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## **Channel Deepening Project Update**

Following a standard quality control check, Port of Melbourne Corporation (PoMC) has notified relevant agencies of a partial non-conformance of the Environmental Management Plan (EMP).

On Monday 3 August at approximately 2.30am, high wind conditions affected the stability of the barge *Resolution* as it was being maneuvered by tug en route to the Port of Melbourne Dredged Material Ground (PoM DMG).

In order to maintain stability and safe working conditions, the barge had to dispose of approximately 400 cubic metres of clay about 2 kilometres from the DMG in Port Phillip Bay. The clay was not contaminated. This disposal was beyond the boundary of the DMG and construction zone.

A routine check of equipment tracking records identified the discrepancy.

An investigation is currently underway. The Department of Sustainability and Environment, Office of the Environmental Monitor and the Commonwealth Department of the Environment have been advised.