# Alcoa Anglesea Clean Up Notice Quarterly Communication Issue 4. Q3 2016



# **KEY OBJECTIVES**

Alcoa of Australia Limited's ('Alcoa') goal for its Anglesea Power Station and Mine location is to complete environmental assessment work consistent with the requirements of the National Environmental Protection Measure 1999 (Assessment of Site Contamination) (as amended 2013) ('NEPM') and also consistent with the final end land use strategy as it develops.

Alcoa will also ensure compliance to the requirements of the Clean Up Notice 90006380 ('Notice') as issued to the location by the Victorian Environment Protection Authority (EPA) on 10 October 2015. The Notice requires the submission of quarterly reports on the soil and groundwater assessment activities at the Anglesea location and to confirm if any unacceptable risk to the environment has been identified. In the event of identifying contamination posing an unacceptable risk to the environment, Alcoa must develop and implement an interim clean-up plan in response to such an occurrence.

## **KEY METRICS**

	YTD (Q3 2016)
Non-Compliance with Laws and Regulations	0 (0)
Identified unacceptable risks to Human Health and Environment	0 (0)

#### **NEPM**

#### Activities since closure:

During the quarter, Alcoa finalised the Work Scope for the Preliminary Site Investigation, to be conducted in accordance with the NEPM, and subsequently engaged a specialised consultant (EHS-Support) to conduct the environmental assessment work for the power station site.

Work progressed in developing the draft preliminary Conceptual Site Model (pCSM) and Work Plan for the site with walk overs of the station and surrounds, as nominated in the Notice conducted, interviews of past and present Alcoa employees on historical power station generation and environmental site activities, and reviewing all relevant environmental records and reports now complete.

Recovery of residual ash from the Ash Pond 1 (AP1) trenches was partially completed due to its dependence on favourable weather conditions. In parallel, ash dredging from the AP1 commenced, with general clean-up activities around the site continued. As a significant activity notification was provided to the EPA prior to commencement.

A number of preparatory activities on the Asbestos Landfill were completed during the quarter, in readiness for the future receipt of asbestos containing material associated with the future decommissioning of the Power Station.

#### Planned activities for 1 September 2016 – 1 December 2016:

Completion of the draft pCSM and Work Plan for the Power Station is expected by 1 December 2016, pending the Auditors review. Ash removal works from AP1 are also expected to be completed, in addition to the remaining stormwater pond clean up works.

A revision of the Clean Up Notice may be required if the Water Storage Pond (Ash Pond 2) is used by a third party for water retention to support the supply of water to the Anglesea River over the Summer period.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE**

There have been no non-compliance incidents since the cessation of operations.

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#### **IDENTIFIED UNACCEPTABLE RISKS & CLEAN UP PLAN**

There have been no unacceptable risk issues identified.

## **COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE**

During the quarter stakeholder engagement has continued broadly with representatives from a broad range of sectors including environment, commerce, tourism, education, community, recreation, local residents and holiday home owners, and government, where the progress of activities has been discussed.

In March 2016, Alcoa launched a formal community engagement program to seek the community's views on the future use of the Alcoa site. A range of activities have been undertaken to seek community input and more than 2,500 interactions have occurred. Almost 500 feedback comments were received and will be used to produce Guiding Principles (to be published in September 2016) that will help inform the revised Mine Closure Plan, and draft Master Plan for the power station freehold land.

In addition to the above program, Alcoa has continued to engage with the local Anglesea community through its regular Community Consultative Network (CCN) meetings. An overview of the location environmental, health and safety metrics and the site activities, which include any updates on the decommissioning work and the environmental studies, have been presented and discussed. Meeting snapshots are posted on the <u>Alcoa website</u>.

During this quarter, the third and fourth CCN meetings of the year was conducted on 6 June and 8 August 2016, with more than 30 people in attendance at each meeting. The next scheduled meetings are 10 October and 12 December 2016. This forum continues to enable community stakeholders the opportunity to ask questions and receive information about Alcoa.

The Alcoa Anglesea website [www.alcoa.com.au/anglesea] continues to be updated. After submission to the EPA, a copy of this quarterly report will be made available on the website. The previous report has been uploaded.

Alcoa Anglesea has continued to brief Government agencies on the status of the onsite activities undertaken since closure.

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