

Licence - 1095

Licence Details			
Number:	1095		
Anniversary Date:	28-February		

### **Licensee**

SHOALHAVEN COAL PTY LTD

PO BOX 3011

**BOWENFELS NSW 2790** 

### **Premises**

THE INVINCIBLE COLLIERY

**CASTLEREAGH HIGHWAY** 

**CULLEN BULLEN NSW 2790** 

### **Scheduled Activity**

Coal works

Mining for coal

Fee Based Activity	<u>Scale</u>
Coal works	0-2000000 T annual handing capacity
Mining for coal	> 500000-2000000 T annual production capacity

### **Contact Us**

**NSW EPA** 

6 Parramatta Square

10 Darcy Street

PARRAMATTA NSW 2150

Phone: 131 555

Email: info@epa.nsw.gov.au

Locked Bag 5022

PARRAMATTA NSW 2124



Licence - 1095

INFC	DRMATION ABOUT THIS LICENCE	2
Dic	ctionary	
Res	sponsibilities of licensee	
Var	riation of licence conditions	∠
Dui	ration of licence	
Lice	ence review	
Fee	es and annual return to be sent to the EPA	
Tra	ansfer of licence	<b></b>
Pul	blic register and access to monitoring data	£
	ADMINISTRATIVE CONDITIONS	6
A1	What the licence authorises and regulates	{
A2		
A3		
2	DISCHARGES TO AIR AND WATER AND APPLICATIONS TO LAND	
P1	Location of monitoring/discharge points and areas  LIMIT CONDITIONS	
L1	Pollution of waters	
L2	Concentration limits	
L3	Waste	
L4	Noise limits	
L5	Blasting	
L6	Potentially offensive odour	1-
4	OPERATING CONDITIONS	11
01	Activities must be carried out in a competent manner	1-
02	Maintenance of plant and equipment	1-
О3	Dust	4
04	Other operating conditions	4
5	MONITORING AND RECORDING CONDITIONS	12
M1	Monitoring records	12
M2	Requirement to monitor concentration of pollutants discharged	12
МЗ		
M4		
M5	Telephone complaints line	14
M6	Blasting	14
6	REPORTING CONDITIONS	15



Licen	ce - 1095	
R1	Annual return documents	45
R2	Notification of environmental harm	46
R3	Written report	16
7	GENERAL CONDITIONS	17
G1	Copy of licence kept at the premises or plant	17
8	POLLUTION STUDIES AND REDUCTION PROGRAMS	17
U1	Low pH Water Investigation and Management	17
DICT	IONARY	19
Ger	peral Dictionary	1Ω



Licence - 1095

## Information about this licence

### **Dictionary**

A definition of terms used in the licence can be found in the dictionary at the end of this licence.

### Responsibilities of licensee

Separate to the requirements of this licence, general obligations of licensees are set out in the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 ("the Act") and the Regulations made under the Act. These include obligations to:

- ensure persons associated with you comply with this licence, as set out in section 64 of the Act;
- control the pollution of waters and the pollution of air (see for example sections 120 132 of the Act);
- report incidents causing or threatening material environmental harm to the environment, as set out in Part 5.7 of the Act.

### Variation of licence conditions

The licence holder can apply to vary the conditions of this licence. An application form for this purpose is available from the EPA.

The EPA may also vary the conditions of the licence at any time by written notice without an application being made.

Where a licence has been granted in relation to development which was assessed under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 in accordance with the procedures applying to integrated development, the EPA may not impose conditions which are inconsistent with the development consent conditions until the licence is first reviewed under Part 3.6 of the Act.

### **Duration of licence**

This licence will remain in force until the licence is surrendered by the licence holder or until it is suspended or revoked by the EPA or the Minister. A licence may only be surrendered with the written approval of the EPA.

### Licence review

The Act requires that the EPA review your licence at least every 5 years after the issue of the licence, as set out in Part 3.6 and Schedule 5 of the Act. You will receive advance notice of the licence review.

### Fees and annual return to be sent to the EPA

For each licence fee period you must pay:

- an administrative fee; and
- a load-based fee (if applicable).



