

LDO GROUP Report



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Introduction

LakeCoal Pty Ltd (LakeCoal) operates the Chain Valley Colliery, an underground coal mine at the southern end of Lake Macquarie.

Chain Valley Colliery operates under the following regulatory instruments;

- A Project Approval (MP 10_0161) issued under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979.
- An Environment Protection Licence (1770) issued under the Protection of the Environment Operations Act, 1997.
- A groundwater bore licence (20BL173107) issued under the Water Act, 1912.

The above legislation, licence and approval require various monitoring and reporting to be undertaken by LakeCoal for Chain Valley Colliery.

This report covers the requirements of the above and attempts to make the data as understandable and easy to interpret as possible for the general public.

The overall purpose of this report is to keep stakeholders informed of the environmental monitoring results at Chain Valley Colliery and maintain a transparent and accountable reporting system.

Scope

This report presents the results from the various environmental monitoring undertaken for Chain Valley Colliery.

Results in this report are typically only a single month of data, which is due to a legislative requirement introduced by the *Protection of the Environment Legislation Amendment Act 2011*, which requires publishing data publically within 14 days of receipt. As LakeCoal is required to undertake monitoring on a monthly basis, each report generally cover a single month of environmental monitoring data.

Where applicable, the results of the monitoring programs are compared with the relevant criteria (from the EPL or Project Approval) to determine compliance.

Monitoring results presented include;

- Water – quality
- Water – volume
- Depositional dust
- Operational noise

Definitions

dB – decibels

dB(A) – noise level measurement units are decibels (dB). The A-weighting scale is used to approximate human perception of noise

g/m²/month – grams per square metre per month

kL – kilolitres

L_{Aeq} – the average A-weighted noise energy (in dB) for a measurement period

mg/L – Milligrams per litre

µg/L – micrograms per litre

µs/cm – microsiemens per centimetre

References

ALS Group - Monthly Water Monitoring Results (September 2013 - Work Order ES1320803)

Steel River Testing - Dust Deposition Report (September 2013 – Report 5138-0)

Project Approval 10_0161 (as modified)

Environment Protection Licence 1770 (Licence version date: 20 August 2013)

Monitoring Results

Water – Quality

September 2013			
EPL	1770		
Licensee	LakeCoal Pty Ltd		
Premises	Chain Valley Colliery		
Date Sampled	23-Sep-13		
Date Obtained	30-Sep-13		
Date Reported	Refer report date		
Sampling Point	1		
Parameter	Units	Limit	Result
Aluminium (total)	µg/L		7
Aluminium (soluble)	µg/L		8
Ammonia as N	mg/L		0.03
Arsenic (total)	µg/L		<0.5
Arsenic (soluble)	µg/L		<0.5
Beryllium (total)	µg/L		<0.1
Beryllium (soluble)	µg/L		<0.1
Cadmium (total)	µg/L		<0.2
Cadmium (soluble)	µg/L		<0.2
Chromium (total)	µg/L		<0.5
Chromium (soluble)	µg/L		<0.5
Cobalt (total)	µg/L		<0.2
Cobalt (soluble)	µg/L		<0.2
Conductivity	µs/cm		31100
Copper (total)	µg/L		<1
Copper (soluble)	µg/L		1
Faecal Coliforms	CFU/100mL	200	~17
Lead (total)	µg/L		<0.2
Lead (soluble)	µg/L		<0.2
Mercury (total)	mg/L		<0.0001
Mercury (soluble)	mg/L		<0.0001
Molybdenum (total)	µg/L		2.1
Molybdenum (soluble)	µg/L		2.1
Nickel (total)	µg/L		1.2
Nickel (soluble)	µg/L		1
pH	pH	6.5-8.5	7.97
Selenium (total)	µg/L		<2
Selenium (soluble)	µg/L		<2
Silver (total)	µg/L		<0.1
Silver (soluble)	µg/L		<0.1
Total Sus. Solids	mg/L	50	<5
Vanadium (total)	µg/L		<0.5
Vanadium (soluble)	µg/L		<0.5
Zinc (total)	µg/L		38
Zinc (soluble)	µg/L		40

Water – Volume

September 2013		
EPL	1770	
Licensee	LakeCoal Pty Ltd	
Premises	Chain Valley Colliery	
Date Sampled	Daily	
Date Reported	Refer report date	
Discharge volume limit	12161 kilolitres per day	
Sampling Point	1	
Date (24 hour period)	Unit	Volume
01/09/2013	kL	7996
02/09/2013	kL	5653
03/09/2013	kL	6581
04/09/2013	kL	3739
05/09/2013	kL	7473
06/09/2013	kL	2381
07/09/2013	kL	6667
08/09/2013	kL	6655
09/09/2013	kL	6658
10/09/2013	kL	6667
11/09/2013	kL	6666
12/09/2013	kL	6659
13/09/2013	kL	2605
14/09/2013	kL	6870
15/09/2013	kL	11893
16/09/2013	kL	10260
17/09/2013	kL	7389
18/09/2013	kL	6637
19/09/2013	kL	6622
20/09/2013	kL	6608
21/09/2013	kL	6600
22/09/2013	kL	6613
23/09/2013	kL	6614
24/09/2013	kL	6605
25/09/2013	kL	6599
26/09/2013	kL	6595
27/09/2013	kL	6587
28/09/2013	kL	4424
29/09/2013	kL	7126
30/09/2013	kL	6335

Dispositional Dust

September 2013	
Sampling Date	16/08/2013 to 13/09/2013
Site	Insoluble Matter (g/m ² /month)
DDG001	0.9
DDG002	1.0
DDG003	0.8
DDG004	1.6
DDG005	1.5
Notes: - For site locations refer to Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas Management Plan	

Operational Noise

Quarter 3 noise data is expected to be available in the October 2013 report.