

2020 Rix's Creek South Mine Independent Environmental Audit

Response to Auditors Corrective Actions



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Number	Condition	Auditors Recommendation	Bloomfield's Response
1	Environmental Performance	Store chemicals and fuels in accordance with the WHS Regulations.	The Rix's Creek North Independent Environmental Audit was undertaken to facilitate the requirements of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1997. While chemicals and fuels are stored generally in accordance Sch.2 Condition B65 and the required Australian Standards the audit was not a WHS audit under the Coal Mine Health and Safety Act. A review of all chemical and fuel storage areas will be undertaken with the results reported in the next Annual Review to be submitted prior to 31/3/2021.
2	Schedule 2, Condition B41	Update RCM Water Management Plan to address all requirements of Condition B41.	Update Water Management Plan in accordance with Schedule 2 Condition E5 of SSD 6300.
3	Schedule 2, Condition B62	Ensure labelled receptacles are available and staff are adequately trained to allow for segregation of wastes from workshop and stores.	Update labelling across all receptacles. Refresher waste training to be delivered across Rix's Creek Mine on waste management via toolbox talk to employees by 31/3/2021.
4	EPL Condition M9.1	Update the Noise Management Plan nighttime monitoring period to comply with Condition L3.3 and M9.1.	Update Water Management Plan in accordance with Schedule 2 Condition E5 of SSD 6300.
5	EPL Condition R5.8	Ensure the 2020/21 Annual Water Quality Monitoring Report includes graphical presentation of results, rainfall data and a plan of the monitoring locations.	Include recommended information in the 2020 Annual Return (EPL) to be submitted by 2 June 2021.

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Response to Auditors Recommendations



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Number	Condition	Auditors Recommendation	Bloomfield's Response
1	Environmental Performance	Provide a dedicated bunded area for decanting that is separate to the oil and lubricant storage area.	Bloomfield will review the location to determine if the area is an appropriate decanting area in accordance with requirements by 31/3/2021. However it is noted that the identified area was undercover with an impervious floor with any surface runoff directed to an oil water separator. Since the onsite component of the audit a fit for purpose oil IBC storage area has recently been commissioned at the RCS "connies" pad.
2	Condition B4	Acoustic consultant to recommend mitigation measures for equipment exceeding sound power limits.	Where attenuated equipment are identified to be greater than 3 dB over limit and no reason can be found (ie attenuation damaged) an acoustic consultant will be engaged to provide further information within 3 months of the receipt of the Annual Sound Power Testing if required.
3	Schedule 2, Condition B24	Provide a better website address in future letters to tenants to assist with locating the particulate matter monitoring data.	Direct link to information will be provided in all future letters. It is noted that this information is openly available on the Bloomfield website and NSW EPA Upper Hunter Air Quality Monitoring Network.
4	Schedule 2, Condition B62	Organise and maintain stored materials to prevent loss or damage.	Storage of spare parts to be reviewed and improved at the RCS workshop by 31 June 2021.
5	Schedule 2, Condition E4	Include in the Bushfire Management Plan a program to monitor fire breaks and fuel loads to determine when maintenance is required.	Noted. The Bushfire Management Plan already contains a requirement for annual maintenance of fire breaks or additionally as required. The Bushfire MP will be updated to further note fuel loads in accordance with Schedule 2 Condition E5 of SSD 6300.
6	EPL Condition L3.7	Acoustic consultant to update monthly reports to reflect updated condition L3.7 referencing the Noise Policy for Industry (2017) in lieu of the Industrial Noise Policy.	Acoustic Consultant to reference NPfi 2017 going forward.