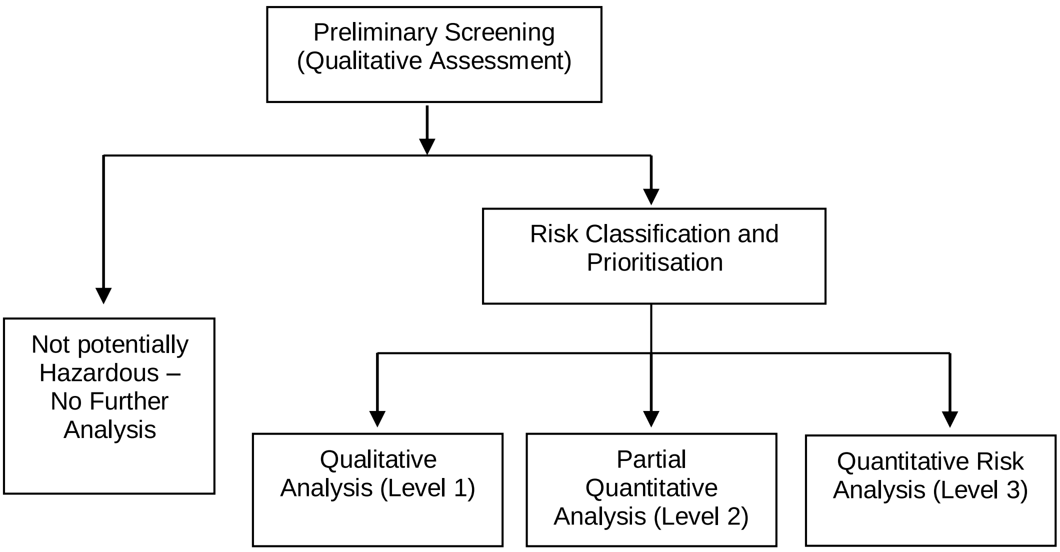

Figure 2-1: The Multi-Level Risk Assessment Approach

Based on the type of DGs to be used and handled at the proposed facility, a **Level 2 Assessment** was selected for the Site. This approach provides a qualitative assessment of those DGs of lesser quantities and hazard, and a quantitative approach for the more hazardous materials to be used on-site. This approach is commensurate with the methodologies recommended in "Applying SEPP 33's" Multi Level Risk Assessment approach (DPE, 2011).

2.2 Risk Assessment Study Approach

The methodology used for the PHA is as follows;

Hazard Analysis – A detailed hazard identification was conducted for the site facilities and operations. Where an incident was identified to have a potential off-site impact, it was included in the recorded hazard identification word diagram (**Appendix A**). The hazard identification word diagram lists incident type, causes, consequences and safeguards. This was performed using the word diagram format recommended in HIPAP No. 6 (Ref. [4]).

Each postulated hazardous incident was assessed qualitatively in light of proposed safeguards (technical and management controls). Where a potential offsite impact was identified, the incident was carried into the main report for further analysis. Where the qualitative review in the main report determined that the safeguards were adequate to control the hazard, or that the consequence would obviously have no offsite impact, no further analysis was performed. **Section 3.1** of this report provides details of values used to assist in selecting incidents required to be carried forward for further analysis.

Consequence Analysis – For those incidents qualitatively identified in the hazard analysis to have a potential offsite impact, a detailed consequence analysis was conducted. The analysis modelled the various postulated hazardous incidents and determined impact distances from the incident source. The results were compared to the consequence criteria listed in HIPAP No. 4 (Ref. [2]). The criteria selected for screening incidents is discussed in **Section 3.1**.

Where an incident was identified to result in an offsite impact, it was carried forward for frequency analysis. Where an incident was identified to not have an offsite impact, and a simple solution was evident (i.e. move the proposed equipment further away from the boundary), the solution was recommended, and no further analysis was performed.

Frequency Analysis – In the event a simple solution for managing consequence impacts was not evident, each incident identified to have potential offsite impact was subjected to a frequency analysis. The analysis considered the initiating event and probability of failure of the safeguards (both hardware and software). The results of the frequency analysis were then carried forward to the risk assessment and reduction stage for combination with the consequence analysis results.

Risk Assessment and Reduction – Where incidents were identified to impact offsite and where a consequence and frequency analysis was conducted, the consequence and frequency analysis for each incident were combined to determine the risk and then compared to the risk criteria published in HIPAP No. 4 (Ref. [2]). Where the criteria were exceeded, a review of the major risk contributors was performed, and the risks reassessed incorporating the recommended risk reduction measures. Recommendations were then made regarding risk reduction measures.

Reporting – on completion of the study, a draft report was developed for review and comment by Goodman / CA. A final report was then developed, incorporating the comments received by Goodman / CA, for submission to the regulatory authority.

3.0 Site Description

3.1 Site Location

The site is located at Oakdale West 1A in Kemps Creek which is approximately 44 km west of the Sydney Central Business District (CBD). **Figure 3-1** shows the regional location of the site in relation to the Sydney CBD. Provided in **Figure 3-2** is the layout of the site in Kemps Creek.

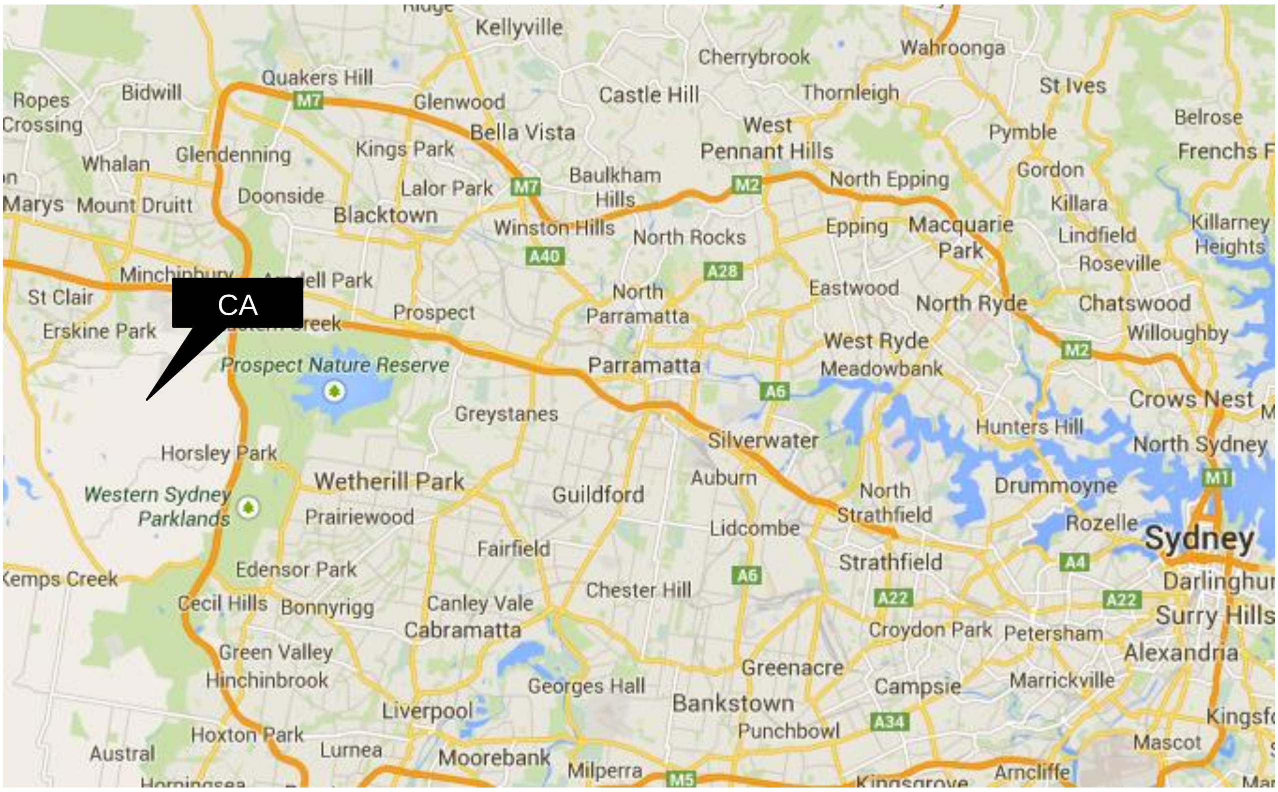

Figure 3-1: Site Location

3.2 Adjacent Land Uses

The land is located in an industrial area surrounded by the following land uses, which are adjacent to the site:

- North – Industrial warehousing
- South – Industrial warehousing
- East – Industrial warehousing
- West – Industrial warehousing

3.3 Warehouse Detailed Description

The warehouse will utilise an automated storage system which takes delivered pallets and stores them in high bay racking until required. The system stores products in a unique location which is tracked to allow accurate retrieval of products. Pallets can be collected from within the high bay storage and separated to form composite pallets containing numerous products for delivery to retailers.

The warehouse will store a range of DGs in retail packages and the facility will be designed to comply with AS/NZS 3833:2007 (Ref. [5]). Specifically, the facility will comply with the Retail Distribution Centre (RDC) section of the standard which accounts for the reduced risk posed by packages stored in restricted small volumes.

The warehouse will be protected by a bespoke automatic sprinkler system involving both ceiling mounted and in-rack sprinklers depending on commodities stored. The sprinklers which will activate upon fire detection which will suppress and control any fire that may occur. The warehouse will be naturally ventilated for occupation purposes which will provide adequate ventilation flow for preventing accumulation of any vapours released from packages in storage as required by AS/NZS 3833:2007 (Ref. [5]).

All DG products will be protected by base building specified Storage Mode Sprinkler System (SMSS) sprinklers and the aerosols will be protected by in-rack sprinklers scheme A sprinkler systems designed according to FM Global Data Sheet 7-31 (Ref. [6]). All DG areas will be protected by hose reel coverage in addition to hydrant coverage.

The whole site will be capable of containing at least 90 minutes of potentially contaminated fire water as required by AS/NZS 3833:2007 (Ref. [5]) and the NSW "*Best Practice Guidelines for Contaminated Water and Retention Systems*" (Ref. [7]). The water will be contained via isolation of the stormwater system which is performed by the actuation of a penstock valve upon fire detection.

The site will be subject to a hazardous area classification per AS/NZS 60079.10.1:2009 (Ref. [8]) and any electrical equipment within the hazardous zone will be compliant per AS/NZS 60079.14:2017 (Ref. [9]) to minimise the potential for ignition of flammable vapours which may be released during storage.

The different classes of DGs will require separation per AS/NZS 3833:2007 (Ref. [5]) which will be configured within the logic of the automated system. DGs will be stored throughout the warehouse in addition to dispersed throughout the warehouse as required (in lesser quantities).

3.4 Quantities of Dangerous Goods Stored and Handled

The dangerous goods stored at the warehouse are for various customers and may fluctuate with customer requirements. The classes and quantities to be approved in the facility are summarised **Table 3-1**. The location of the DGs within the warehouse are shown in **Figure 3-2.**

Table 3-1: Maximum Classes and Quantities of Dangerous Goods Stored

Class	Description	Packing Group	Quantity (kg)
1.4s	Explosives	n/a	20,000
2.1	Flammable gas (LPG)	n/a	7,500 L / 4,125
2.1	Flammable gas (LPG) – Kitchen	n/a	450 L / 247.5
2.1	Flammable gas (aerosols)	n/a	70,000*
2.2	Non-flammable, non-toxic gas (aerosols)	n/a	25,000
3	Flammable liquids	II & III	300,000
4.1	Flammable solids	III	24,000
5.1	Oxidising agents	III	25,000

Class	Description	Packing Group	Quantity (kg)
6.1	Toxic substances	III	45,000
8	Corrosive substances	II & III	45,000
9	Miscellaneous Dangerous Goods	III	105,000
C1/C2	Combustible Liquids	n/a	250,000

*Note: This refers to the quantity of LPG within the aerosols and not the total package weight. The LPG content within the cannisters is typically around 25% of product weight.

3.5 Aggregate Quantity Ratio

Where more than one class of dangerous goods are stored and handled at the site an AQR exists. This ratio is calculated using **Equation 3-1:**

$$AQR = \frac{q_x}{Q_x} + \frac{q_y}{Q_y} + [\ldots] + \frac{q_n}{Q_n}$$

Equation 3-1

Where:

x,y […] and n are the dangerous goods present

q_x, q_y, […] and q_n is the total quantity of dangerous goods x, y, […] and n present.

Q_x, Q_y, […] and Q_n is the individual threshold quantity for each dangerous good of x, y, […] and n

Where the ratio AQR exceeds a value of 1, the site would be considered a Major Hazard Facility (MHF). The threshold quantities for each class is taken from Schedule 15 of the Work Health and Safety (WHS) Regulation 2017 (Ref. [10]). These are summarised in **Table 3-2** noting Class 1.4s, 2.2, 4.1(II & III), 8, 9 and combustible liquids are not subject to MHF legislation.

Table 3-2: Major Hazard Facility Thresholds

Class	Packing Group	Threshold (tonnes)	Storage (tonnes)
2.1	n/a	200	70.248
3	II & III	50,000	300
5.1	I & II	200	25
6.1	III	200	45

A review of the thresholds and the commodities and packing groups listed in **Table 3-1** indicates only Class 2.1, 3, 5.1 and 6.1 are assessable against the MHF thresholds. Therefore, substituting the storage masses into **Equation 3-1** the AQR is calculated as follows:

$$AQR = \frac{70.248}{200} + \frac{300}{50000} + \frac{25}{200} + \frac{45}{200} = 0.707$$

The AQR is less than 1; hence, the facility would not be classified as a MHF.

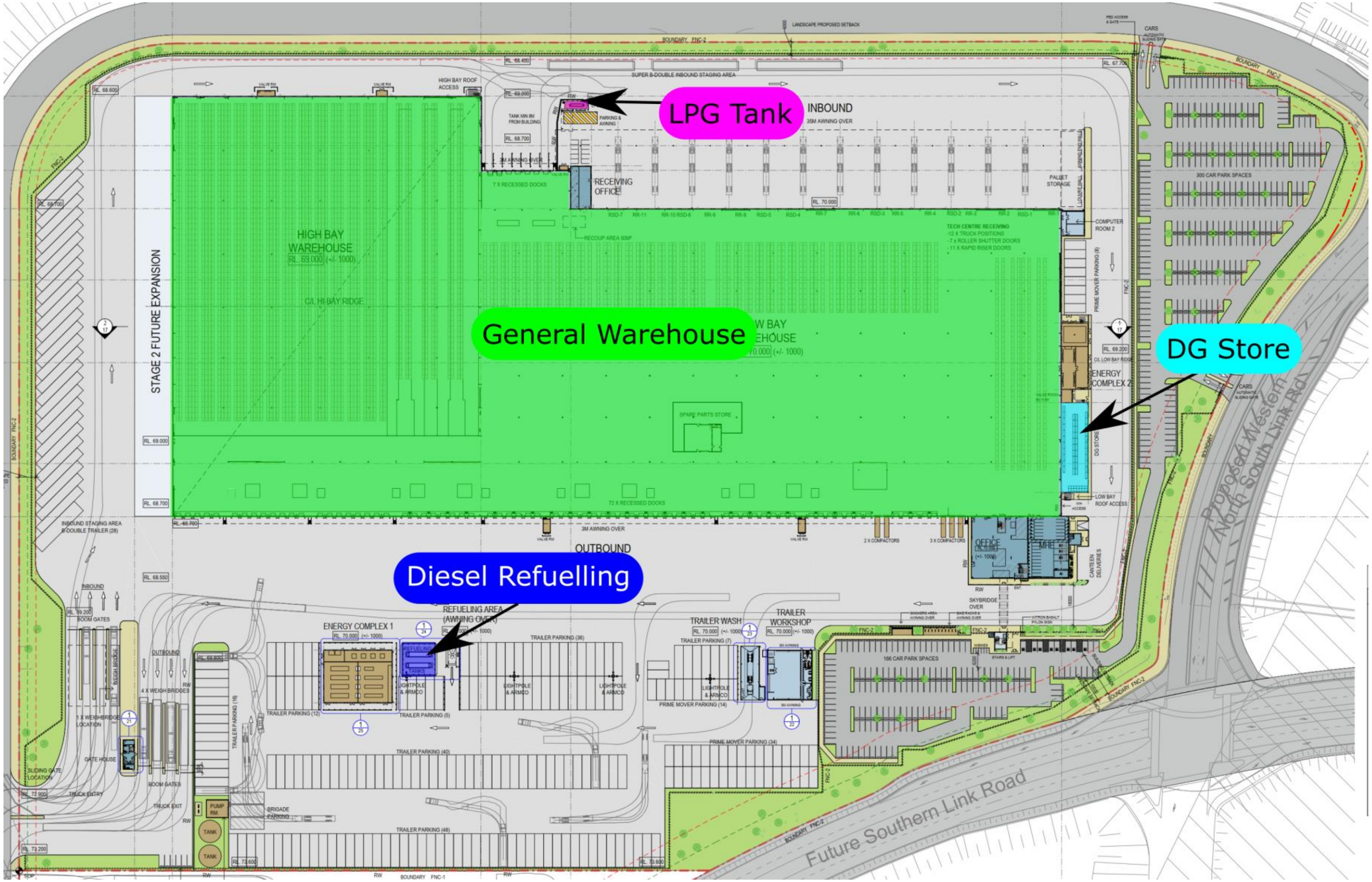

Figure 3-2: Site Layout

4.0 Hazard Identification

4.1 Introduction

A hazard identification table has been developed and is presented at **Appendix A**. This table has been developed following the recommended approach in Hazardous Industry Planning Advisory Paper No .6, Hazard Analysis Guidelines (Ref. [4]). The Hazard Identification Table provides a summary of the potential hazards, consequences and safeguards at the site. The table has been used to identify the hazards for further assessment in this section of the study. Each hazard is identified in detail and no hazards have been eliminated from assessment by qualitative risk assessment prior to detailed hazard assessment in this section of the study.

