

# Media Release

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## Dust suppressant spraying completed in Port Augusta

The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) has been notified by Flinders Power today that it has completed the application of dust suppressant at its former power stations site in Port Augusta.

The aerial spraying was achieved two days ahead of the completion date required by the EPA.

EPA Chief Executive Tony Circelli said the company has demonstrated a commitment to satisfy this requirement of an Environment Protection Order (EPO) issued by the EPA which includes managing the site's 220 hectare ash dam to control dust emissions in the surrounding area.

An EPO is a formal Statutory Order under the [Environment Protection Act 1993](#) that requires Flinders Power to take actions to prevent further environmental harm.

"The EPA is continuing to monitor air quality around Port Augusta and I expect to receive a final report from Flinders Power next week," Mr Circelli said.

EPA Chief Executive Tony Circelli said rainfall had hampered the company's earlier efforts to re-apply a dust suppressant to the ash dam by grounding the aircraft that was being used to spread the suppressant.

"The logistics of managing these procedures are very prescriptive and as a consequence of the weather, Flinders Power was given more time to complete its dust suppressant work by 30 January," he said.

The EPO is available on the EPA website or by contacting 8204 2004 or 1800 623 445 (non-metropolitan callers) during business hours, or by [email](#).

The EPA will also host a community session in Port Augusta on 6 February to provide more information to local residents about the management of the former power stations site.

"Through our contact with the local community, we know that many wanted an opportunity to ask specific questions and to meet face-to-face with the EPA, SA Health and Department for State Development staff," Mr Circelli said.

The information session will be held from 9am to 9pm at the Port Augusta Institute Theatre on Commercial Road, where local residents will be able to drop in to meet one-on-one with EPA staff and others.

Information on the Flinders Power former Port Augusta power stations site including the most recent dust reports are available on the [EPA website](#).

For health-related information and advice phone (08) 8226 7100 or refer to the [SA Health](#) website.

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