

All the latest local & international spill control news....

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!

We extend a very warm welcome to the following six (6) new AA members:

Brady Australia



Bulbeck EnviroSolutions



Coxen Chemicals



Chatoyer Environmental



Matthews New-Pig



WorleyParsons



With your support AusSpill is now better able to actively pursue its policy goals and build the Spill Control Industry for the benefit of all legitimate participants. AusSpill's membership now totals fourteen (14), up from five (5) just over a year ago.

Chairman's Message....

Welcome to AAN'S second issue.

I'm very pleased to report that Association membership has continued to grow at a healthy rate over the past 6 months with a further 6 companies - Matthews-New Pig, Coxen Chemicals, Worley Parsons, Chatoyer Environmental, Brady Australia and Bulbeck EnviroSolutions - coming on board. Our membership drive is continuing & we hope to have more sign-ups in the near future. A warm welcome to the new members and we very much value your support.

As you know AusSpill Association (AA) was established in May 2012 to represent Australian spill control manufacturers, resellers/wholesalers & importers as a single voice to government, the public and the environment protection industry. AusSpill's fundamental role is to contribute to both its member companies' prosperity and the on-going achievement of international best - practice industry standards. By joining our Association, spill control & waste companies have the opportunity for direct input into the development of industry standards & regulations.

AusSpill is well on the way to becoming the key spill control reference point for both State & Territory government environment protection departments and other related industry associations, and will provide an on-going national Spill Control Industry perspective on spill management, pollution prevention and education issues.

AS 1940 2004: Review

Our first major regulatory project has been the activation of the review of AS 1940 2004, which we began via Standards Australia in late 2013.

In April last, AA held its first Regulatory Review Committee meeting in Sydney to begin the development of a spill control industry position, prior to seeking the views of State & Territory regulators. Once we have their input, AA will seek their support with a view to beginning the formal review in the next available Standards Australia project phase in February 2015. (Cont Page 2)

Appraising Absorbents/Spill Kit Standards

Work has commenced on two of AA's foundation policy goals:

- Implementing Industry standard test methods to provide an impartial performance appraisal of absorbent materials and a method for identifying absorbent types (Hazchem/chemical. Oil & Fuel/hydrocarbons, General Purpose)
- Developing identification standards for Spill Kits. The key reason for seeking the recalibration of the colour coding of spill kits and their labelling, is that at present nationwide there were a varied range of bin lid colours in use, which only acted to confuse consumers. AA's Technical Sub-Committee is currently assessing the available data & plans to arrive at an industry recommendation by the end of 2014.

The Spill Kit Sub Committee has recommended the following colour code scheme:

Spill Kit Body Colour: Lime Green – a unique colour which is intended to be available exclusively to the Spill Control Industry.

Lids shall be of the following identifying colours:

1. Fuel/Oil: black
2. General purpose: light blue
3. Hazchem: red
4. Biohazard: orange
5. High risk chemicals: burgundy

The Sub-Committee has also recommended that label wording should be printed to match the lid colour, thereby educating consumers to the AusSpill colour coding scheme. If this is accepted by members, AA will lobby State regulators to include reference to this colour coding in spill control regulations.

Spill Control Industry data

One of the basic tools used by industry groups in their public affairs planning is a key industry statistics summary which is included in all communications as a touchstone for regulators & intra/kindred industry stakeholders. The 15 April last regulatory affairs meeting agreed that the following statistics should be compiled on a confidential basis via the Secretary:

- Industry \$ Annual Sales
- Total employees (direct & indirect)
- Spill response Enquiries
- Secondary containment equipment

These statistics will appear shortly on our website.

AusSpill Promotion

A reminder of the recent email sent out with our logos – please take every opportunity now to promote your association so as to raise the profile and so we are “seen” out in the community. Also, please advise if there are any other associations that may have a synergy with AA that we may offer reciprocal membership. I have approached AIDGC (Dangerous Goods Consultants Assoc.) and they are meeting soon to consider our application.

More information

Please feel free to call me on (0418 821 009) or our Secretary (0418 679 131) if you want any further information on any of the matters I've raised above or visit our website at www.ausspill.com.au for any general background information.

Finally, I look forward to seeing you in person at the 2014 AGM for which a date/venue will be announced shortly in September/October.

Best wishes

Trevor Prentice
Chairman

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