In order to determine acceptable impact criteria for incidents that would not be considered for further analysis, due to limited impact offsite, the following approach has been applied:

- *Fire Impacts* - It is noted in Hazardous Industry Planning Advisory Paper (HIPAP) No. 4 (Ref. [2]) that a criterion is provided for the maximum permissible heat radiation at the site boundary (4.7 kW/m^2) above which the risk of injury may occur and therefore the risk must be assessed. Hence, to assist in screening those incidents that do not pose a significant risk, for this study, incidents that result in a heat radiation less that at 4.7 kW/m^2, at the site boundary, are screened from further assessment.

  Those incidents exceeding 4.7 kW/m^2 at the site boundary are carried forward for further assessment (i.e. frequency and risk). This is a conservative approach, as HIPAP No. 4 (Ref. [2]) indicates that values of heat radiation of 4.7 kW/m^2 should not exceed 50 chances per million per year at sensitive land uses (e.g. residential). It is noted that the closest residential area is more than several hundred meters from the site, hence, by selecting 4.7 kW/m^2 as the consequence impact criteria (at the adjacent industrial site boundary) the assessment is considered conservative.

- *Explosion* - It is noted in HIPAP No. 4 (Ref. [2]) that a criterion is provided for the maximum permissible explosion over pressure at the site boundary (7 kPa) above which the risk of injury may occur and therefore the risk must be assessed. Hence, to assist in screening those incidents that do not pose a significant risk, for this study, incidents that result in an explosion overpressure less than 7 kPa, at the site boundary, are screened from further assessment. Those incidents exceeding 7 kPa, at the site boundary, are carried forward for further assessment (i.e. frequency and risk). Similarly, to the heat radiation impact discussed above, this is conservative as the 7 kPa value listed in HIPAP No. 4 relates to residential areas, which are over more than several hundred meters from the site.

- *Toxicity* – Toxic substances have been proposed to be stored at the site; hence, toxicity has been assessed.

- *Property Damage and Accident Propagation* - It is noted in HIPAP No. 4 (Ref. [2]) that a criterion is provided for the maximum permissible heat radiation/explosion overpressure at the site boundary (23 kW/m^2/14 kPa) above which the risk of property damage and accident propagation to neighbouring sites must be assessed. Hence, to assist in screening those incidents that do not pose a significant risk to incident propagation, for this study, incidents that result in a heat radiation heat radiation less than 23 kW/m^2 and explosion over pressure less than 14 kPa, at the site boundary, are screened from further assessment. Those incidents exceeding 23 kW/m^2 at the site boundary are carried forward for further assessment with respect to incident propagation (i.e. frequency and risk).

- *Societal Risk* – HIPAP No. 4 (Ref. [2]) discusses the application of societal risk to populations surrounding the proposed potentially hazardous facility. It is noted that HIPAP No. 4 indicates that where a development proposal involves a significant intensification of population, in the vicinity of such a facility, the change in societal risk needs to be taken into account. In the case of the facility, there is currently no significant intensification of population around the proposed site; however, the adjacent land has been rezoned residential; hence, there will be housing located approximately more than several hundred meters from the site. Therefore, societal risk has been considered in the assessment.

4.2 Properties of Dangerous Goods

The type of DGs and quantities stored and used at the site has been described in **Section 3**. **Table 4-1** provides a description of the DGs stored and handled at the site, including the Class and the hazardous material properties of the DG Class.

Table 4-1: Properties* of the Dangerous Goods and Materials Stored at the Site

Class	Hazardous Properties
1.4s – Explosives	Class 1.4s are a sub-designation of explosives which covers explosive products which include blasting caps, small arms, ammunition. Essentially, Class 1.4s contains explosives with relatively low risk (compared to other explosives) they are not shock sensitive and are contained within enclosed products. Products likely to be stored at CA include party poppers, sparklers, etc.
2.1 – Flammable Gas	Class 2.1 includes flammable gases which are ignitable when in a mixture of 13 per cent or less by volume with air or have a flammable range with air of at least 12 percentage points regardless of the lower flammable limit. Ignited gas may result in explosion or flash fire. Where gas released under pressure from a hole in a pressurised component is ignited, a jet fire may occur.
2.2 – Non-Flammable, Non-Toxic Gases	Class 2.2 includes non-flammable and non-toxic gases which are asphyxiant (dilute or replace the oxygen normally in the atmosphere).
3 – Flammable Liquids	Class 3 includes flammable liquids which are liquids, or mixtures of liquids, or liquids containing solids in solution or suspension (for example, paints, varnishes, lacquers, etc.) which give off a flammable vapour at temperatures of not more than 60°C closed-cup test or not more than 65.6°C open-cup test. Vapours released may mix with air and if ignited, at the right, concentration will burn resulting in pool fires at the liquid surface.
4.1 – Flammable Solids	Flammable solid materials are materials that may burn when exposed to an ignition source, examples of flammable solids include matches and some waxes.
5.1 -Oxidising Agents	Class 5.1 materials will not combust but these materials include substances which can in a fire event, liberate oxygen and could accelerate the burning of other combustible or flammable materials. Releases to the environment may cause damage to sensitive receptors within the environment.
6.1 – Toxic Substances	Substances liable either to cause death or serious injury or to harm human health if swallowed or inhaled or by skin contact.

Class	Hazardous Properties
8 – Corrosive Substances	Class 8 substances (corrosive substances) are substances which, by chemical action, could cause damage when in contact with living tissue (i.e. necrosis), or, in case of leakage, may materially damage, or even destroy, other goods which come into contact with the leaked corrosive material. Releases to the environment may cause damage to sensitive receptors within the environment.
9 – Miscellaneous DGs	Class 9 substances and articles (miscellaneous dangerous substances and articles) are substances and articles which, during transport present a danger not covered by other classes. Releases to the environment may cause damage to sensitive receptors within the environment.
C1/C2	C1/C2 products are not classified as a DGs; however, they are combustible liquids. Therefore, it may sustain combustion although initial ignition is difficult due to the high flash point of the material. Combustible liquids do not generate flammable vapours which eliminates the potential for flash fire or explosions to occur when confined.

* The Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail (Ref. [11]

4.3 Hazard Identification

Based on the hazard identification table presented in **Appendix A**, the following hazardous scenarios have been developed:

- Flammable liquid or gas release, delayed ignition and flash fire or explosion.
- Flammable material spill, ignition and racking fire.
- LPG release (from aerosol), ignition and racking fire.
- Full warehouse fire and radiant heat.
- Full warehouse fire and toxic smoke emission.
- Dangerous goods liquid spill, release and environmental incident.
- Warehouse fire, sprinkler activation and potentially contaminated water release.
- LPG release, ignition and pool fire.
- LPG unloading incident, hose rupture, LPG release, ignition and jet fire.
- LPG release and ignition causing flash fire or explosion.
- LPG unloading incident, hose rupture, LPG release, ignition and jet fire and impact on LPG delivery tanker and Boiling Liquid Expanding Vapour Explosion (BLEVE).
- LPG unloading incident, hose rupture, LPG release, ignition and jet fire and impact on LPG tank and BLEVE.
- Diesel tank, damage and release, ignition and fire.
- Diesel tank, damage and release to environment.
- LPG cylinder release, ignition, and flash fire or explosion.

Each identified scenario is discussed in further detail in the following sections.

4.4 Flammable Liquid or Gas Release, Delayed Ignition and Flash Fire or Explosion

As noted in **Section 3.0**, flammable liquids will be held at the site for storage and distribution. There is potential that a flammable liquid spill could occur in the warehouse area due to an accident (packages dropped from forklift, punctured by forklift tines) or deterioration of packaging. If a flammable liquid spill occurred, the liquid may begin to evaporate (depending on the material flashpoint and ambient temperature). Where materials do evaporate, there is a potential for accumulation of vapours, forming a vapour cloud above the spill.

If the spill is not identified, the cloud may continue to accumulate, eventually contacting an ignition source. If the cloud is confined (i.e. pallet racking and stored products) the vapour cloud may explode if ignited, or, if it is unconfined, it may result in a flash fire which would burn back to the flammable liquid spill, resulting in a pool fire.

A similar scenario could occur with the release of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) from an aerosol; however, the formation of a gas cloud would occur immediately as the LPG would instantly flash to gas following release from the canister. It is noted that the potential for a release of LPG is low as aerosol canisters are pressure tested during manufacture and filling, hence, release would predominately result from damaged product rather than deterioration.

A review of the product list to be stored indicates the products are small retail packages as defined by AS/NZS 3833:2007 (Ref. [5]). Therefore, the release from a single flammable liquid container would result in a release <20 L. For flammable gas canisters, the quantity of flammable gas released would be <1 L in the worst-case release. The associated vapour cloud formed by the release of gas or flammable liquid would be insufficient to result in offsite impacts from ignition.

Packages are inspected for damage upon receipt at the loading dock before they are transported into the warehouse. This minimises the likelihood a damaged package is incorrectly stored. Once stored inside the warehouse, deterioration or damage are unlikely to occur.

To minimise the likelihood a flammable vapour cloud may contact an ignition source, the electrical equipment within the DG store hazardous zone will be installed according to the requirements of AS/NZS 60079.14:2017 (Ref. [9]).

It has been proposed to seek approval to operate the site 24 hours a day 7 days a week however the site will be unlikely to be used for these proposed hours of operation. Therefore, if a spill occurred, it would be identified by personnel working in the warehouse where it could be immediately cleaned up. To ensure appropriate cleaning equipment is available, the following recommendation has been made:

- Multiple spill kits be provided around the DG storage areas to ensure spills can be cleaned up immediately following identification.

Explosives will be stored at the site which will be Class 1.4S which is a subclassification of explosives covering ammunition, blasting caps, etc. These products are finished products that contain small quantities of explosives. In the case of CA, these products will consist of sparklers and party popper type products. As the products contain only small quantities of explosives a large explosion would not occur. Rather, if exposed to heat (i.e. from a fire) the packaging will burn exposing the explosives which will then ignite resulting in a more aggressive fire. The combustion profile of these products would be similar to ignition of aerosols (i.e. constant flames from combustion of packaging punctuated by the increase burning rate of the LPG when the can ruptures). Nonetheless, combustion of such products would not be expected to result in a pressure wave as there is insufficient explosive mass in a dense form.

Based on the warehouse design (controlled ignition sources, etc.), operation practices and the storage of small packages, the risk of a vapour cloud being generated that is large enough to ignite and impact over the site boundary, by way of a vapour cloud explosion or a flash fire, is considered to be low (if not negligible); hence, this hazard has not been carried forward for further analysis.

4.5 Flammable Material Spill, Ignition and Racking Fire

As noted in **Section 4.4**, it is considered that there is a low potential for a package to leak resulting in a flammable material spill and there are several controls in place to minimise the likelihood of a damaged container entering the warehouse and additional controls to minimise the potential that ignition of a flammable material spill could occur.

If a flammable material spill was to occur (e.g. dropped pallet or package during handling) and it was ignited (e.g. by the forklift), the fire would initially be small due to the majority of packages stored being 20 L or less. While a fire would be limited in size, heat generated may impact adjacent packages which may deteriorate and release their contents contributing additional fuel to the fire. As the fire grows Storage Mode Sprinkler System (SMSS) would activate controlling the fire within the sprinkler array and cooling adjacent packages preventing deterioration and reducing the potential for fire growth.

Based on the limited fire size, the design of the warehouse and the installed fire systems, the risks of this incident impacting over the site boundary are considered to be low. Notwithstanding this, this incident has been carried forward for further analysis to demonstrate that the likely impact of an SMSS controlled fire is within the site boundary.

4.6 LPG Release (from Aerosol), Ignition and Racking Fire

As noted in **Section 4.4**, the potential for release of LPG from an aerosol is considered low due to the quality assurance testing on aerosol canisters during the filling process. The release of LPG would likely result from damage to aerosols during transport and storage rather than from deterioration. Packages are inspected upon delivery and an accident involving aerosols would trigger an additional inspection to verify that damage had not occurred prior to storage within the warehouse.

Notwithstanding this, there is the potential for a release of LPG to occur within the storage racking. Due to the hazardous area rated equipment within the area and protocols, it is considered unlikely for an ignition to occur; however, in the event that an ignition of an LPG release did occur a fire could result.

The fire would consume the packaging with the generated heat impacting the adjacent aerosols. As the LPG within the adjacent aerosols expands the canisters may rupture releasing LPG which would ignite and rocket the canister throughout the aerosol cage potentially spreading the fire.

As the fire grows, the SMSS is expected to activate to suppress the fire and cool adjacent packages to minimise the potential for aerosol rupture and rocketing. Activation of this system would control the fire within the sprinkler array.

A sprinkler-controlled fire within the aerosol racking would be unlikely to impact over the site boundary; notwithstanding this, this incident has been carried forward for consequence analysis.

Notwithstanding the above, the following recommendation has been made:

- Aerosols shall be stored in a dedicated storage area which prevents rocketing cans from escalating the incident (i.e. storage in an aerosol cage, separate storage area, or in palletised aerosol cages).

4.7 Full Warehouse Fire and Radiant Heat

There is potential that if a fire occurred and the fire protection systems failed to activate, a small fire may escalate as radiant heat impacts adjacent packages resulting in deterioration and release of additional fuel. While it is considered unlikely for a fire to occur simultaneously with the sprinkler system failing to operate there is the potential for this scenario to occur. Therefore, this incident has been carried forward for further analysis.

4.8 Full Warehouse Fire and Toxic Smoke Emission

As discussed in **Section 4.7** there is the potential for a full warehouse fire to occur in the event of sprinkler failure. During combustion toxic products of combustion may be generated which will be dispersed in the smoke plume which may impact downwind from the site. Depending on the toxicity of the bi-products, this may result in injury or fatality. Therefore, this incident has been carried forward for further analysis.

4.9 Dangerous Goods Liquid Spill, Release and Environmental Incident

There is potential that a spill of the liquid DGs (Class 3, 4.1, 5.1, 6.1, 8 and 9, and C1/C2) could occur at the site which if not contained could be released into the public water course resulting in a potential environmental incident.