Licence - 1095

The EPA publication "A Guide to Licensing" contains information about how to calculate your licence fees. The licence requires that an Annual Return, comprising a Statement of Compliance and a summary of any monitoring required by the licence (including the recording of complaints), be submitted to the EPA. The Annual Return must be submitted within 60 days after the end of each reporting period. See condition R1 regarding the Annual Return reporting requirements.

Usually the licence fee period is the same as the reporting period.

### Transfer of licence

The licence holder can apply to transfer the licence to another person. An application form for this purpose is available from the EPA.

### Public register and access to monitoring data

Part 9.5 of the Act requires the EPA to keep a public register of details and decisions of the EPA in relation to, for example:

- licence applications;
- licence conditions and variations;
- statements of compliance;
- load based licensing information; and
- load reduction agreements.

Under s320 of the Act application can be made to the EPA for access to monitoring data which has been submitted to the EPA by licensees.

### This licence is issued to:

SHOALHAVEN COAL PTY LTD

**PO BOX 3011** 

**BOWENFELS NSW 2790** 

subject to the conditions which follow.



Licence - 1095

## 1 Administrative Conditions

### A1 What the licence authorises and regulates

A1.1 This licence authorises the carrying out of the scheduled activities listed below at the premises specified in A2. The activities are listed according to their scheduled activity classification, fee-based activity classification and the scale of the operation.

Unless otherwise further restricted by a condition of this licence, the scale at which the activity is carried out must not exceed the maximum scale specified in this condition.

Scheduled Activity	Fee Based Activity	Scale
Coal works	Coal works	0 - 2000000 T annual handing capacity
Mining for coal	Mining for coal	> 500000 - 2000000 T annual production capacity

## A2 Premises or plant to which this licence applies

A2.1 The licence applies to the following premises:

Premises Details
THE INVINCIBLE COLLIERY
CASTLEREAGH HIGHWAY
CULLEN BULLEN
NSW 2790
LOT 1 DP 180294, LOT 16 DP 755769, PART LOT 112 DP 877190, LOT 113 DP 877190
PART BEN BULLEN STATE FOREST. INVINCIBLE COLLIERY HOLDING

## A3 Information supplied to the EPA

A3.1 Works and activities must be carried out in accordance with the proposal contained in the licence application, except as expressly provided by a condition of this licence.

In this condition the reference to "the licence application" includes a reference to:

- a) the applications for any licences (including former pollution control approvals) which this licence replaces under the Protection of the Environment Operations (Savings and Transitional) Regulation 1998; and b) the licence information form provided by the licensee to the EPA to assist the EPA in connection with the
- b) the licence information form provided by the licensee to the EPA to assist the EPA in connection with the issuing of this licence.



Licence - 1095

## 2 Discharges to Air and Water and Applications to Land

## P1 Location of monitoring/discharge points and areas

P1.1 The following points referred to in the table below are identified in this licence for the purposes of monitoring and/or the setting of limits for the emission of pollutants to the air from the point.

### Air

EPA identi- fication no.	Type of Monitoring Point	Type of Discharge Point	Location Description
3	Dust monitoring		High Volume Air Sampler identified as IDD1 on figure titled "Figure 6.1: Air Quality Monitoring Locations" (CEH Survey, 2023)" - EPA reference DOC23/121715-2.
4	Dust monitoring		Dust depositional gauge identified as IDD2 on figure titled "Figure 6.1: Air Quality Monitoring Locations" (CEH Survey, 2023)" - EPA reference DOC23/121715-2.
5	Dust monitoring		Dust depositional gauge identified as IDD3 on figure titled "Figure 6.1: Air Quality Monitoring Locations" (CEH Survey, 2023)" - EPA reference DOC23/121715-2.
6	Dust monitoring		Dust depositional gauge identified as IDD4 on figure titled "Figure 6.1: Air Quality Monitoring Locations" (CEH Survey, 2023)" - EPA reference DOC23/121715-2.
7	Dust monitoring		Dust depositional gauge identified as IDD5 on figure titled "Figure 6.1: Air Quality Monitoring Locations" (CEH Survey, 2023)" - EPA reference DOC23/121715-2.
8	Dust monitoring		Dust depositional gauge identified as IDD6 on figure titled "Figure 6.1: Air Quality Monitoring Locations" (CEH Survey, 2023)" - EPA reference DOC23/121715-2.

