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EPA welcomes environmental improvement plan

The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) has endorsed new measures by Adelaide Brighton Cement Ltd to improve environmental compliance requirements at its Birkenhead site.

The company has developed a new Environmental Improvement Program (EIP) to predominantly address issues of noise and dust which the EPA will monitor.

The EIP lists 18 actions to be managed in various stages that must be completed by October, 2017.

Adelaide Brighton Cement receives seven thousand tonnes of limestone each day which is stockpiled on site before it is manufactured into cement products.

EPA Executive Director Operations, Andrew Wood said Adelaide Brighton Cement must also submit quarterly reports to the EPA detailing the progress of the implementation of its EIP.

The first of these reports is due by 30 April, 2016.

“This EIP which includes compliance objectives and specific actions that are required, was developed in conjunction with the EPA and the local community,” Mr Wood said.

“The company has committed to undertaking several actions to reduce its environmental impact by abating noise levels and reducing dust emissions,” he said.

“Adelaide Brighton Cement has also committed to undertaking certain specifications to demonstrate it is taking its compliance seriously as part of its licence conditions as required under the *Environment Protection Act 1993*.”

These actions will include a site greening program involving the planting of native trees and shrubs on the Birkenhead site in addition to improved stockpile management and the sealing of internal roads in an effort to reduce dust emissions.

As well as this, there are actions specifically targeting noise reduction – including replacement of noise equipment and the installation of self-closing access doors.

“This EIP is comprehensive and task-driven that will result in good environmental outcomes for the local community in general,” Mr Wood said.

The Adelaide Brighton Cement EIP is also available through the [EPA website](#).

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