



Media release



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ENGIE Hazelwood to engage on dust

ENGIE Hazelwood will outline initiatives to mitigate dust from its site at a series of community events in Morwell on Tuesday 17 and Wednesday 18 July.

Environmental Manager Regulatory, Ross Brooker, said since the Power Station and Mine ceased operating and rehabilitation earthworks had started, fugitive dust emissions could still occur on some days of high wind.

“We are carrying out a range of work to mitigate this happening and have introduced initiatives to better respond to unforeseen dust events,” Mr Brooker said.

“We want our community to understand the reasons these events can occur and what action we are taking to reduce any impact.”

ENGIE Hazelwood currently has four dust deposition gauges located around the Mine site to monitor fugitive dust.

It is also in the process of installing a number of real-time dust monitors around the landfills, Power Station and Mine sites. These will give real-time dust measurements, allowing Hazelwood to better respond to unforeseen dust events.

“Our aim is to also have the results of this monitoring program available online so that members of the public can also monitor fugitive dust from the site,” Mr Brooker said.

“In addition to the real-time dust modelling, we are working with environmental consultant, ERM Australia, to revise our current site dust management plan and develop a new predictive model.”

Mr Brooker said mitigating fugitive dust from the site was an active and ongoing daily consideration in operational planning. Forecast weather conditions are monitored and where warranted, an action response is activated to mitigate dust emissions.



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This may be in the form of pre-wetting of the exposed coal within the Mine to minimise coal dust or activation of a water sprinkler system, installed in the Hazelwood Ash Retention Area (HARA) in the base of the Mine to control raised ash dust. Activities such as wetting of Mine roads with water carts are a regular and planned activity.

Over the past month, a fibrous mulch product has been spread over the Hazelwood Ash Pond - known as HAP4 - to act as a temporary capping solution until final caps can be installed. This mulch product acts as a cover, which prevents any dry ash from leaving the pond

This product has been successfully used at the AGL Mine and at EBAC in recent times.

If you have questions about dust from Hazelwood, you can drop into two 'Café Conversations' – the first at the Qu Bah Café at Mid Valley on Tuesday 17 July from 2-4pm, followed by the Saltbush Café in Commercial Road, Morwell, on Wednesday 18 July from 2-4pm.

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