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**Media Statement**

## **Coogee Chemicals fined for diesel spill**

Coogee Chemicals Pty Ltd has been fined \$25,000 following a 2015 diesel spill in Kwinana.

The modified penalty was issued by the Department of Environment Regulation (DER) after it was established the company caused approximately 126,000 litres of diesel to be discharged into the environment on 19 August 2015 while receiving a shipment at its bulk liquid terminal in Kwinana.

The discharge occurred through valves that were inadvertently left open after previous maintenance.

Coogee Chemicals Pty Ltd notified DER promptly, immediately began remediation of the site, cooperated with DER during the investigation and reviewed processes to prevent a recurrence.

DER Director General Jason Banks said the penalty was appropriate as it balanced the severity of the incident against the company's cooperation.

"The diesel spill was significant and had the potential to cause serious environmental harm," Mr Banks said.

"DER will continue to impose such penalties to prevent similar incidents in the future."

The modified penalty was administered for causing material environmental harm under section 50B(2) of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*.

The company has paid the fine.

A modified penalty is issued when the required statutory conditions involving timely notification, site remediation and measures to prevent a recurrence have been met.

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