

Guidelines for Members on the Fuels Industry Associations Exit from Contaminated Land Projects

Context

The Oil Industry Hydrocarbon Management Agreement provides a framework for addressing contamination from unknown source/s. This process is facilitated by the Association to establish the source/s of the contamination and to manage human health, environmental and reputational risks to the Members.

Purpose

This document will provide guidance on the Associations exit from projects once the source/s of the contamination is established.

Exclusion

For major or complex 'ongoing' projects, the Association may remain as part of the project but will join meetings and activities on an adhoc basis to deal with matters that require mediation, facilitation or advocacy.

Contamination Project Exit

The Association will exit contamination projects once the source/s of the contamination is known, and a framework is established on how to manage all aspects of the project between the respective parties. Once a framework exists it may not be necessary for the Association to be actively involved in such projects, as most actions are operational in nature and is the responsibility of the parties concerned. The Association will exit under the following circumstances:

- A 'Terms of Reference' for the project has been signed by all parties and the project is in 'ongoing' status and there are no critical Authority or reputational concerns.
- A regulatory framework e.g. Remediation Order, Directives or similar orders exists, and which parties need to comply with and provide updates to the Regulatory Authorities.
- The landowner has a legal mandate to manage the project. e.g. TNPA.
- Where the project is being managed by a legal authority e.g. DFFE or other Authority.
- Where there are only 2 members involved.

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