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Transfer of licence at the former power station site

On 27 May 2019 the EPA licence associated with the former power stations site was transferred from Flinders Power to Cu-River Mining Pty Ltd.



How are future EPA licence obligations being secured?

The EPA has the ability to require a financial assurance from a licensee which is provided as a bank guarantee to cover expenses incurred should the licence-holder fail to undertake the actions required by its licence. The EPA has required Cu-River to provide a \$2.4-million bank guarantee by 1 October 2019.

This amount is representative of the costs associated with remaining rehabilitation and monitoring required in accordance with the site post-completion monitoring and maintenance plan and is focused on the former ash storage area.

As time passes and vegetation cover increases, the anticipated costs associated with the remaining rehabilitation of the site will change. For this reason, the EPA has included a condition of licence

requiring an audit of the site to occur in late 2020, evaluating the remaining financial liability associated with outstanding closure obligations and dust management practices.

What is Cu-River Mining required to do under its EPA licence conditions?

The obligations which the EPA placed on Flinders Power to rehabilitate the site have been transferred to CU-River Mining. The licensee is required to fulfil all remaining obligations including compliance with the closure and post-closure plan and dust management plan.

There is also a 10-year post-completion monitoring and maintenance plan in place.

Ongoing monitoring and remediation requirements associated with these plans include:

- Ongoing application of dust suppressant across the former ash dam area.
- Ongoing surface roughening of the former ash dam area as a dust control measure.
- Native vegetation assessments by vegetation consultants to assess germination and growth
- Further revegetation works as required following assessment.
- Maintenance and calibration of air quality monitoring equipment.

Latest news from the site

EPA officers undertook a site inspection on Tuesday 4 June 2019, prior to attending a Community Reference Group (CRG) meeting.

The EPA is satisfied with the rehabilitation progress being made at the site.

The contingency dust management measures implemented prior to summer, such as surface roughening and dust suppressant application, have shown to be successful in reducing dust impacts from the site and encouraging vegetation growth.

A number of community members have volunteered their time to attend the Flinders Power CRG meetings and their input has been appreciated by the EPA.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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