



WESTERN AUSTRALIA
MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

STATEMENT THAT A PROPOSAL MAY BE IMPLEMENTED (PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT 1986)

AMMONIUM NITRATE IMPORTATION THROUGH THE PORT OF ESPERANCE

This proposal may be implemented subject to the following conditions:

1. The proponent shall adhere to the proposal as assessed by the Environmental Protection Authority, which involves the importation via the Port of Esperance of two shipments only of ammonium nitrate, each not exceeding 2,000 tonnes with the material contained in polypropylene 'Bulka' bags and their interim storage within the port precinct.
2. This approval shall only apply to those two ships which have been loaded and left the port of loading by the 31 July 1990, and which are intending to discharge their cargo of ammonium nitrate in whole or in part at the Port of Esperance.
3. The proponent shall comply with the following additional precautions and safeguards for public safety:
 - (a) the ammonium nitrate shall be unloaded and stored within the Esperance town boundary and including the boundary of the Esperance Port Authority:
 - in accordance with guidelines issued by the Chief Inspector of Explosives and Dangerous Goods, Document EB 509, Guidelines for Ammonium Nitrate Storage, and
 - with those additional provisions of the Bureau Veritas Report No. 904232 unless otherwise directed by an authorised inspector from Explosives and Dangerous Goods, Department of Mines.
 - (b) the proponent shall use his best endeavours and at his own expense to ensure that there are no persons residing in the area where the additional risk of death imposed by this proposal exceeds one in a million per year as identified in Bureau Veritas Report No 904232, for the duration of the hazard;
 - (c) the proponent shall be responsible for safeguarding people and property and shall take all steps necessary to protect people and property from loss and damage arising from the dangers inherent in the importation and storage of ammonium nitrate.
4. The proponent shall refer to the Environmental Protection Authority any further proposals for the importation of ammonium nitrate through the Port of Esperance in quantities exceeding the following:
 - any quantity in 'bulka bags'; or
 - 400 tonnes in steel shipping containers.

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5. No transfer of ownership, control or management of the project which would give rise to a need for the replacement of the proponent shall take place until the Minister for the Environment has advised the proponent that approval has been given for the nomination of a replacement proponent. Any request for the exercise of that power of the Minister shall be accompanied by a copy of this statement endorsed with an undertaking by the proposed replacement proponent to carry out the project in accordance with the conditions and procedures set out in the statement.

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