



Monday, March 27 2017

Hazelwood units come offline

The process of taking Hazelwood units offline started today and will result in some visual emissions from the stacks although they remain within EPA licence limits.

This will occur for some time until all the units have been cooled down.

Unit 8 was shut down in the early hours this morning, followed by Unit 6 at 9am and then Unit 4 later this afternoon. Units 2, 5 and 7 will be shut down gradually tomorrow and Units 1 and 3 on Wednesday.

As each generating unit is shutdown, the boiler will be fired down safely to consume the remaining coal in the unit bunkers.

After the shutdown of the first two units, a full boiler clean is done to remove all built up ash in the boiler and leave the boiler in a safe clean condition for the decommissioning team.

As the station is only able to clean a couple of units at the same time, the boiler clean process will continue across the power station into May. At times, there may be visible emissions but these will continue to be monitored by the online instruments recorded for station EPA licence reporting.