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Underground investigation well under way

A detailed underground site investigation is under way at Hazelwood Power Station.

This investigation will help gain a better understanding of the soil and groundwater conditions under the Power Station block, in order to assess potential risks to the environment.

Specialist contractor ERM is installing 76 investigation locations – 60 of these are soil bores and a further 16 will initially be soil bores then converted to monitor groundwater. There will also be two sediments samples and one surface water sample taken as part of the investigation.

Hazelwood Environmental Manager Regulatory, Ross Brooker, said the Power Station concrete foundations were poured over 50 years ago and with 50 years of operational activities on site it was important to understand what, if any impacts, may have occurred sub-surface under these foundations.

“Samples will be sent for detailed analysis by environmental scientists,” Ross said. “We are looking for anything that might have leaked from any plant and equipment.

“This will help inform decisions to be made for the demolition phase of the Hazelwood Rehabilitation Project and also identify any site remediation activities required post-demolition. This is the first phase of the detailed site investigation program for the Hazelwood Rehabilitation project, with further studies required post-demolition on the Power Block and also on the remaining lands surrounding the Mine operational areas.”

The project is being overseen by EPA appointed auditor, Darryl Strudwick from AECOM.

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