

Public Information on an upper-tier establishment as required by Regulation 25

Information on upper-tier establishments

All establishments subject to the *COMAH Regulations 2015* have submitted a notification in a standard form to the Authority. This includes information on their location, the hazard categories of the dangerous substances present with an indication of their dangers, emergency action information and sources of additional relevant information.

Additional information has been provided by upper-tier establishments, including details on the possible major accidents arising in the establishment and the action to take in the event of an emergency.

General Duties on Operators

Operators have a general duty to identify all the major accident hazards in their establishment, take all necessary measures to prevent major accidents and to limit the consequences of such accidents to human health and the environment.

Operators of upper-tier establishments are also specifically required to ensure that 'all persons likely to be affected' by a major accident originating at the establishment receive clear and intelligible information on safety measures and on what they should do in the event of a major accident. This information must be directly supplied to all buildings and areas of public use, including schools and hospitals and, in the case of domino groups, to all neighbouring establishments.

Information on emergency plans

Information on external emergency plans may also be available from the Local Authority, the Gardaí and the Health Services Executive.

Public information for an upper-tier establishment

This establishment is subject to the COMAH Regulations 2015 and has submitted a notification to the Authority.

The following information, which has been extracted from the notification, fulfils the requirements of Regulation 25(3)(a).

The date of the most recent COMAH inspection (added by the Central Competent Authority) can also be found in the table below.



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Notification History

National Oil Reserves Agency Ltd. Poolbeg

Version	Reason	Date
1.0	Mandatory notification	31/05/2016
2.0	Information update	30/11/2017
3.0	Information update	17/07/2018
4.0	Information update	10/07/2019
5.0	Information update	13/11/2019
6.0	Information update	29/09/2020
7.0	Information update	13/10/2021
8.0	Information update	02/03/2023
9.0	Information update	30/06/2023

Regulation 25 information for National Oil Reserves Agency Ltd. Poolbeg

Operator Name	Registered Name	National Oil Reserves Agency Ltd.
	Trade Name	NORA
Establishment Address	Address	National Oil Reserves Agency Poolbeg Tankfarm, Pigeon House Road, Dublin 4
	County	Dublin
	Eircode	D04 XD82
Notification Details	Tier	Upper-tier
	Activity	Fuel storage (including heating, retail sale etc.)
Dangerous Substance information	Hazard Categories / Named Substances	E2 Hazardous to the Aquatic Environment, P5c Flammable Liquids, Petroleum Products (Kerosene, Diesel)
	Dangerous Characteristics / Hazard Statements	H226, H411
Emergency Information	How the public will be warned	Members of the public likely to be affected will be warned by the Gardaí or Fire Service.
	Behaviour to take in event of major accident	Advice about the action to take in the event of a major accident will be given by local radio
	Additional Information	
Inspection	Most recent COMAH Inspection (updated quarterly):	2 nd May 2024
	Where more detailed information on inspection available	More detailed information about the inspection and the related inspection plan can be obtained upon request, subject to the requirements of Regulation 26, from: CCPS unit, Health & Safety Authority, Metropolitan Building, James Joyce Street, Dublin 1.
Information	Where further relevant information available	Further information about this establishment may be obtained, in the first instance, from the operator. www.nora.ie Subject to Regulation 26 ('Access to information and confidentiality') information may also be available from the Health and Safety Authority, on request, under the Access to Information on the Environment Regulations.

Nature of major hazards (1)	Nature of major accident	Release of dangerous substances with potential for adverse environmental effects. Fire
	Potential human health effects	Temporary exposure to smoke from a fire from which generally fit and well people are unlikely to experience long-term health problems. Potential for burns to body.
	Potential environmental effects	Dangerous substances entering freshwater or estuarine waters and causing harm to the aquatic environment. Dangerous substances contaminating groundwater if containment fails.
	Scenario details	Catastrophic tank failure resulting in overtopping of secondary containment
	Control measures	All of the establishment's storage tanks, process vessels, pipework and control systems are designed and maintained to an appropriate standard to prevent major accidents. Access to the site is strictly controlled. All relevant warehouses and storage facilities are fitted with fire detection and protection systems. Containment systems are in place for relevant work areas to minimise the loss of spilled material to the environment.
	Onsite response	This establishment is in the process of preparing an internal emergency plan to deal with major accidents and is in the process of liaising with the emergency services to agree on the actions and arrangements to deal with major accidents and to minimise their effects.
	Offsite effects/action	A publicly available external emergency plan is being drawn up by the local authority, Gardaí and HSE to respond to any consequences outside this establishment as a result of a major accident and the public will be consulted as part of this process. You should cooperate with the instructions of the emergency services.