



Hazelwood Closure Update



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Hazelwood commences Hazardous Materials Audit

Hygienists from the Edge Group arrived on site at Hazelwood this week to start a Hazardous Materials Audit required as part of the Division 6, 2017 Occupational Health Safety regulations for the site's pre-demolition and rehabilitation.

A Division 6 audit is an invasive audit, which includes the identification of all hazardous building materials including asbestos, lead paint and Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs) prior to demolition. This identifies what hazardous building materials will need to be removed prior to demolition works at the Hazelwood site.

OHS Manager Hazardous Materials and Substances, Shane Cane, said the team was initially looking at a small site – the Crusher House – as a starting point.

“They will make an assessment of our hazardous materials register compared with their inspections then we will work together to develop a strategy for auditing the entire site, both Station and Mine,” Mr Cane said.

Currently three hygienists are on site, however there will be up to six over the life of the audit which is expected to take up to four months.

“It is a lengthy process to identify and quantify all hazardous materials on site so a licensed demolition contractor can remove it all before demolition,” Mr Cane said. “The Edge Group is specialised in auditing large industrial sites in accordance with the hazardous materials regulations.”

Meanwhile, a new quarterly air monitoring program has started. The program will continue until demolition to ensure there is no presence of any airborne fibre.

A local company, Mairin OHSE, will take up to 200 samples over a two-week period every three months until demolition.