To prevent spills escaping from the site per the requirements of AS/NZS 3833:2007 (Ref. [5]) the following recommendation has been made:

- The site shall be designed to contain any spills or contaminated water from a fire incident within the boundaries of the site.

The site will also be designed to prevent the release of any spills from the site, including potentially contaminated water. Therefore, the potential for a release is considered unlikely as this is expected to be contained within the footprint of the warehouse. Nonetheless, in the event of a catastrophic scenario and spills are released from the footprint of the warehouse, it will be necessary to prevent this from being released into the public water course. Therefore, the following recommendation has been made:

- A storm water isolation point (i.e. penstock isolation valve) shall be incorporated into the design. The penstock shall automatically isolate the storm water system upon detection of a fire (smoke or sprinkler activation) to prevent potentially contaminated liquids from entering the water course.

As noted, the volumes of the packages are small (< 20 L) and the site will be designed with a drain isolation system, allowing the containment of any spills within the premises; hence, in the event of a release the full volume will be contained within the warehouse area. As a spill would be contained within the bund/site drainage there is no potential for an environmental incident to occur; hence, this incident has not been carried forward for further analysis.

4.10 Warehouse Fire, Sprinkler Activation and Potentially Contaminated Water Release

In the event of a fire, the SMSS will activate discharging fire with water to control and suppress the fire. Contact of the fire water with DGs may result in contamination which, if released to the local watercourse, could result in environmental damage. The SMSS system delivers approximately 5 m^3/min of water which, if operated for a long period, may result in overflow of site bunding and potential release. The facility has been designed to be able to contain all DG spills and liquid effluent resulting from the management of an incident (i.e. fire) within the premises.

The site will hold 60 minutes of water storage on site as required by FM Global standards; hence, to allow for additional conservatism, following a risk assessment methodology as outlined by the Department of Planning document "*Best Practice Guidelines for Potentially Contaminated Water Retention and Treatment Systems"* (Ref. [7]), an allowance of 90 minutes of potentially contaminated water has been selected noting this includes all sources of application (i.e. onsite storage and towns mains) thus far exceeding the 60 minute on site storage. In a DG fire scenario, the following protection systems are likely to be discharging:

- SMSS at 5 m^3/min.
- 3 hydrant hoses at 1.8 m^3/min.

The total water discharge would be 6.8 m^3/min. Therefore, operation for 90 minutes would result in a total discharge of 612 m^3. The following recommendation has been made:

- The warehouse and/or site boundaries shall be capable of containing 612 m^3 which may be contained within the warehouse footprint, site stormwater pipework and any recessed docks or other containment areas that may be present as part of the site design.
- The civil engineers designing the site containment shall demonstrate the design is capable of containing at least 612 m^3.

As noted in **Section 4.9**, an automatic isolation valve has been recommended to be incorporated into the design to prevent the release of potentially contaminated water. Therefore, the volume within the stormwater system can also be used in calculation total volume contained.

Based on the design and containment for the premises, there is adequate fire water retention to meet the '*Best Practice Guidelines for Contaminated Water Retention and Treatment Systems*" (Ref. [7]), hence, this incident has not been carried forward for further analysis.

4.11 LPG Release, Ignition and Pool Fire

In the event of a small leak from a vessel or pipework a pool of LPG may form when the rate of evaporation of LPG is less than the flow rate of LPG from the leak. If the pool were to ignite a LPG pool fire would occur which may impact over the site boundary.

A leak sufficient to cause a release that exceeds the evaporation rate to develop a pool large enough to ignite (noting the area is zoned per the requirements of AS/NZS 60079.10.1:2009, Ref. [8]) and the subsequent fire to impact over the site boundary is very low. This is substantiated by numerous similar sized LPG tanks installed throughout Australia with very low incidences of leaks and fires occurring from such installations.

As the potential for a leak and LPG pool and subsequent ignition to occur is incredibly low, this incident has not been carried forward for further analysis.

4.12 LPG Unloading Incident, Hose Rupture, LPG Release, Ignition and Jet Fire

As the site LPG is depleted, it will be refilled by a delivery tanker at the site. During loading of the tank there is the potential for the hose to rupture which may be the result of a puncture of the hosing or deterioration through general wear and tear. It has been assumed the hoses are inspected monthly and pressure tested annually in accordance with the Australian Dangerous Goods Code (ADG, Ref. [12]).

Notwithstanding this, there is the potential for a hose to become damaged between inspection and test periods which may lead to sufficient deterioration resulting in a hose rupture when transferring pressurised LPG. Excess flow and non-return valves will isolate the flow of LPG; however, if these fail in addition to a hose rupture, LPG will be released resulting in an LPG vapour cloud. The operator may be able to respond and isolate the LPG transfer by activating an emergency stop button located on the tanker.

If the operator is incapacitated or unable to stop the transfer, the LPG will continue to flow developing a substantial cloud which may contact an ignition source and ignite which would result in a flash fire or explosion which would burn back to the release point and subsequent jet fire. It is noted the area is unconfined; hence, an explosion is unlikely to occur and would likely result in a flash fire.

The potential for a fatality to occur as a result of a flash fire is not considered credible as the mechanism for a fatality to occur from a flash fire is via combustion of flammable vapours at head height which results in oxygen within the lungs being consumed as the fuel burns. The impacted person will involuntarily inhale, as low oxygen is detected, resulting in inhalation of hot combustion products which burn the sensitive lining of the lungs. As LPG is a dense gas, any release will spread along at ground level and due to the open nature of the site it will not accumulate to a level where a person offsite will be fully engulfed; hence, a fatality is unlikely to occur.

While a flash fire may not be expected to cause significant harm, the impacts from a jet fire are likely to be substantial and would impact over the site boundary; hence, this incident has been carried forward for further analysis.

4.13 LPG Release and Ignition Causing Flash Fire or Explosion

In the event of an LPG release, LPG will vapourise forming a flammable atmosphere which may ignite. A review of the area indicates the tank will not be stored in an area where confinement will occur; hence, the atmosphere would not ignite as an explosion but would rather result in a flash fire.

As noted in **Section 4.12**, the mechanism for a fatality to occur from a flash fire is inhalation of hot combustion products when a person is fully engulfed in a vapour cloud when ignition occurs. As LPG is a dense gas it will spread out at ground level as there is no confinement to allow the gas to accumulate at height; therefore, it is unlikely that a vapour cloud would form to allow a person to be fully engulfed; hence, a fatality would be unlikely to occur.

Furthermore, AS/NZS 1596:2014 (Ref. [13]) has been developed with reference to the likely impact scenarios from storage of LPG in various tank sizes. Review of Table 6.1 of AS/NZS 1596:2014 (Ref. [13]) indicates for a 7.5 kL tank the separation distance to a protected place is approximately 6 m. Therefore, the standard would consider that in open air, events resulting from a release from the tank would be unlikely to significantly impact >6 m.

A catastrophic failure of an LPG tank (i.e. rupture and full release of LPG) is considered incredible due to the manufacturing and regular testing of pressure vessels according to AS 1210:2010 (Ref. [14]).

As the area is unconfined and the location of the tank provides adequate separation to the site boundary and protected places it is considered that a fatality would not result from this incident; hence, this incident has not been carried forward for further analysis.

4.14 LPG Unloading Incident, Hose Rupture, LPG Release, Ignition and Jet Fire and Impact on LPG Delivery Tanker and BLEVE

Similarly, to the scenario described in **Section 4.13** the hose may rupture resulting in a jet fire. If this jet fire were aimed at the delivery tanker, the tanker shell would begin to heat, transferring the heat into the LPG within the tank which would begin to vaporise and increase the pressure within the tanker. At the design pressure of the tank, the pressure relief valve will begin to lift to relieve pressure within the tanker.

As the liquid level within the tanker drops, the impact zone of the jet fire may impact the vapour space in the tanker. The vapour will absorb less energy than the liquid which will result in localised heating of the tanker shell at the point of the jet fire impact. This may compromise the structural integrity of the tanker shell which may rupture resulting in a blast overpressure as the vessel fails and formation of an LPG vapour cloud which may also ignite resulting in a vapour cloud explosion known as a Boiling Liquid Expanding Vapour Explosion (BLEVE). This incident has been carried forward to assess the potential impact zone.

4.15 LPG Unloading Incident, Hose Rupture, LPG Release, Ignition and Jet Fire and Impact on LPG Tank and BLEVE

Similarly, to the scenario described in **Section 4.13** the hose may rupture resulting in a jet fire. If this jet fire were aimed at the tank, the tank shell would begin to heat, transferring the heat into the LPG within the tank which would begin to vaporise and increase the pressure within the tank which may result in a BLEVE as described in **Section 4.14**. Hence this incident has been carried forward for further analysis.

4.16 Diesel Tank, Damage and Release, Ignition and Fire

Diesel will be stored in a small integrally bunded tanks for to be used in a generator set. The tank will be designed according to Clause 5.9 of AS 1940:2017 (Ref. [15]); hence, the tank will be capable of containing the full volume of the liquid within the separate tanks, should deterioration of the internal tank occur.

There is potential for overfilling to occur if the overfill sensors and alarms fail and the operator fails to respond to an overfill which may result in a spill. However, diesel is classified as a combustible liquid; hence, it does not emit flammable vapours at ambient temperatures and subsequently it is difficult to ignite.

Finally, a release may occur if a vehicle were to impact the tanks as this may damage both the primary and secondary tanks. The diesel tanks will be protected by impact protection which will prevent any wayward vehicles from contacting the tank; hence, catastrophic damage is unlikely to occur.

As the tanks have been designed to fully contain failure of the internal tank, the potential for releases externally to the tank is considered to be low. In addition, the potential for diesel to ignite is very low due to the high flash point; therefore, this incident has not been carried forward for further analysis.

4.17 Diesel Tank, Damage and Release to Environment

As discussed in **Section 4.16**, the potential for diesel to spill externally to the tank is low due to the double skinned nature of the tanks, the overfill protections, trained operators being present during transfers and impact protection. Therefore, a major release of diesel is not considered a credible event and is not carried forward for further analysis.

4.18 LPG Cylinder Release, Ignition, and Flash Fire or Explosion

An LPG cylinder will be provided to provide gases for the onsite kitchen. The cylinders may be damaged during transport or installation, alternatively, the valve or pipework may deteriorate resulting in minor cracks and subsequent gas releases which may accumulate within the area which if ignited could result in a flash fire or explosion.

A review of the quantity of gas indicates the storage would be classified as a minor storage per AS 4332-2004 (Ref. [16]) which indicates the storage quantity is relatively minor. The cylinders would be located externally do the building and would therefore be adequately ventilated preventing the accumulation of gases.

In addition, the area will be subject to a hazardous area classification ensuring any electrical equipment located near the cylinders would be compliant with AS/NZS 60079.14:2017 (Ref. [9]) minimising the potential for an ignition.

Finally, as the store is small, any release would be unlikely to result in sufficient accumulation that the vapour cloud would impact over the site boundary (i.e. for flash fire) or sufficient mass in the vapour cloud that if it did explode the overpressure would impact over the site boundary. Further, the potential for an explosion is incredibly low as there is insufficient confinement as the cylinders are located externally.

As it is considered that the potential for an offsite incident to occur isn't credible this incident has not been carried forward for further analysis.

5.0 Consequence Analysis

The following incidents were identified to have potential to impact off site:

5.1 Incidents Carried Forward for Consequence Analysis

The following incidents were identified to have potential to impact off site:

- Flammable material spill, ignition and racking fire.
- LPG release (from aerosol), ignition and racking fire.
- Full warehouse fire and radiant heat.
- Full warehouse fire and toxic smoke emission.
- LPG unloading incident, hose rupture, LPG release, ignition and jet fire.
- LPG unloading incident, hose rupture, LPG release, ignition and jet fire and impact on LPG delivery tanker and Boiling Liquid Expanding Vapour Explosion (BLEVE).
- LPG unloading incident, hose rupture, LPG release, ignition and jet fire and impact on LPG tank and BLEVE.

Each incident has been assessed in the following sections.

5.2 Flammable Material Spill, Ignition and Racking Fire

There is the potential for a fire to develop involving flammable material stored within the warehouse resulting in a racking fire. As the fire grows the SMSS would activate suppressing and controlling the fire while cooling adjacent packages minimising the potential for lateral spread due to radiant heat. A detailed analysis has been conducted in **Appendix B** and the radiant heat impact distances estimated for this scenario are presented in **Table 5-1**.

Table 5-1: Heat Radiation from a Flammable Liquid Racking Fire

Heat Radiation (kW/m^2)	Distance (m)	
	Base Case	Sensitivity
35	4.6	8.5
23	5.6	10.3
12.6	7.5	13.7
4.7	12.0	22.2
3.0		

The closest site boundary to the warehouse is to the west and is located 42 m from the warehouse structure Therefore, a fire originating in this area of the warehouse would not result in offsite impacts at 4.7 kW/m^2 in both the base case and the sensitivity case scenarios as illustrated in **Figure 5-1**.

A review of the 23 kW/m^2 impact distance indicates an offsite impact would not occur as neither contour for base case nor sensitivity case impact over the site boundary. Therefore, it is not considered that a propagation risk is present based on the radiant heat levels observed for this fire scenario.

As no offsite impacts for the scenario at 4.7 kW/m^2 nor 23 kW/m^2 were identified, this incident has not been carried forward for further analysis.

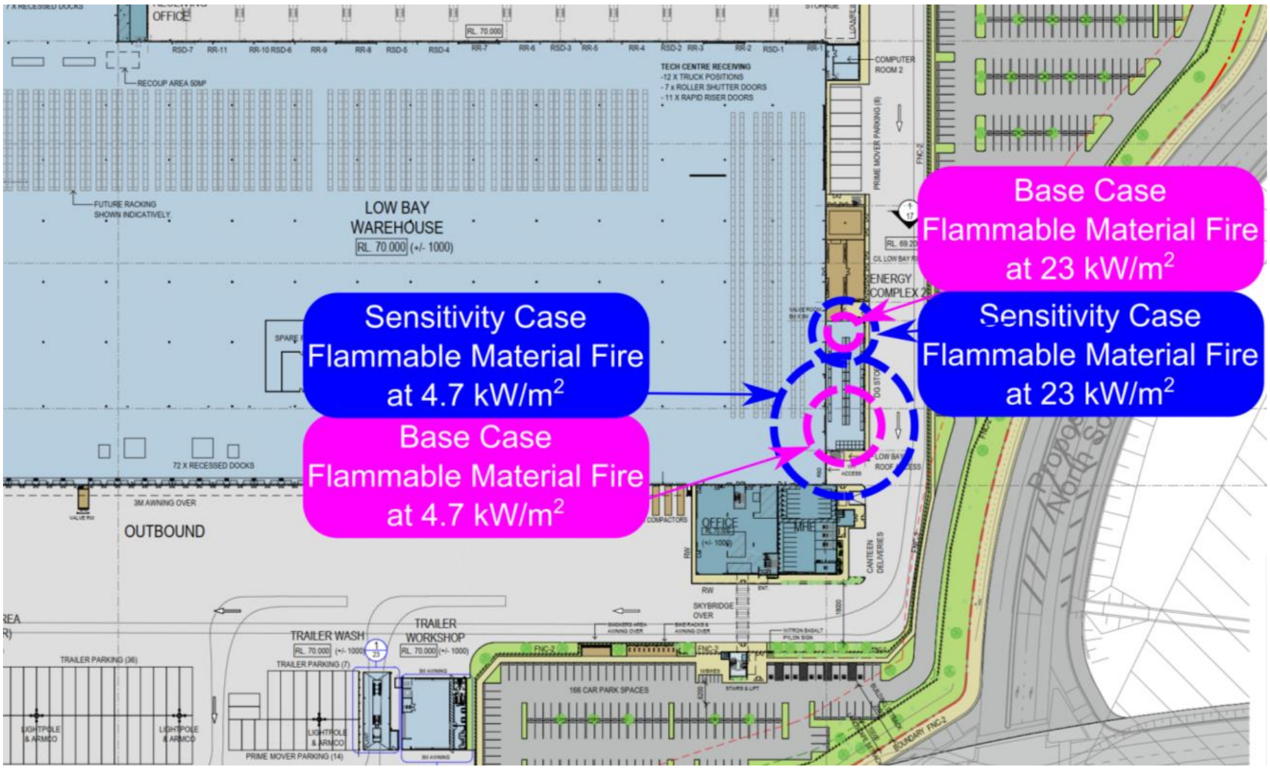

Figure 5-1: Sprinkler Controlled Flammable Material Fire Radiant Heat Contours

5.3 LPG Release (from Aerosol), Ignition and Racking Fire

A damaged aerosol canister could result in the release of LPG which if ignited may result in a fire. As the fire grows the radiant heat may impact adjacent aerosol storage heating the LPG within aerosol cans which may rupture rocketing the canisters around the aerosol store. The heat generated from the fire will activate the SMSS which will suppress and control the fire while cooling adjacent packages minimising the potential for lateral fire spread due to radiant heat. A detailed analysis has been conducted in **Appendix B** and the radiant heat impact distances estimated for this scenario are presented in **Table 5-2**.