- P1.2 The following utilisation areas referred to in the table below are identified in this licence for the purposes of the monitoring and/or the setting of limits for any application of solids or liquids to the utilisation area.
- P1.3 The following points referred to in the table are identified in this licence for the purposes of the monitoring and/or the setting of limits for discharges of pollutants to water from the point.

#### Water and land

EPA Identi-	Type of Monitoring Point	Type of Discharge Point	Location Description
fication no.			



Licence - 1095

Discharge quality Discharge quality I monitoring monitoring '	Discharge from water storage dam labelled as LD002 on figure titled "Figure 1: Invincible EPL Boundary and Monitoring Points (Umwelt 2020)" - EPA reference DOC22/454121.
---	---

## 3 Limit Conditions

### L1 Pollution of waters

L1.1 Except as may be expressly provided in any other condition of this licence, the licensee must comply with section 120 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997.

### L2 Concentration limits

- L2.1 For each monitoring/discharge point or utilisation area specified in the table/s below (by a point number), the concentration of a pollutant discharged at that point, or applied to that area, must not exceed the concentration limits specified for that pollutant in the table.
- L2.2 Where a pH quality limit is specified in the table, the specified percentage of samples must be within the specified ranges.
- L2.3 To avoid any doubt, this condition does not authorise the pollution of waters by any pollutant other than those specified in the table\s.
- L2.4 Water and/or Land Concentration Limits

### **POINT 2**

Pollutant	Units of Measure	50 percentile concentration limit	90 percentile concentration limit	3DGM concentration limit	100 percentile concentration limit
Oil and Grease	milligrams per litre				10
рН	рН				6.5-8.5
Total suspended solids	milligrams per litre				30

### L3 Waste



Licence - 1095

L3.1 The licensee must not cause, permit or allow any waste generated outside the premises to be received at the premises for storage, treatment, processing, reprocessing or disposal or any waste generated at the premises to be disposed of at the premises, except as expressly permitted by the licence.

### L4 Noise limits

- L4.1 Noise from the premises must not exceed:
  - a) At "Billabong" 40 dB(A) LAeq(15 minute) during the day and evening, 35 dB(A) LAeq(15 minute) and 45 dB(A) LA1(1 minute) at night;
  - b) At "Hillview" 43 dB(A) LAeq(15 minute) during the day and evening, 35 dB(A) LAeq(15 minute) and 45 dB(A) LA1(1 minute) at night; and
  - c) At all other privately owned land 35 dB(A) LAeq(15 minute) during the day, evening and night and 45 dB(A) LA1(1 minute) at night.

Note: The above noise limits do not apply at properties where the licensee has a written agreement with the landowner regarding the applicable noise limit.

- L4.2 For the purpose of Condition L4.1:
  - a) Day is defined as the period from 7am to 6pm Monday to Saturday and 8am to 6pm Sundays and Public Holidays,
  - b) Evening is defined as the period from 6pm to 10pm
  - c) Night is defined as the period from 10pm to 7am Monday to Saturday and 10pm to 8am Sundays and Public Holidays
  - d) LAeq(15minute) is defined as the equivalent continuous 'A' weighted sound pressure level- the energy average of the noise measured over a 15 minute period.
  - e) LA1 (1 minute) is defined as the sound pressure level exceeded for one percent of a 1 minute measurement period.
- L4.3 The noise emission limits set out in this licence apply under all meteorological conditions except for the following:
  - a) Wind speeds greater than 3m/s at 10 metres above ground level; or
  - b) Stability category F temperature inversion conditions and wind speeds greater than 2m/s at 10 metres above the ground level; or
  - c) Stability category G temperature inversion conditions.
- L4.4 To determine compliance:
  - a) with the Leg(15 minute) noise limits in condition L4.1, the noise measurement equipment must be located:
  - i) approximately on the property boundary, where any dwelling is situated 30 metres or less from the property boundary closest to the premises; or
  - ii) within 30 metres of a dwelling façade, but not closer than 3 metres where any dwelling on the property is situated more than 30 metres from the property boundary closest to the premises; or, where applicable
  - iii) within approximately 50 metres of the boundary of a National Park or Nature Reserve
  - b) with the LA1(1 minute) noise limits in condition L4.1, the noise measurement equipment must be located within 1 metre of a dwelling façade.
  - c) with the noise limits in condition L4.1, the noise measurement equipment must be located:
  - i) at the most affected point at a location where there is no dwelling at the location; or



