



PORT AUGUSTA Community Update #12

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The EPA is requiring Flinders Power to undertake a number of actions during the winter months to ensure effective dust management plans are in place for next summer.

These actions are in addition to the work towards the successful long-term rehabilitation of the ash dam site.

On 4 May 2018, the EPA altered the conditions of environmental authorisation to ensure that Flinders Power undertakes an assessment of options for reducing impacts from particulate matter (dust) leaving the premises. Flinders Power is required to submit a plan to the EPA by 30 June 2018 for implementation of the recommendations arising from the assessment.

Other changes to the conditions of environmental authorisation are outlined on the next page.



EPA's presence during the site decommissioning

Since the beginning of 2017 the EPA has undertaken 11 formal inspections of the Flinders Power site - 4 of which were unannounced. The EPA has attended 9 Community Reference Group meetings and met regularly with Flinders Power, other South Australian Government departments and numerous independent experts.

The EPA has engaged with members of the local community more than 560 times since 1 January 2017, by phone, email, website updates and in person. Regular community updates to key stakeholders include 12 community updates, 3 FAQs, and a community information session attended by 165 people with follow-up actions identified and completed by relevant organisations.

The EPA pollution reporting hotline is staffed 24/7.

Changes to the Flinders Power EPA Authorisation

Condition U-855 ASSESSMENT OF OPTIONS	This condition requires Flinders Power to undertake an assessment of further options to prevent or minimise particulate emissions from the premises, and to submit to the EPA a plan for implementation of the recommended outcomes by 30 June 2018.
Condition U-126 STACK EMISSIONS MONITORING AND REPORTING	This condition required ongoing monitoring and reporting of exhaust gases emitted from the Northern Power Station. The condition will be removed from the licence due to exhaust gases no longer being emitted.
Conditions U-127 IMPOSE OR VARY CONDITIONS; U-863 VARIATION OF CONDITIONS OF LICENCE	Condition U-127 has been removed from the licence as it directly refers to condition U-126 above, which is no longer included in the licence. This condition has been replaced by condition U-863, which allows the EPA to alter conditions of licence in response to situations at the site.

Flinders Power options assessment

The options assessment conducted by Flinders Power is to be submitted to the EPA by 30 June 2018.

The EPA will review the proposals provided by Flinders Power and seek advice from suitably qualified experts where required, to ensure that all options are adequately considered and addressed.

Once the EPA is satisfied, Flinders Power will be required to implement the approved options, and the EPA will continue to regulate the effectiveness of these measures on reducing impacts on the Port Augusta community.

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