Table 5-2: Heat Radiation from an Aerosol Racking Fire

Heat Radiation (kW/m^2)	Distance (m)	
	Base Case	Sensitivity
35	5.4	10.1
23	6.5	12.1
12.6	8.6	15.9
4.7	13.7	25.5

The closest site boundary to the warehouse is to the east and is located 42 m from the DG store. Therefore, a fire originating in this area of the warehouse would not result in offsite impacts at 4.7 kW/m^2 in both the base case and the sensitivity case scenarios as illustrated in **Figure 5-2**.

A review of the 23 kW/m^2 impact distance indicates an offsite impact would not occur as neither contour for base case nor sensitivity case impact over the site boundary. Therefore, it is not considered that a propagation risk is present based on the radiant heat levels observed for this fire scenario.

As no offsite impacts for the scenario at 4.7 kW/m^2 nor 23 kW/m^2 were identified, this incident has not been carried forward for further analysis.

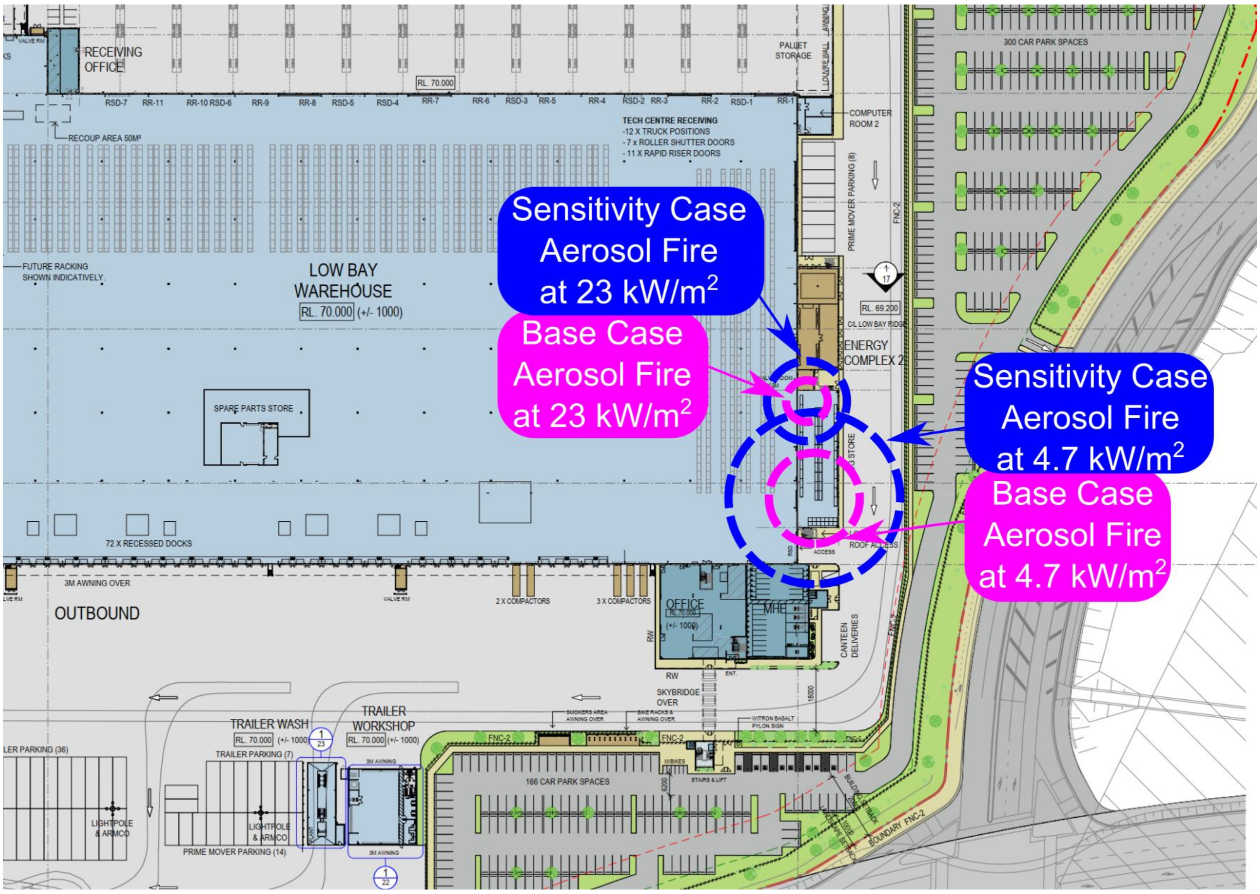

Figure 5-2: Sprinkler Controlled Aerosol Fire Radiant Heat Contours

5.4 Full Warehouse Fire and Radiant Heat

If a fire occurs within the DG store and the sprinkler systems fail to activate, the fire will spread throughout the warehouse and is unlikely to be contained and would likely consume the entire warehouse. A detailed analysis has been conducted in **Appendix B** and the radiant heat impact distances estimated for this scenario are presented in **Table 5-3**.

Table 5-3: Radiant Heat Impact Distances from a Full Warehouse Fire

Heat Radiation (kW/m2)	Distance (m)
35	Maximum heat flux is 20*
23	Maximum heat flux is 20*
12.6	55.0
4.7	124.0

*Based on the research by Mudan & Croche reported in Lees (Ref. [17]) & Cameron/Raman (Ref. [18])

As shown in **Figure 5-3**, the radiant heat impacts at 4.7 kW/m^2 extend over the site boundary; hence, there is the potential for a fatality at the site boundary to occur. Therefore, this incident has been carried forward for further analysis.

It is noted that due to the fire size there will be considerable smoke emitted which would obscure the flame surface reducing the average surface emissive power (SEP) and subsequently it would not exceed 23 kW/m^2. In addition, the distance to the closest buildings is 23 m which would allow attenuation of radiant heat from of luminous spots and would not result in sustained radiant heat such that propagation to adjacent facilities would not occur.

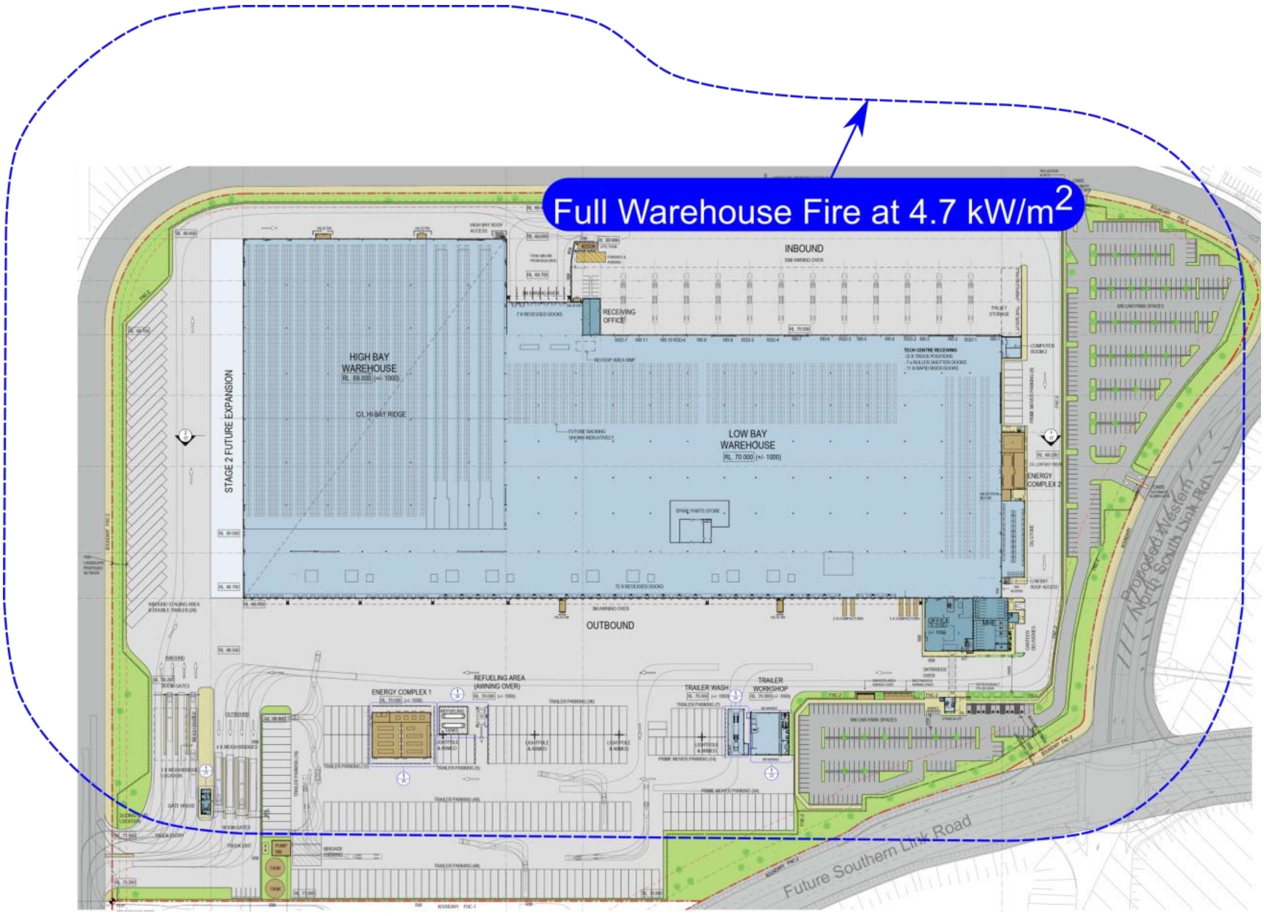

Figure 5-3: Full Warehouse Fire Radiant Heat Contours

5.5 Full Warehouse Fire and Toxic Smoke Emission

A detailed analysis has been performed in **Section B9** of **Appendix B** to estimate the impact of toxic products of combustion on the surrounding area. In addition, it was concluded that due to the relatively low quantity of toxic products that may be stored in the warehouse, and a substantial portion of toxic products involved in a fire will actually be combusted, the results generated from the assessment of toxic bi-products would provide a conservative analysis when applied to uncombusted toxic products.

Provided in **Table 5-4** is a summary of several toxic products of combustion which may be present in the smoke plume and their acceptable concentration of exposure for the Acute Exposure Guideline Levels (AEGL). These levels provide guidance on exposure concentrations for general populations, including susceptible populations over a range of exposure times to assist in the assessment of releases which may result in a toxic exposure.

Provide below is a summary of the AEGL tiers of exposure:

- **AEGL-3** is the airborne concentration, expressed as parts per million (ppm) or milligrams per cubic meter (mg/m^3), of a substance above which it is predicted that the general population, including susceptible individuals, could experience life-threatening health effects or death.
- **AEGL-2** is the airborne concentration (expressed as ppm or mg/m^3) of a substance above which it is predicted that the general population, including susceptible individuals, could experience irreversible or other serious, long-lasting adverse health effects or an impaired ability to escape.
- **AEGL-1** is the airborne concentration (expressed as ppm or mg/m^3) of a substance above which it is predicted that the general population, including susceptible individuals, could experience notable discomfort, irritation, or certain asymptomatic non-sensory effects. However, the effects are not disabling and are transient and reversible upon cessation of exposure.

Selection for fatality or serious injury is based on an AEGL-3 values with injury values selected as those based on AEGL-2. It is noted the report AEGL values are based on 30-minute exposure.

Table 5-4: Concentrations of Toxic Products of Combustion from a Smoke Plume

Pollutant	Fatality or Serious Injury (ppm)	Injury (ppm)	Concentration (ppm)
Carbon monoxide	600	150	20.9
Nitric Dioxide	25	15	19.6
Hydrogen cyanide	21	10	21.7
Hydrogen chloride	210	43	16.1
Sulphur dioxide	30	0.75	9.2

The analysis indicates all quantities are below the AEGL-3 values. It is noted the analysis conducted is based on the primary toxic bi-product (carbon monoxide) which forms at rates higher than other toxic bi-products. Therefore, application of this result to other components is considered conservative. As these concentrations are taken at the point of release, they will disperse downwind resulting in substantially lower concentrations at the residential areas.

With reference to injury, all values except for sulphur dioxide are below the AEGL-2 concentration. Similar to the above discussion, the concentrations are likely to disperse substantially prior to impacting the residential populations; hence, an injury is unlikely to occur.

Based on the analysis conducted, it is considered that the concentrations at the residential area are likely to be lower than the fatality and injury concentration levels based on the comparison to the fatality and injury targets at the point of release. Therefore, it is considered that fatality and injury are unlikely to occur as a result of this incident. Notwithstanding this, this incident has been carried forward for conservatism.

5.6 LPG Unloading Incident, Hose Rupture, LPG Release, Ignition and Jet Fire

There is the potential for a hose to rupture and release high pressure LPG if the excess flow valve on the tanker fails and operator intervention does not occur. If this stream ignited, a jet fire could occur. A detailed analysis has been conducted in **Appendix B10** for this scenario which indicates the jet fire would have an impact of distance of 38 m. The impact distances for this incident are shown in **Figure 5-4**.

There are several protection systems to prevent hose rupture including hose pressure testing and inspections, non-return valves on the tank and vehicle, excess flow valves on the tanker, earthing connections, ignition source controls. Therefore, it is unlikely that a release of LPG would occur and subsequent ignition.

Notwithstanding this, the impact distances from the jet fire would impact over the site boundary; hence, a fatality could occur. Therefore, this incident has been carried forward for further analysis.

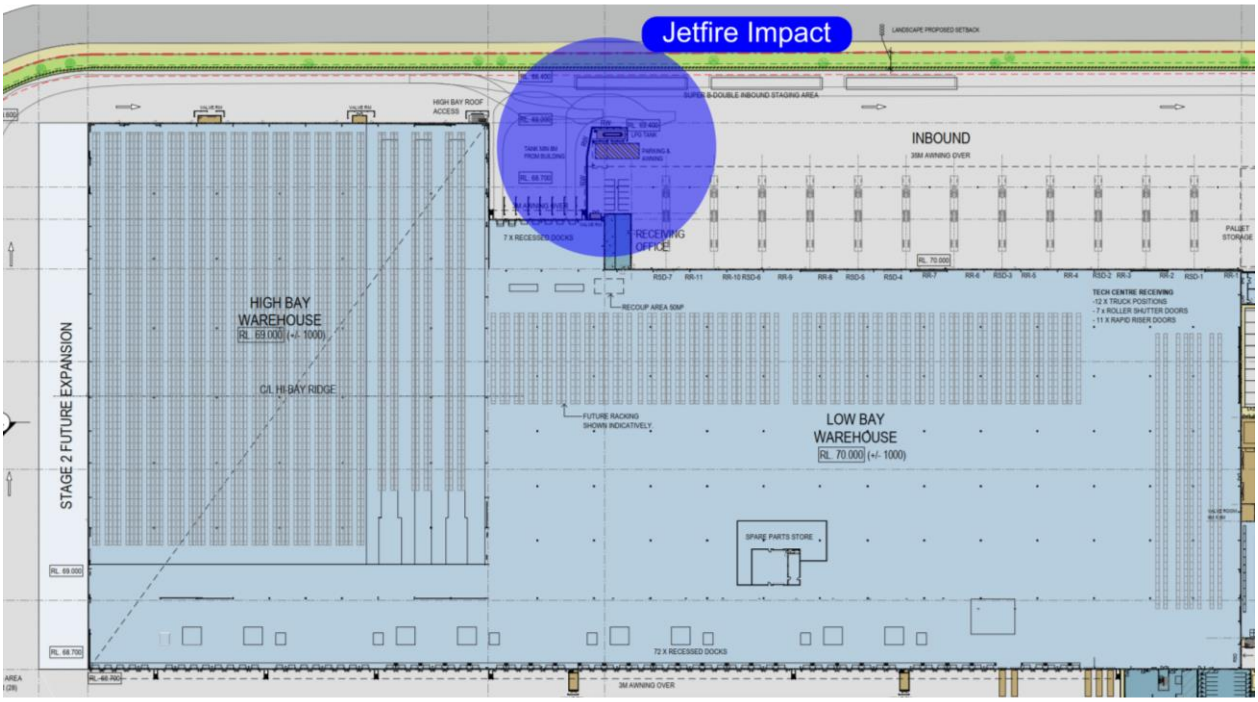

Figure 5-4: Impact from a Jet Fire

It is noted that while the incident impacts over the site boundary there are no areas where people may accumulate within the impact contour, nor does it impact high risk industries on adjacent land uses that may result in incident propagation. Therefore, it is considered the location of the LPG tank within the site to be appropriate.

