



Media release



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Hazelwood dust suppression spraying

A helicopter will be used for aerial spraying of one of ENGIE Hazelwood's ash ponds as part of dust suppression activities.

The work is planned from 19 June to 23 June, weather permitting.

Mine Director, Garry Wilkinson, said ENGIE Hazelwood had always taken a proactive approach to dust management and the potential impact on the environment and nearby communities.

"The aerial spraying is in addition to our normal dust suppression activities and will further alleviate any potential for dust to be generated from this ash pond which is drying out," Mr Wilkinson said. "This procedure will assist in binding the surface ash."

The spray is non-toxic and will not cause any harm, and will allow Hazelwood to continue to operate within its Mining and EPA licence conditions relating to dust mitigation.

Aerial spraying is commonly used in the mining industry and has been completed safely and effectively by the engaged contractor, Rainstorm, who won a Civil Contractors Federation Earth Award for their works in Western Australia. The helicopter will fly between 50 and 60 metres above the site's largest ash pond in a line grid.

Mr Wilkinson said the spraying would last for 12 months and allow planning for the next phase of rehabilitating the ash ponds.

"The community and environment are always at the forefront of our minds when we review our environmental management practices on site," he said.

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