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Nyrstar Port Pirie licence renewal underway

The EPA is currently reviewing the licensing conditions for the Nyrstar operations in Port Pirie.

EPA Director Regulation Peter Dolan said the new licensing conditions aim to address the ongoing concerns of lead emission for the Port Pirie community.

“Lead-in-air concentration is a recognised health problem for the Port Pirie area and Nyrstar’s future licensing regulations will address the need to reduce and remove lead emissions for the community, while allowing the company to continue to operate profitably,” Mr Dolan said.

“Nyrstar’s new owners have made a pledge to the community to upgrade the plant, and we will continue to work with the company to achieve these goals for the betterment of the environment.”

The new licence will provide oncoming obligations for Nyrstar in relation to the *Environment Protection Act 1993*, ground level concentration criteria in the *Environment Protection (Air Quality) Policy 2016*, lead-in-air limits, prevention and minimisation of dust emissions, and continual improvement in environment performance through an overarching environment improvement program.

The new conditions will enable the trialling of new and enhanced technologies and processes while continuing to reduce lead-in-air concentrations for the Port Pirie community.

“This new licence will guide Nyrstar’s operations for the next two years, providing great opportunities for the continued improvement of the plant that has been a cornerstone of the town for more than a century,” Mr Dolan said.

Licence changes will be published prior to the commencement of a new licence on 1 July 2020.

Members of the public interested in aspects of the licensing process can call the EPA on 08 8204 2176 or email their questions to engage.epa@sa.gov.au