5.7 LPG Unloading Incident, Hose Rupture, LPG Release, Ignition and Jet Fire and Impact on LPG Delivery Tanker and BLEVE

In the event of a jet fire and impingement on the delivery tanker there is potential for the LPG in the tanker to boil escalating to a BLEVE if intervention measures fail. A detailed analysis has been conducted in **Appendix B11** which indicates the diameter of the BLEVE would be 63.9 m and would last for 5.0 seconds. The impact distances for this incident are shown in **Figure 5-5**.

Similarly, to the jet fire scenario, several layers of protection are required to fail before the initiating event could occur. In addition, the jet fire would need to be impinged on the tanker before it could BLEVE which takes considerable time as the LPG must boil off such that the liquid level is below the impact point.

Notwithstanding this, the impact distances from the tanker BLEVE would impact over the site boundary; hence, a fatality could occur. Therefore, this incident has been carried forward for further analysis.

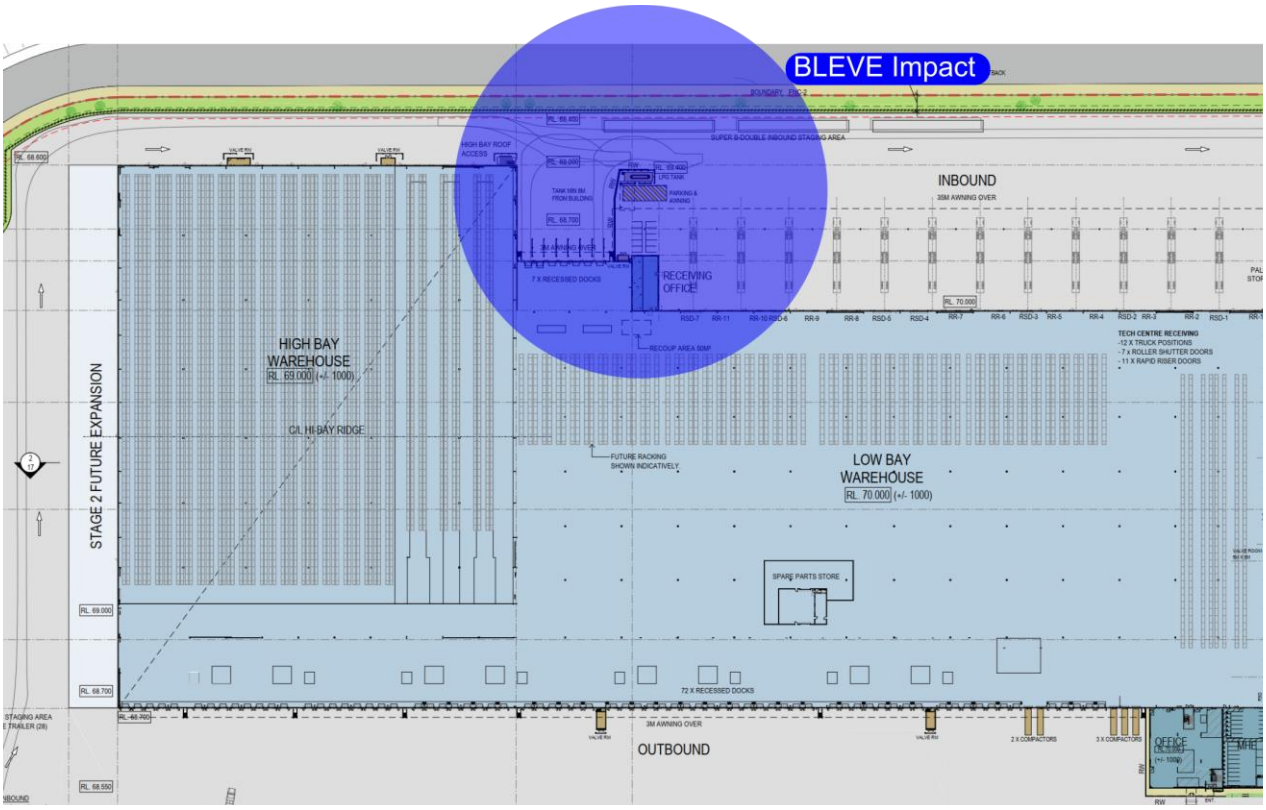

Figure 5-5: BLEVE Impact

It is noted that while the incident impacts over the site boundary there are no areas where people may accumulate within the impact contour, nor does it impact high risk industries on adjacent land uses that may result in incident propagation. Therefore, it is considered the location of the LPG tank within the site to be appropriate.

5.8 LPG Unloading Incident, Hose Rupture, LPG Release, Ignition and Jet Fire and Impact on LPG Tank and BLEVE

In the event of a jet fire and impingement on the LPG tank there is potential for the LPG in the tank to boil escalating to a BLEVE if intervention measures fail. A detailed analysis has been conducted in **Appendix B12** which indicates the diameter of the BLEVE would be 63.9 m and would last for 5 seconds. The impact distances for this incident are shown in **Figure 5-5** as this has the same fuel profile as the tanker scenario.

The impact distances from the Tank BLEVE would impact over the site boundary; hence, a fatality could occur. Therefore, this incident has been carried forward for further analysis.

It is noted that while the incident impacts over the site boundary there are no areas where people may accumulate within the impact contour, nor does it impact high risk industries on adjacent land uses that may result in incident propagation. Therefore, it is considered the location of the LPG tank within the site to be appropriate.

6.0 Frequency Analysis

6.1 Incidents Carried Forward for Frequency Analysis

The following item has been carried forwards for frequency analysis;

- Full warehouse fire and radiant heat.
- Full warehouse fire and toxic smoke emission.
- LPG unloading incident, hose rupture, LPG release, ignition and jet fire.
- LPG unloading incident, hose rupture, LPG release, ignition and jet fire and impact on LPG delivery tanker and Boiling Liquid Expanding Vapour Explosion (BLEVE).
- LPG unloading incident, hose rupture, LPG release, ignition and jet fire and impact on LPG tank and BLEVE.

This incident has been assessed in the following section.

6.2 Probability of Failure on Demand

The failure rates for each component identified in the safety systems which protect against the scenarios in the following sections were sourced from 3rd party databases such as; OREDA, Exida, UK Health and Safety Executive (HSE). A summary of the failure rate information has been conducted in **Appendix C**. Also included in this appendix are the calculations for the probability of failure on demand (PFD) for each component which is estimated using **Equation 7-1**.

$$PFD = \frac{1}{2}\lambda_{du}t$$ **Equation 7-1**

Where:

- λ_{du} = dangerous undetected failures of a component
- t = 1/number of test intervals per annum

6.3 Full Warehouse Fire Frequency and Risk Assessment

The frequency of a full warehouse fire at the site can be estimated from a number of sources (e.g. general warehouse fire frequencies or the summation of individual fire frequencies for each of the initiating fire events). As this is a preliminary hazard analysis, the fire frequency has been selected from general fire frequency data.

A detailed fire frequency analysis has been conducted in **Appendix C**. The results of this analysis indicate that an initiating fire frequency would be in the order of $1x10^{-3}$ p.a.

It is noted that the site is fitted with multiple automatic sprinkler systems that will initiate on fire detection, controlling the fire and preventing the fire growth to a full warehouse fire. The Centre for Chemical Process Safety (CCPS) provides failure rate data for water fire protection systems including all components (pump, distribution system, nozzles, seals, piping, controls and base plate) of 9.66 per 10^6 hours (Ref. [19]). The hourly failure rate is converted to failures per annum by:

Failures per Annum = Failures per hour x 8760 hours per year

Failures per Annum = $9.66x10^{6}$ x 8760 = 0.085

The system will only operate when a fire is detected; hence, the system operates in demand mode. The protection system will be tested monthly totalling 12 tests per annum. The probability of failure on demand (PFD) is estimated using:

$$PFD = \frac{1}{2}\lambda_{du}\left(\frac{1}{t}\right)$$

Where:

λ_{du} = dangerous undetected failures of a component

t = 1/number of test intervals per annum

PFD = 0.5 (0.085) (1/12) = 0.00353

Hence, the frequency of a full fire within the warehouse is the frequency of an initiating fire x the probability of fail on demand (PFD) of the automatic fire fighting system as shown in **Figure 6-1**.

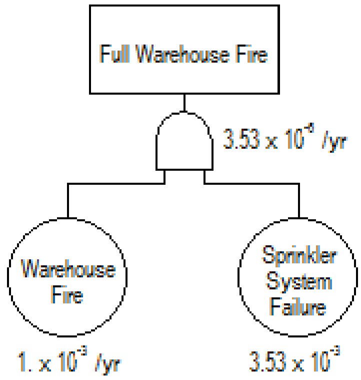

Figure 6-1: Full Warehouse Fire Fault Tree

Conservatively assuming a 100% chance of fatality at the site boundary for a person exposed to radiant heat from a full warehouse fire, the probability of fatality at the site boundary becomes 3.53×10^{-6} x 1 = 3.53×10^{-6} chances of fatality per year or 3.53 chances of a fatality in a million per year (pmpy).

6.4 Full Warehouse Fire and Toxic Smoke Emission Frequency and Risk Assessment

The toxic smoke emission (or toxic bi-products of combustion) is based on the initiating event which is the formation of a full warehouse fire. Therefore, the frequency of the toxic smoke emission is the same as that of the full warehouse which was identified to be 3.53×10^{-6} p.a.

For conservatism, it has been assumed exposure to the smoke will result in an fatality at the site boundary; therefore, the fatality risk of exposure to the toxic smoke becomes 3.53×10^{-6} x 1 = 3.53 chances pmpy.

6.5 LPG Release and ignition and jet fire

For a jet fire to occur, it is necessary for several of the layers of protection to fail such that a high-pressure LPG release is present prior to ignition and jet fire. A review of the safety systems at the sites indicates the following items must fail for a jet fire to occur:

- Rupture of the hose.
- Failure of the excess flow valve.

- Failure of the non-return valve.
- Failure of the emergency stop button to activate the isolation valves.
- Failure of the isolation valves.

Failure rate information for each component has been taken from **Appendix C** and is summarised in **Table 6-1**.

Table 6-1: Failure Rate Data

Component	PFD
Hose	$1.04x10^{-5}$ (Frequency)
Excess flow valve	$6.5x10^{-3}$
Non-return valve	$6.5x10^{-3}$
Emergency Stop	$2.71x10^{-5}$
Isolation Valves	$5x10^{-3}$

In addition to the components of the safety system to fail, it is necessary for the operator to fail to initiate an emergency stop and the release needs to ignite. HEART human error probabilities (Ref. [20]) and Human Factors in QRA (Ref. [21]) provide failure rates of operators for tasks similar to that required by an operator to initiate an emergency stop. These are;

- Routine, highly-practised, rapid task involving relatively low level of skill – 0.02;
- Restore or shift a system to original or new state following procedures, with some checking – 0.003; and
- A more complex task, less time variable, some care necessary – 0.01.

Based on a review of these documents a value toward the more conservative end of 0.01 has been selected for use in this assessment.

Ignition probabilities were sourced from Lees - Loss Prevention in the Process Industries (Ref. [17]) which provides ignition probabilities based on the number of ignition sources at the site. The site contains very few ignition sources; hence, from Lees, a conservative probability of ignition is estimated as 0.2.

The PFD for each piece of equipment, operation failure and ignition were input into a fault tree to determine the overall probability of a failure resulting in a jet fire. The fault tree is shown in **Figure 6-2**. The analysis indicates a jet fire will occur with a frequency of $4.04x10^{-10}$ chances per annum (p.a.). The very low frequency indicates that there are many layers of protection at the site, minimising the potential for incident.

It is noted that for conservatism, the automatic Isolation provided by the plastic air lines, operating the Isolation valves at the site, have not been included in this assessment. This would provide further reduction to the already low incident frequency.

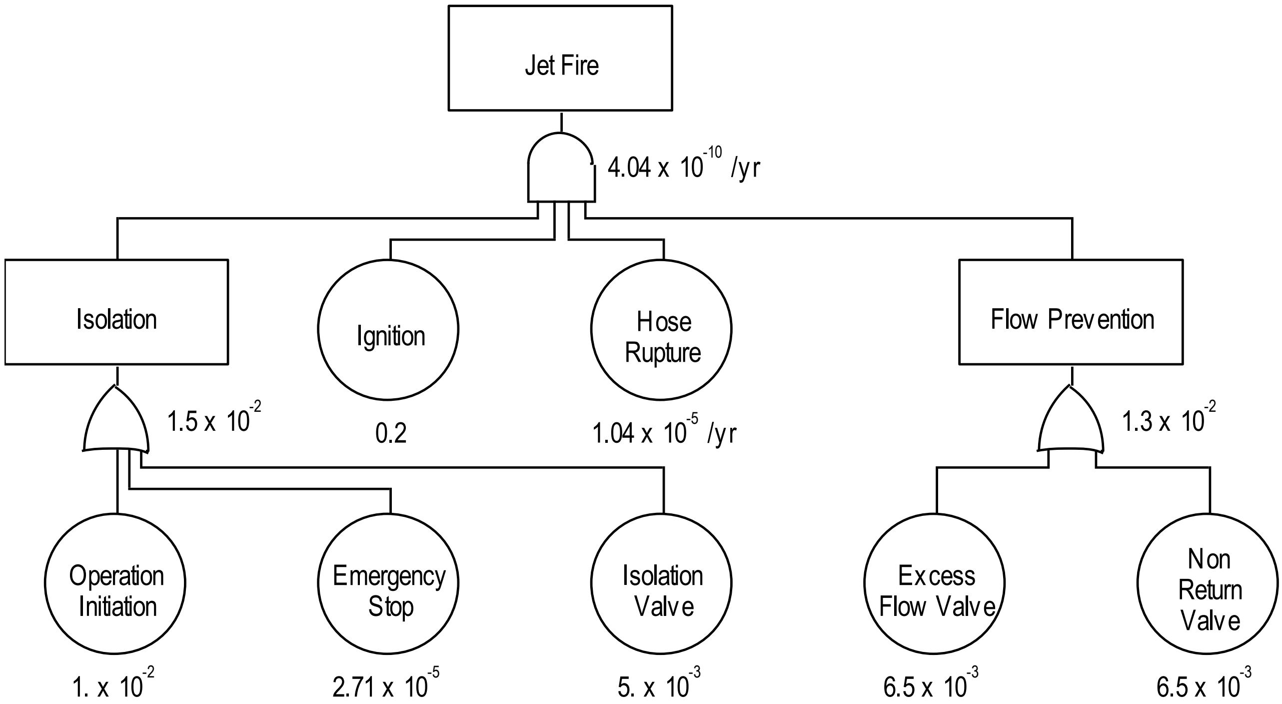

Figure 6-2: Jet Fire Frequency

6.6 LPG Unloading Incident, Hose Rupture, LPG Release, Ignition and Jet Fire and Impact on LPG Delivery Tanker and Boiling Liquid Expanding Vapour Explosion (BLEVE)

The initiating event for a tanker BLEVE is an incident involving a jet fire impinging on the delivery tanker; hence, for conservatism, a tanker BLEVE event frequency of 4.04×10^{-10} chances per annum (p.a.) has been selected. This is conservative as it does not take into account fire brigade intervention which may prevent the event from escalating; hence, lowering the event frequency.

6.7 LPG Unloading Incident, Hose Rupture, LPG Release, Ignition and Jet Fire and Impact on LPG Tank and BLEVE

The initiating event for a tank BLEVE is an incident involving a jet fire impinging on the delivery tanker; hence, for conservatism, a tank BLEVE event frequency of 4.04×10^{-10} chances per annum (p.a.) has been selected. This is conservative as it does not take into account fire brigade intervention which may prevent the event from escalating; hence, lowering the event frequency.

6.8 Total Fatality Risk

Provided in **Table 6-2** is a summary of the incidents which may result in a fatality at the site boundary. The total fatality risk at the site boundary was calculated to be 7.06 chances per million per year (pmpy)

Table 6-2: Total Fatality Risk

Incident	Fatality Risk
Full warehouse fire	3.53×10^{-6}
Smoke emission	3.53×10^{-6}

Incident	Fatality Risk
Jet fire	4.04×10^{-10}
Tanker BLEVE	4.04×10^{-10}
Tank BLEVE	4.04×10^{-10}
Total	**7.06×10^{-6}**

6.9 Comparison Against Risk Criteria

The NSW Department of Planning and Environment has issued a guideline on the acceptable risk criteria (Ref. [2]). The acceptable risk criteria published in the guideline relates to injury, fatality and property damage. The values in the guideline present the maximum levels of risk that are permissible at the land use under assessment. The adjacent land use would be classified as an industrial site as it is restricted access and only industrial operations are permitted to occur in this area. For industrial facilities, the maximum permissible fatality risk is 50 pmpy. The assessed highest fatality risk is 7.06 pmpy at the closest site boundary (eastern boundary); hence, the highest risk is within the permissible criteria and therefore all other risk points beyond the boundary would be within the acceptable criteria.

Based on the estimated injury risk, conducted in the analysis above, the risks associated with injury and nuisances at the closest residential area are not considered to be exceeded.

6.10 Cumulative Assessment

A review of the surrounding area indicates this would be the first development to occur at the estate. It is proposed to develop an adjacent warehouse which will not store any DGs. Due to the low level of development and the proposal of the adjacent uses, cumulative risks are not considered to be a risk at this stage.

7.0 Conclusion and Recommendations

7.1 Conclusions

A hazard identification table was developed for warehouse facility to identify potential hazards that may be present at the site as a result of operations or storage of materials. Based on the identified hazards, scenarios were postulated that may result in an incident with a potential for offsite impacts. Postulated scenarios were discussed qualitatively and any scenarios that would not impact offsite were eliminated from further assessment. Scenarios not eliminated were then carried forward for consequence analysis.

Incidents carried forward for consequence analysis were assessed in detail to estimate the impact distances. Impact distances were developed into scenario contours and overlaid onto the site layout diagram to determine if an offsite impact would occur. The consequence analysis showed that one of the scenarios (full warehouse fire) would impact over the site boundary and into the adjacent land use; hence, this incident was carried forward for frequency analysis and risk assessment.

The frequency analysis and risk assessment showed that the full warehouse fire would have a fatality risk of 7.06 chances per million per year (pmpy) at the site boundary, with lesser risk at further distances from the boundary. HIPAP No. 4 (Ref. [2]) publishes acceptable risk criteria at the site boundary of 50 pmpy (for industrial sites). Therefore, the probability of a fatality from a full warehouse fire at the site boundary is within the acceptable risk criteria.

In addition, the only incident which may result in impacts to adjacent structures was a full warehouse fire. Due to the fire size there will be considerable smoke emitted which would obscure the flame surface reducing the average surface emissive power (SEP) and subsequently it would not exceed 23 kW/m^2. In addition, the distance to the closest buildings is 23 m which would allow attenuation of radiant heat from of luminous spots and would not result in sustained radiant heat such that propagation to adjacent facilities would occur.

Review of the estate proposal indicates this development is the only contributor to the risk profile; hence, cumulative risk is not a consideration at this stage. The cumulative risk at the site is therefore the reported 7.06 chances pmpy which is below the 50 chances pmpy limit. Therefore, the development of the CA warehouse does not increase the cumulative risk of the estate to an unacceptable level.

Based on the analysis conducted, it is concluded that the risks at the site boundary are not considered to exceed the acceptable risk criteria; hence, the facility would only be classified as potentially hazardous and would be permitted within the current land zoning for the site.

7.2 Recommendations

Notwithstanding the conclusions following the analysis of the facility, the following recommendations have been made:

- The site shall be designed to contain any spills or contaminated water from a fire incident within the boundaries of the site.
- Multiple spill kits be provided around the DG storage areas to ensure spills can be cleaned up immediately following identification.

- The warehouse and/or site boundaries shall be capable of containing 612 m^3 which may be contained within the warehouse footprint, site stormwater pipework and any recessed docks or other containment areas that may be present as part of the site design.
- The civil engineers designing the site containment shall demonstrate the design is capable of containing at least 612 m^3.
- A storm water isolation point (i.e. penstock isolation valve) shall be incorporated into the design. The penstock shall automatically isolate the storm water system upon detection of a fire (smoke or sprinkler activation) to prevent potentially contaminated liquids from entering the water course.

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Appendix A

Hazard Identification Table

A1. Hazard Identification Table

ID	Area/Operation	Hazard Cause	Hazard Consequence	Safeguards
1	Warehouse	• Dropped pallet • Damaged packaging (receipt or during storage) • Deterioration of packaging	• Release of Class 2.1, 3, 4.1, 5.1, 6.1, 8s, 9s and other products to the environment	• Small retail sized packages (< 20 L) • Inspection of packages upon delivery to the site. • Trained forklift operators (including spill response training). • Storage of DGs within AS/NZS 3833:2007 compliant store (Ref. [5])
2		• Dropped pallet • Damaged packaging (receipt or during storage) • Deterioration of packaging	• Spill of flammable liquids, evolution of flammable vapour cloud ignition and vapour cloud explosion/flash fire • Spill of flammable liquids, ignition and pool fire/racking fire • Ignition of Class 1.4s materials	• Small retail sized packages (< 20 L) • Inspection of packages upon delivery to the site • Control of ignition sources according to AS/NZS 60079.14:2017 (Ref. [9]) • Automatic fire protection system (in-rack and SMSS) • First attack fire-fighting equipment (e.g. hose reels & extinguishers) • Fire detection systems • Storage of DGs within AS/NZS 3833:2007 compliant store (Ref. [5])
3		• Heating of Class 2.1 from a general warehouse fire	• Rupture, ignition and explosion/rocketing of cylinder within warehouse spreading fire	• Aerosols stored in 240/240/240 FRL bunker • In-rack sprinklers according to FM Global Data Sheet 7-31 (Ref. [6]) • Automatic fire protection system
4	Sprinkler activation	• Fire activates SMSS resulting in fire water release and potential contaminated fire water offsite	• Environmental impact to surrounding areas (e.g. stormwater drainage)	• Dangerous Goods Stores are bunded to contain in excess of the maximum required fire water, per AS/NZS 3833:2007 (Ref. [5])

ID	Area/Operation	Hazard Cause	Hazard Consequence	Safeguards
				• Site drainage to comply with the Best Practice Guide for Potentially Contaminated Water Retention and Treatment Systems (Ref. [7])
5	Pallet Loading/Unloading	• Dropped containers from the pallet • Impact damage to containers on the pallet (collision with racks or other forklifts)	• Spill of flammable liquids, evolution of flammable vapour cloud ignition pool, fire under the pallet • Full pallet fire as a result of fire growth	• Trained & licensed forklift drivers • First attack fire-fighting equipment (hose reels & extinguishers) • SMSS if incident occurs internally • No potential for fire growth beyond the single pallet (limited stock externally)
6	Diesel tank refuelling tank	• Loss of containment of diesel fuel during fuel transfers • Loss of hose connection during fuel transfers • Loss of containment of diesel storage tank • Loss of containment of tanker vehicle • Overfilling of tank • Vehicle collision resulting in damage	• Release of diesel to the environment	• Storage area to comply with AS 1940-2017 (Ref. [15]) • Storage tank to comply with AS 1692-2006 (Ref. **Invalid source specified.**) • Spill containment for delivery vehicles • Self-bunded tank • Vehicle impact protection • Delivery area to comply with SC6.28 (Ref. [22]) • Overfill protection
7			• Release of diesel, ignition and fire	• Storage area to comply with AS 1940-2017 (Ref. [15]) • Storage tank to comply with AS 1692-2006 (Ref. **Invalid source specified.**) • Spill containment for delivery vehicles • Self-bunded tank • Vehicle impact protection • Overfill protection

ID	Area/Operation	Hazard Cause	Hazard Consequence	Safeguards
				• Low ignition probability due to high flash point of diesel (i.e. flash point above ambient conditions)
8	LPG Tank	• Releases from pipework due to corrosion, flange leaks, hose/pump leaks, weld failure, operator error, maintenance error, mechanical damage (e.g. tanker impact on fill point) etc. • Overfilling of tank due to operator error (incorrect tank reading) • Overfilling of tanker due to equipment fault or procedures not followed (e.g. leaving operation unattended). • Hose failure or coupling failure or coupling not properly engaged during transfers due to mechanical damage or undetected wear and tear or operator error. • Drive away with hoses attached.	• Minor leak (5 mm hole) • Major leak (50 mm hole) • If ignition then: ○ Flash fire, jet fire, pool fire, VCE or BLEVE (tanker), possible explosion if enters drains, and potentially hazardous heat radiation, direct fire involvement, and/or overpressure/ projectiles. • Potential fire propagation to adjacent sites.	• LPG facilities to be designed to comply with AS/NZS 1596:2014 (Ref. [13]) and will be installed by an experienced LPG facility supply company. • Tank and associated pipework/fitting will be pressure tested in accordance with the requirements of the pressure vessels code • Ignition source control including earthing to prevent static sparks. • Hoses tested annually as per AS/NZS 1596:2014 and the ADG (Ref. [12]) • Excess flow valves installed in pipework. • Valves to fill point closed until air connected to truck. • Valves shut on breaking of air connection to truck. • All staff including contract drivers will be trained in the specific transfer operations at the site. • Tanker fitted with Emergency Shut Down • Excess flow valve on tanker • Manual shutdown valve • Non-return valve on delivery line • Emergency Shutdown on delivery line • Manual valve on delivery line • Overfill protection device • Fusible link on tanker and vessel

ID	Area/Operation	Hazard Cause	Hazard Consequence	Safeguards
9	LPG Cylinders	• Damage to cylinders, valves, pipework, etc	• Minor leaks which may result in gas accumulation, ignition, and flash fire or explosions	• Minor storage under AS 4332-2004 (Ref. [16]) • Relatively low volume of gas prevents accumulation to levels which may have offsite impacts • Adequately ventilated • Hazardous area classification per AS/NZS 60079.10.1:2009 (Ref. [8]) • Electrical equipment controlled per AS/NZS 60079.14:2017 (Ref. [9])

Appendix B

Consequence Analysis

B1. Incidents Assessed in Detailed Consequence Analysis

The following incidents are assessed for consequence impacts.

- Flammable material spill, ignition and racking fire.
- LPG release (from aerosol), ignition and racking fire.
- Full warehouse fire and radiant heat.
- Full warehouse fire and toxic smoke emission.
- LPG unloading incident, hose rupture, LPG release, ignition and jet fire.
- LPG unloading incident, hose rupture, LPG release, ignition and jet fire and impact on LPG delivery tanker and Boiling Liquid Expanding Vapour Explosion (BLEVE).
- LPG unloading incident, hose rupture, LPG release, ignition and jet fire and impact on LPG tank and BLEVE.

Each incident has been assessed in the sections below.

B2. Spreadsheet Calculator (SSC)

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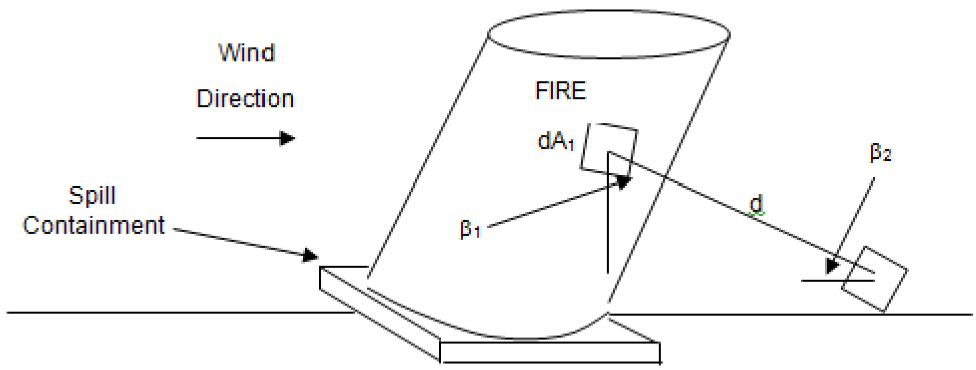


Appendix Figure B-1: Heat Radiation on a Target from a Cylindrical Flame

A fire in a bund or at a tank roof will act as a cylinder with the heat from the cylindrical flame radiating to the surrounding area. A number of mathematical models may be used for estimating the heat radiation impacts at various distances from the fire. The point source method is adequate for assessing impacts in the far field; however, a more effective approach is the view factor method, which uses the flame shape to determine the fraction of heat radiated from the flame to a target. The radiated heat is also reduced by the presence of water vapour and the amount of carbon dioxide in air. The formula for estimating the heat radiation impact at a set distance is shown in **Equation B-1** (Ref. [18]).

$$Q = EF\tau$$ **Equation B-1**

Where:

- Q = incident heat flux at the receiver (kW/m^2)
- E = surface emissive power of the flame (kW/m^2)
- F = view factor between the flame and the receiver
- τ = atmospheric transmissivity

The calculation of the view factor (F) in **Equation B-1** depends upon the shape of the flame and the location of the flame to the receiver. F is calculated using an integral over the surface of the flame, S (Ref. [18]). The formula can be shown as:

$$F = \int\int_{S} \frac{\cos\beta_1 \cos\beta_2}{\pi d^2}$$ **Equation B-2**

Equation B-2 may be solved using the double integral **<u>or</u>** using a numerical integration method in spread sheet form. This is explained below.

For the assessment of pool fires, a Spread Sheet Calculator (SCC) has been developed, which is designed on the basis of finite elements. The liquid flame area is calculated as if the fire is a vertical cylinder, for which the flame diameter is estimated based on the fire characteristics (e.g. contained within a bund). Once the flame cylindrical diameter is estimated, it is input into the SSC model. The model then estimates the flame height, based on diameter, and develops a flame geometric shape (cylinder) on which is performed the finite element analysis to estimate the view factor of the flame. **Appendix Figure B-1** shows a typical pool fire, indicating the target and fire impact details.

The SSC integrates the element dA_1 by varying the angle theta θ (the angle from the centre of the circle to the element) from zero to 90^o in intervals of 2.5 degrees. Zero degrees represents the straight line joining the centre of the cylinder to the target (x0, x1, x2) while 90^o is the point at the extreme left hand side of the fire base. In this way the fire surface is divided up into elements of the same angular displacement. Note the tangent to the circle in plan. This tangent lies at an angle, gamma, with the line joining the target to where the tangent touches the circle (x4). This angle varies from 90^o at the closest distance between the liquid flame (circle) and the target (x0) and gets progressively smaller as θ increases. As θ increases, the line x4 subtends an angle phi Φ with x0. By similar triangles we see that the angle gamma γ is equal to 90- θ - Φ . This angle is important because the sine of the angle give us the proportion of the projected area of the plane. When γ is 90^o, sin(γ) is 1.0, meaning that the projected area is 100% of the actual area.

Before the value of θ reaches 90^o the line x4 becomes tangential to the circle. The fire cannot be seen from the rear and negative values appear in the view factors to reflect this. The SSC filters out all negative contributions.

For the simple case, where the fire is of unit height, the view factor of an element is simply given by the expression in **Equation B-3** (Derived from **Equation B-2**):

$$VF = \Delta A \frac{\sin\gamma}{\pi \times X4 \times X4}$$ **Equation B-3**

Where ΔA is the area of an individual element at ground level.

Note: the denominator (π. x4. x4) is a term that describes the inverse square law for radiation assumed to be distributed evenly over the surface of a sphere.

Applying the above approach, we see the value of x4 increase as θ increase, and the value of sin(γ) decreases as θ increase. This means that the contribution of the radiation from the edge of the circular fire drops off quite suddenly compared to a view normal to the fire. Note that the SSC adds up the separate contributions of **Equation B-3** for values of θ between zero until x4 makes a tangent to the circle.

It is now necessary to do two things: (i) to regard the actual fire as occurring on top of a fire wall (store) and (ii) to calculate and sum all of the view factors over the surface of the fire from its base to its top. The overall height of the flame is divided into 10 equal segments. The same geometric technique is used. The value of x4 is used as the base of the triangle and the height of the flame, as the height. The hypotenuse is the distance from target to the face of the flame (called X4'). The angle of elevation to the element of the fire (alpha α) is the arctangent of the height over the ground distance. From the cos(α) we get the projected area for radiation. Thus there is a new combined distance and an overall equation becomes in **Equation B-4 ((**Derived from **Equation B-3**):

$$VF = \Delta A \frac{\sin\gamma \times \cos\alpha}{\pi \times X4 \times X4}$$ **Equation B-4**

The SCC now turns three dimensional. The vertical axis represents the variation in θ from 0 to 90º representing half a projected circle. The horizontal axis represents increasing values of flame height in increments of 10%. The average of the extremes is used (e.g. if the fire were 10 m high then the first point would be the average of 0 and 1 i.e. 0.5 m), the next point would be 1.5 m and so on).

Thus the surface of the flame is divided into 360 equal area increments per half cylinder making 720 increments for the whole cylinder. Some of these go negative as described above and are not counted because they are not visible. Negative values are removed automatically.

The sum is taken of the View Factors in **Equation B-3**. Actually the sum is taken without the ∆A term. This sum is then multiplied by ∆A which is constant. The value is then multiplied by 2 to give both sides of the cylinder. This is now the integral of the incremental view factors. It is dimensionless so when we multiply by the emissivity at the "face" of the flame (or surface emissive power, SEP), which occurs at the same diameter as the fire base (pool), we get the radiation flux at the target.

The SEP is calculated using the work by Mudan & Croche (Ref. [17] & Ref. [18]) which uses a weighted value based on the luminous and non-luminous parts of the flame. The weighting is based on the diameter and uses the flame optical thickness ratio where the flame has a propensity to extinguish the radiation within the flame itself. The formula is shown in **Equation B-5**.

$$SEP = E_{max} e^{-sD} + E_s(1 - e^{-sD})$$ **Equation B-5**

Where;

E_{max} = 140

S = 0.12

E_s = 20

D = pool diameter

The only input that is required is the diameter of the pool fire and then estimation for the SEP is produced for input into the SSC.

The flame height is estimated using the Thomas Correlation (Ref. [18]) which is shown in **Equation B-6**.

$$H = 42d_p \left[\frac{\dot{m}}{\rho_a \sqrt{g d_p}} \right]^{0.61}$$ **Equation B-6**

Where;

d_p = pool diameter (m)

ρ_a = density of air (1.2 kg/m^3 at 20^{o}C)

$\dot{m}$ = burning rate (kg/m^2.s)

g = 9.81 m/s^2

The transmissivity is estimated using **Equation B-7** (Ref. [18]).

$$\tau = 1.006 - 0.01171(\log_{10} X(H_2O) - 0.02368(\log_{10} X(H_2O))^2 - 0.03188(\log_{10} X(CO_2) + 0.001164(\log_{10} X(CO_2))^2$$ **Equation B-7**

Where:

- τ = Transmissivity (%)
- X(H$_2$O) = $\frac{R_H \times L \times S_{mm} \times 2.88651 \times 10^2}{T}$
- X(CO$_2$) = $\frac{L \times 273}{T}$

and

- R_H = Relative humidity (% expressed as a decimal)
- L = Distance to target (m)
- S_{mm} = saturated water vapour pressure in mm of mercury at temperature (at 25^{o}C S_{mm} = 23.756)
- T = Atmospheric temperature (K)

B3. Jet Fire Modelling

The flow rate of a liquid from a hole may be calculated from **Equation B-8** (Ref. [23]).

$$m = C_d A (2\rho \Delta P)^{0.5}$$ **Equation B-8**

Where:

- m = Mass flow rate (kg/s)
- C_d = Discharge coefficient (0.6 for irregular holes)
- A = area of the orifice (m^2)
- ρ = Density of the material (kg/m^3)
- ΔP = Pressure difference across the orifice (Pa).

The flame length and width, as a result of a release, can be estimated from the empirical formula published by Lees (Ref. [17]). The equations for the length and width are shown in **Equation B-9** and **Equation B-10**.

$$L = 9.1 {G_L}^{0.5}$$ **Equation B-9**

Where:

- L = Length (m)
- G_L = Mass flow rate (kg/s)

$$W = 0.25L$$ **Equation B-10**

Where:

- W = Width (m)
- L = Length (m)

B4. BLEVE Modelling

The diameter of the fireball and the duration of the BLEVE may be estimated using the following formulae (Ref. [23]):

$$D = 6.48m^{0.325}$$ **Equation B-11**

$$t = 0.852m^{0.25}$$ **Equation B-12**

Where:

- D = diameter of the fire ball (m)
- m = mass of LPG in the tank (kg)
- t = duration of the BLEVE (seconds)

B5. Radiant Heat Physical Impacts

Appendix Table B-1 provides noteworthy heat radiation values and the corresponding physical effects of an observer exposed to these values (Ref. [2]).

Appendix Table B-1: Heat Radiation and Associated Physical Impacts

Heat Radiation (kW/m^2)	Impact
35	• Cellulosic material will pilot ignite within one minute's exposure • Significant chance of a fatality for people exposed instantaneously
23	• Likely fatality for extended exposure and chance of a fatality for instantaneous exposure • Spontaneous ignition of wood after long exposure • Unprotected steel will reach thermal stress temperatures which can cause failure • Pressure vessel needs to be relieved or failure would occur
12.6	• Significant chance of a fatality for extended exposure. High chance of injury • Causes the temperature of wood to rise to a point where it can be ignited by a naked flame after long exposure • Thin steel with insulation on the side away from the fire may reach a thermal stress level high enough to cause structural failure
4.7	• Will cause pain in 15-20 seconds and injury after 30 seconds exposure (at least second degree burns will occur)

Heat Radiation (kW/m^2)	Impact
2.1	• Minimum to cause pain after 1 minute

B6. Flammable Material Spill, Ignition and Racking Fire

In the event that a flammable liquid package is damaged and flammable liquid is released the volatile component will vaporise which may contact an ignition source resulting in a pool fire. As the fire grows it may accelerate the deterioration of other packages resulting in failure and release of additional flammable material and combustion of packaging.

As heat and smoke is generated from the fire, the in-rack sprinklers and the SMSS will activate. Two sprinkler activation scenarios have been assessed:

- A worst credible (WC) scenario whereby the first row of the SMSS activates and controls the spread of a fire.
- A sensitivity scenario whereby the first row of sprinklers fails to activate and the fire is instead controlled by the second row of the SMSS.

The first row of sprinklers has an approximate diameter of 3 m with the second row having an approximate diameter of 9 m. These diameters are used to estimate the flame height and SEP for the fire scenarios. To estimate the flame height and SEP the following information was substituted into the models:

- Equivalent fire diameter: WC – 3 m, Sensitivity - 9 m
- Burning rate – 0.0667 $kg/m^2.s$ (this value encompasses a large range of flammable liquid burning rates and is considered conservative due to the nature of the flammable liquids stored, Ref. [17])

The selection of a flammable liquid burning rate is considered appropriate and conservative as a the fire will be composed of burning flammable liquids and packaging. The packaging is a solid material that will yield a lower burning rate than selected as it requires an additional phase change prior to combustion reducing the rate at which the product burns.

Furthermore, the analysis is considered incredibly conservative as it assumes a 100% burning area; however, as the subject areas will encompass aisle spaces, which will have no combustible material stored these locations. Therefore, it is considered the results generated from this analysis would substantially overestimate the radiant heat impacts from the identified scenarios.

The results for flame height and SEP for each scenario are summarised in **Appendix Table B-2**.

Appendix Table B-2: Flame Height and SEP for a Flammable Material Sprinkler Controlled Fire

Output	Base Case	Sensitivity
Flame Height (m)	7.7	16.5
SEP (kW/m^2)	103.7	60.8

The inputs summarised in **Appendix Table B-2** were input in to the SSC with the results for each scenario shown in **Appendix Table B-3**.

Appendix Table B-3: Heat Radiation from a Flammable Material Sprinkler Controlled Fire

Heat Radiation (kW/m^2)	Distance (m)	
	Base Case	Sensitivity
35	4.6	8.5
23	5.6	10.3
12.6	7.5	13.7
4.7	12.0	22.2
3.0		

B7. LPG Release (From Aerosol), Ignition and Racking Fire

The release of LPG from a damaged package could result in a fire if the release ignited. The fire would begin to grow expanding LPG within other aerosols which may rupture, ignite and rocket around the aerosol store. The store is fitted with SMSS and in-rack sprinklers to suppress the fire and cool adjacent packages to minimise the potential for rocketing.

As heat and smoke is generated from the fire, the in-rack sprinklers and the SMSS will activate. Two sprinkler activation scenarios have been assessed:

- A worst credible (WC) scenario whereby the first row of the SMSS activates and controls the spread of a fire.
- A sensitivity scenario whereby the first row of sprinklers fails to activate and the fire is instead controlled by the second row of the SMSS.

The first row of sprinkler has an approximate diameter of 3 m with the second row having an approximate diameter of 9 m. These diameters are used to estimate the flame height and SEP for the fire scenarios. To estimate the flame height and SEP the following information was substituted into the models:

- Equivalent fire diameter: WC – 3 m, Sensitivity - 9 m
- Burning rate – 0.099 kg/m^2.s (the burning rate for LPG, Ref. [17]).

The selection of a LPG burning rate is considered appropriate and conservative as a fire involving aerosols will be composed predominantly of packaging (i.e. plastic wrapping and cardboard) which will be punctuated by rupturing of cans and combustion of the released LPG. The packaging is a solid material that will yield a lower burning rate than selected as it requires an additional phase change prior to combustion reducing the rate at which the product burns.

Furthermore, the analysis is considered incredibly conservative as it assumes a 100% burning area; however, as the subject areas will encompass aisle spaces, there will be no combustible material stored in these locations. Therefore, it is considered the results generated from this analysis would substantially overestimate the radiant heat impacts from the identified scenarios.

The results for flame height and SEP for each scenario are summarised in **Appendix Table B-4**.

Appendix Table B-4: Flame Height and SEP for Class 2.1 Sprinkler Controlled Scenarios

Output	Base Case	Sensitivity
Flame Height (m)	7.7	21.0

Output	Base Case	Sensitivity
SEP (kW/m^2)	103.7	60.8

The inputs summarised in **Appendix Table B-4** were input in to the SSC with the results for each scenario shown in **Appendix Table B-5**.

Appendix Table B-5: Heat Radiation from Class 2.1 Sprinkler Controlled Scenarios

Heat Radiation (kW/m^2)	Distance (m)	
	Base Case	Sensitivity
35	5.4	10.1
23	6.5	12.1
12.6	8.6	15.9
4.7	13.7	25.5

B8. Full Warehouse Fire

The main warehouse has a floor area of 61,754 m^2 which is the area that is assumed to participate in the fire. The equivalent diameter for the fire can be calculated by:

$$D = \sqrt{\frac{4 \times 61754}{\pi}} = 289.3\ m$$

Provided in **Appendix Table B-6** is a summary of the classes of materials stored within the facility, the applicable burning rates based on commodities stored and the contribution of each product to the total burning rate

Appendix Table B-6: Estimation of Average Burning Rate

Class	Quantity (L)*	% of Total Quantity	Burning Rate ($kg/m^2.s$)	Burning Rate Based on %
1.4s	20,000	2%	0.099	0.0022
2.1	70,000	8%	0.099	0.0077
2.2	25,000	3%	0.099	0.0006
3	300,000	33%	0.022	0.0222
4.1	15,000	2%	0.0667	0.0011
5.1	25,000	3%	0.0667	0.0006
6.1	45,000	5%	0.022	0.0011
8	45,000	5%	0.022	0.0011
9	105,000	12%	0.022	0.0026
C1/C2	250,000	28%	0.022	0.0061
Total	**900,000**	**100**	**-**	**0.0453**

*Assumed density of 1,000 kg/m^3

The following information was input into the models;

- Equivalent fire diameter – 289.3 m

- Burning rate – 0.0453kg/m^2.s
- Fire wall height: no fire wall

The models provided the following information for the warehouse fire;

- SEP – 20 kW/m^2
- Flame Height – 147 m (from model without roof restriction)

Provided in **Appendix Table B-7** are the results generated by the SSC.

Appendix Table B-7: Heat Radiation Impacts from a Full Warehouse Fire

Heat Radiation (kW/m^2)	Distance (m)
35	Maximum heat flux is 20*
23	Maximum heat flux is 20*
12.6	55.0
4.7	124.0

* Research conducted in relation to large fires (Ref. [18]) indicates that where a large fire occurs, it is difficult for complete combustion to occur towards the centre of the fire due to the lack of air being unable to reach the centre of the flames. Hence, combustion tends to occur effectively at the fire surface, but poorly towards the centre of the fire. This generates large quantities of black smoke, which shields the flame surface as the smoke from the centre of the fire escapes towards the outer fire surface. The research presented in Lees (Ref. [17]) indicates that fires will generate a SEP within a range of between 20 kW/m^2 for larger fires and 130 kW/m^2 for smaller fires. Hence, a full warehouse fire would be of significant dimensions, generating large quantities of black smoke, shielding the flames at the fire surface. Hence, for the analysis of a full warehouse fire in this study, an SEP value of 20 kW/m^2 has been used.

B9. Full Warehouse Fire and Smoke Emission

During the fire, uncombusted toxic products may be present in the smoke plume or toxic bi-products may be generated which will be dispersed in the smoke plume. It is necessary to assess the associated impacts of the smoke plume downwind of the facility as it may have far reaching impacts on the wider community. When assessing the downwind impacts of the fire plume, the main contributors to the dispersion are:

- The fire size (diameter) and energy released as convective heat
- The atmospheric conditions such as wind speed, relative humidity, atmospheric stability and ambient temperature.

These parameters interact to determine the buoyancy of the smoke plume (vertical rise) which is controlled by the convective energy within the smoke plume in addition to the atmospheric conditions. The atmospheric conditions will vary from stable conditions (generally night time) to unstable conditions (high insolation from solar radiation) which results in substantial vertical mixing which aids in the dispersion. Contributing to this is the impact of wind speed which will limit the vertical rise of a plume but may exacerbate the downwind impact distance.

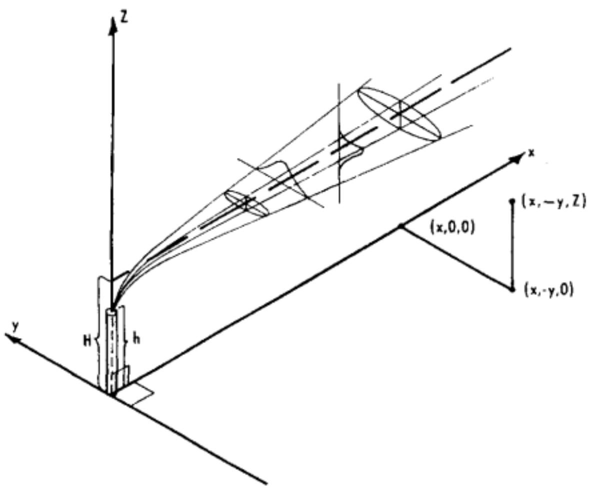
The atmospheric conditions are classified as Pasquill Guifford's Stability categories which are summarised in **Appendix Table B-8** (Ref. [18]).

Appendix Table B-8: Pasquill's Stability Categories

Surface wind speed at 10 m height (m/s)	Insolation			Night	
	Strong	Moderate	Slight	Thinly overcast or ≥50% cloud	<50% cloud.
<2	A	A-B	B	-	-
2-3	A-B	B	C	E	F
3-5	B	B-C	C	D	E
5-6	C	C-D	D	D	D
>6	C	D	D	D	D

Generally, the most onerous conditions are F conditions which result in stable air masses and typically have inversion characteristics. Inversion characteristics occur when a warm air mass sits above a cold air mass. Typically, hot air will rise due to lower density than the bulk air; however, in an inversion, a warm air mass sits above the cooler denser air; hence, as the warm air rises through the cold mass it hits a 'wall' of warmer air preventing vertical mixing above this point. In a fire scenario, the hot smoke plume will cool as it rises; however, if it encounters an inversion, it will begin to run along this boundary layer preventing vertical mixing and allowing the smoke plume to spread laterally for substantial distances.

A smoke plume is buoyant, and will disperse laterally and vertically as it rises essentially following a Gaussian dispersion as shown in **Appendix Figure B-2** (Ref. [18]).



Appendix Figure B-2: Co-ordinate System for Gas Dispersion

Ian Cameron, professor of Risk Engineering at the University of Queensland, has developed a risk assessment tool known as Risk Assessor produced by DAESIM Technologies. The tool has numerous risk engineering applications; however, the component of interest for this assessment is the smoke plume modelling from fire scenarios. The model has been developed based on a Gaussian dispersion model accounting for modifications to the plume drag coefficients required to model a plume dispersion from a warehouse fire (Ref. [18]).

The model requires several inputs which have been summarised in **Appendix Table B-9** with the associated value input as part of this modelling exercise. As noted, the more onerous conditions occur during stable air conditions which allow far reaching effects with reduced dispersion due to low air velocities and vertical mixing. The industry standard for modelling this scenario is selection of F1.5 (F stability at 1.5 m/s wind velocity) which has been adopted for this assessment.

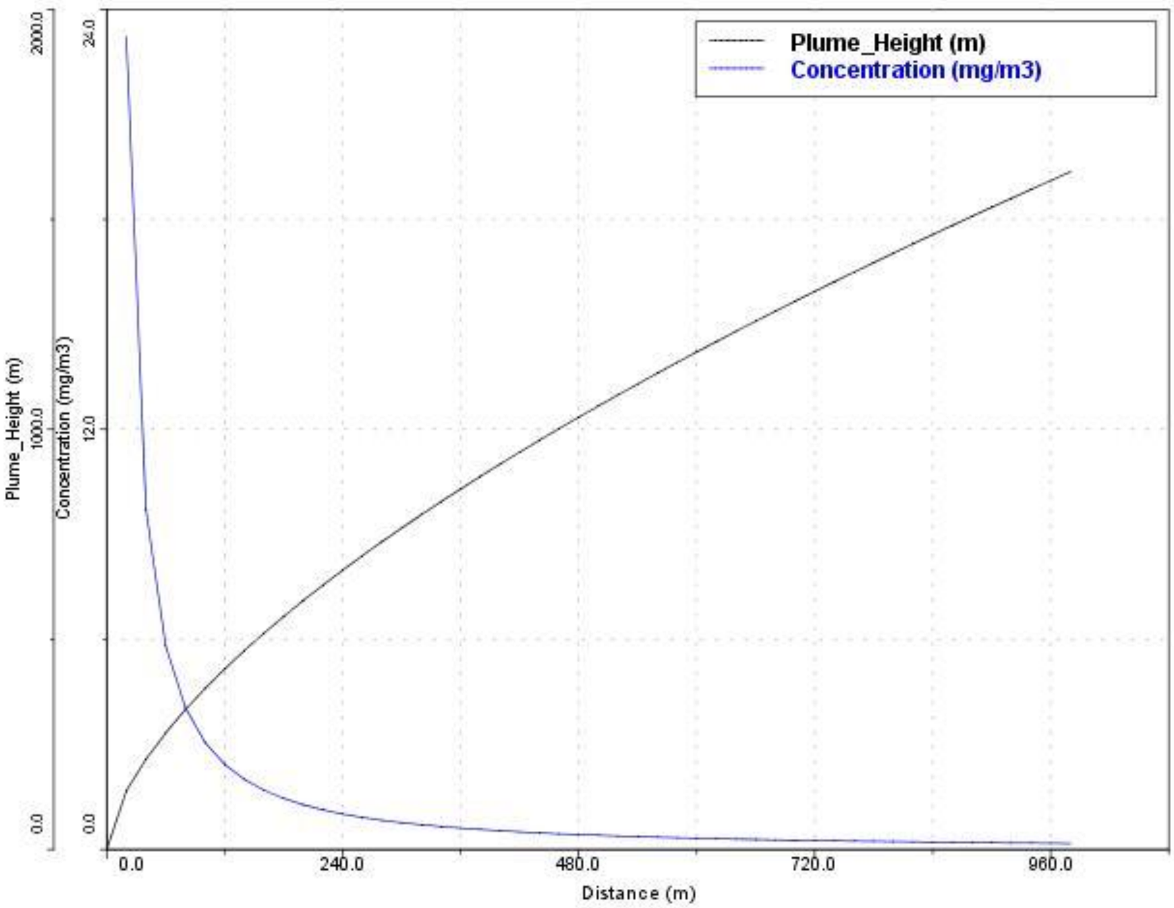
Appendix Table B-9: Input Data for Plume Gaussian Dispersion

Input	Selected Values	Justification
Max burning rate (kg/m^2.s)	0.0453	Taken from full warehouse fire above
Warehouse Area	61,754	Warehouse Area
Heat of combustion (kJ/kg)	45,000	Heat of combustion for combustible liquid (diesel) Ref. [24]
Fraction energy radiated	0.5	Conservative assumption based on high radiant heat blocking which occurs from dense smoke
Pollutant Rate (kg/s)	78,328	Burning rate multiplied by area multiplied 2/3 (amount of space allocated for racking) by 7 (number of racks) multiplied by 6 (number of surfaces on a pallet that can burn)
Wind speed (m/s)	1.5	Industry standard
Stability	F	Industry standard

Provided in **Appendix Figure B-3** is an overlayed plot of plume smoke concentrations and plume height with distance. The analysis is based on the F stability; however, the Gaussian dispersion is unable to model temperature inversions. The response of the smoke plume to an inversion will depend on the height that the plume interacts with the inversion. At low altitudes, the smoke plume will have substantial heat and will 'punch through' the inversion and continue a Gaussian dispersion as expected. However, with increasing height, the plume will cool which may equalise at a temperature less than the inverted air mass. Subsequently, the plume will level out at the point of the inversion.

The worst-case concentration occurs in the initial phases of the fire and rapidly decrease with distance from the fire. It has been assumed that an inversion occurs at low level and the plume has insufficient heat to 'punch through' the inversion and remains trapped relatively close to the ground. A maximum value of 15 mg/m^3 has been selected per **Appendix Figure B-3** that may impact the surrounding area with regards to potential toxic bi-products of combustion.

Toxic products are a minor quantity of materials stored within the warehouse. Therefore, the mass of other products burning generating toxic bi-products of combustion far exceeds the quantity of toxic products that could be release in the smoke plume considering the majority of the toxic products will be combusted. Therefore, it is considered conservative to apply the toxic bi-products of combustion concentration to any toxic products stored in the warehouse.



Appendix Figure B-3: Plume Concentration and Plume Height vs Distance

Provided in **Appendix Table B-10** is a summary of several toxic products of combustion which may be present in the smoke plume and their acceptable concentration of exposure for the Acute Exposure Guideline Levels (AEGL). These levels provide guidance on exposure concentrations for general populations, including susceptible populations over a range of exposure times to assist in the assessment of releases which may result in a toxic exposure.

Provide below is a summary of the AEGL tiers of exposure:

- **AEGL-3** is the airborne concentration, expressed as parts per million (ppm) or milligrams per cubic meter (mg/m^3), of a substance above which it is predicted that the general population, including susceptible individuals, could experience life-threatening health effects or death.
- **AEGL-2** is the airborne concentration (expressed as ppm or mg/m^3) of a substance above which it is predicted that the general population, including susceptible individuals, could experience irreversible or other serious, long-lasting adverse health effects or an impaired ability to escape.
- **AEGL-1** is the airborne concentration (expressed as ppm or mg/m^3) of a substance above which it is predicted that the general population, including susceptible individuals, could experience notable discomfort, irritation, or certain asymptomatic non-sensory effects. However, the effects are not disabling and are transient and reversible upon cessation of exposure.

Selection for fatality or serious injury is based on an AEGL-3 values with injury values selected as those based on AEGL-2. It is noted the report AEGL values are based on 30-minute exposure.

Appendix Table B-10: Concentration of Toxic Products of Combustion in Smoke Plume

Pollutant	Fatality or Serious Injury (ppm)	Injury (ppm)	Concentration (ppm)
Carbon monoxide	600	150	20.9
Nitric Dioxide	25	15	19.6
Hydrogen cyanide	21	10	21.7
Hydrogen chloride	210	43	16.1
Sulphur dioxide	30	0.75	9.2

B10. LPG Unloading Incident, Hose Rupture, LPG Release, Ignition and Jet Fire

A hose rupture could occur and ignite which would result in a jet fire. To estimate the dimensions of a jet fire, the flow rate of the liquid from the hose must be estimated. The following data was input into **Equation B-8** to estimate the flow rate through the ruptured hose:

- C_d = Discharge coefficient (0.6 for irregular holes)
- A = 50 mm hose = $\frac{\pi D^2}{4} = \frac{\pi \times 0.050^2}{4} = 0.002\ m^2$
- ρ = 508 kg/m^3
- ΔP = 8.6 bar = 860000 Pa

Substituting the information into **Equation B-8** gives a flow rate of 34.8 kg/s.

$$m = 0.6 \times 0.004 \times (2 \times 508 \times 860000)^{0.5} = 34.8\ \frac{kg}{s}$$

Now, a liquid LPG release would be too fuel dense to ignite as it would be above the LEL so the only portion that could ignite would be the liquid that vapourises upon release. Assuming a flash fraction of 50%, the vapour flow rate from the release would be 0.5 x 34.8 = 17.4 kg/s.

Substituting the mass flow rate of vapour into **Equation B-9** gives a jet fire length of 38 m.

$$L = 9.1 \times 17.4^{0.5} = 38\ m$$

B11. LPG Unloading Incident, Hose Rupture, LPG Release, Ignition and Jet Fire and Impact on LPG Delivery Tanker and BLEVE

In the event of a jet fire and impingement on the delivery tanker there is potential for the LPG in the tanker to boil escalating to a BLEVE if intervention measures fail. It is assumed that impingement will occur at the 30% fill level of the tanker and that the tanker holds a maximum 7,500 L. A BLEVE will only occur once the liquid level falls below the impingement level; hence, the maximum volume of LPG that could be involved in the BLEVE is 2,250 L. As noted, the density of LPG is 508 kg/m3; therefore, the mass of LPG involved in the BLEVE is 1,143 kg.

Inputting the mass into **Equation B-11** and **Equation B-12** yields an impact diameter of 63.9 m and a resonance time of 5 seconds.

$$D = 6.48 \times 1{,}143^{0.325} = 63.9\ m$$

$$t = 0.852 \times 1{,}143^{0.25} = 5\ s$$

B12. LPG unloading Incident, Hose Rupture, LPG Release, Ignition and Jet Fire and Impact on LPG Tank and BLEVE

In the event of a jet fire and impingement on the above ground tank there is potential for the LPG in the tanker to boil escalating to a BLEVE if intervention measures fail. It is assumed that impingement will occur at the 30% fill level of the tank. The tank holds 7,500 L; hence, at the 30% fill level 2,250 L of LPG is involved in the BLEVE. As noted, the density of LPG is 508 kg/m3; therefore, the mass of LPG involved in the BLEVE is 1,143 kg.

Inputting the mass into **Equation B-11** and **Equation B-12** yields an impact diameter of 63.9 m and a resonance time of 5 seconds.

$D = 6.48 \times 1{,}143^{0.325} = 63.9\ m$

$$t = 0.852 \times 1{,}143^{0.25} = 5\ s$$

Appendix C

Warehouse Fire Frequency Estimation

C1. Estimation of the Frequency of a Full Warehouse Fire

A review of readily available warehouse fire frequency information was conducted and a number of direct sources were identified. These were:

- Health and Safety Executive (HSE) in the United Kingdom [Hymes & Flynn, UKAEA - SRD/HSE R578, 2002] – this document lists the major warehouse fire frequency to be 2.5×10^{-3} p.a.;
- Baldwin, Accident Analysis and Prevention (Vol.6) – indicates a serious fire frequency in warehouses to be in the order of 1×10^{-3} p.a.;
- Environmental Impact Assessment Report for the Commission of Inquiry into Proposed Manufacturing Plant by WR Grace Australia Ltd., Kurnell, Sydney, October 1987 – indicates a fire frequency of 4.6×10^{-3} per warehouse year; and
- VROM 2005, Guidelines for quantitative risk assessment CPR 18E (Purple Book), Publication Series on Dangerous Substances (PGS 3), The Netherlands. – 4×10^{-4} p.a.

It is noted that the mix of overseas data and local data (albeit some is dated) correlates to indicate a fire frequency in warehouses to be in the order of 1×10^{-3} to 4×10^{-4}. The data presented in the reports reviewed was for general warehouses, where stringent controls for spill and ignition sources (such as flame and explosion proof fittings, bunding, smoking and naked flame controls, isolation of power supplied on warehouse closure, etc.) were not part of the warehouse hazard controls. Hence, for a DG warehouse, containing specific ignition and fire control systems, it would be expected that a major fire would occur with a lesser frequency than that of general warehouses. Notwithstanding this, to ensure a conservative assessment has been provided within the study, the estimated initiating fire frequency for the facility has been estimated as 1×10^{-3} p.a. (i.e. the upper end of the range).

Selected Initiating Fire Frequency = 1×10^{-3} p.a.

C2. Summary of Failure Rate Data

Component	Failure Rate	Reference	Modifier	PFD
Hose	$2x10^{-7}$ per operation*	HSE FR1.2.3 (Ref. [20])	$= 2x10^{-7}$ x 52 = $1.04x10^{-5}$	-
Excess flow valve	$1.3x10^{-2}$ per demand	HSE FR1.2.1 (Ref. [20])	Not modified	=0.5 x $1.3x10^{-2}$ = $6.5x10^{-3}$
Non-return valve	$1.3x10^{-2}$ per demand	HSE FR1.2.1 (Ref. [20])	Not modified	=0.5 x $1.3x10^{-2}$ = $6.5x10^{-3}$
Emergency stop	$1.03x10^{9}$ hours	Rockwell Automation (Ref. [25]	$1.03x8760/10^{9} = 0.009$	$PFD_{e\text{-}stop} = (\lambda^2 x t^2)/3$ 0.009^2 x $1^2/3 = 2.7x10^{-5}$
Isolation valves	$1x10^{-2}$ per demand	HSE FR1.2.1 (Ref. [20])	Not modified	= 0.5 x $1x10^{-2}$ = $4x10^{-3}$