Licence - 1095

- ii) at the most affected point within an area at a location prescribed by conditions L4.4(a) or L4.4(b).
- L4.5 For the purposes of determining the noise generated at the premises the modification factors in Fact Sheet C of the Noise Policy for Industry (EPA, 2017) must be applied, as appropriate, to the noise levels measured by the noise monitoring equipment.

### L5 Blasting

- L5.1 The airblast overpressure level from blasting operations at the premises must not exceed 120 dB (lin Peak) at any time at any noise sensitive locations. Error margins associated with any monitoring equipment used to measure this are not to be taken into account in determining whether or not the limit has been exceeded.
- L5.2 The airblast overpressure level from blasting operations at the premises must not exceed 115 dB (Lin Peak) at any noise sensitive locations for more than five percent of the total number of blasts over each reporting period. Error margins associated with any monitoring equipment used to measure this are not to be taken into account in determining whether or not the limit has been exceeded.
- L5.3 Ground vibration peak particle velocity from the blasting operations at the premises must not exceed 10 mm/sec at any time at noise sensitive locations. Error margins associated with any monitoring equipment used to measure this are not to be taken into account in determining whether or not the limit has been exceeded.
- L5.4 Ground vibration peak particle velocity from the blasting operations at the premises must not exceed 5 mm/sec at any noise sensitive locations for more than five percent of the total number of blasts over each reporting period. Error margins associated with any monitoring equipment used to measure this are not to be taken into account in determining whether or not the limit has been exceeded.
- Note: "Noise sensitive locations" includes buildings used as a residence, hospital, school, child care centre, places of public worship and nursing homes. A noise sensitive location includes the land within 30 metres of the building.
- L5.5 Blasting in or on the premises must only be carried out between 0900 hours and 1700 hours, Monday to Saturday. Blasting in or on the premises must not take place on Sundays or Public Holidays without the prior approval of the EPA.
- L5.6 Offensive blast fume must not be emitted from the premises.

### Definition:

Offensive blast fume means post-blast gases from the detonation of explosives at the premises that by reason of their nature, duration, character or quality, or the time at which they are emitted, or any other circumstances:

- 1. are harmful to (or likely to be harmful to) a person that is outside the premises from which it is emitted; or
- 2. interferes unreasonably with (or is likely to interfere unreasonably with) the comfort or repose of a person who is outside the premises to which it is emitted.



Licence - 1095

## L6 Potentially offensive odour

L6.1 No condition of this licence identifies a potentially offensive odour for the purposes of section 129 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997.

Note: Section 129 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997, provides that the licensee must not cause or permit the emission of any offensive odour from the premises but provides a defence if the emission is identified in the relevant environment protection licence as a potentially offensive odour and the odour was emitted in accordance with the conditions of a licence directed at minimising odour.

## 4 Operating Conditions

### O1 Activities must be carried out in a competent manner

O1.1 Licensed activities must be carried out in a competent manner.

This includes:

- a) the processing, handling, movement and storage of materials and substances used to carry out the activity; and
- b) the treatment, storage, processing, reprocessing, transport and disposal of waste generated by the activity.

### O2 Maintenance of plant and equipment

- O2.1 All plant and equipment installed at the premises or used in connection with the licensed activity:
  - a) must be maintained in a proper and efficient condition; and
  - b) must be operated in a proper and efficient manner.

### O3 Dust

- O3.1 Activities occurring in or on the premises must be carried out in a manner that will minimise the generation, or emission from the premises, of wind-blown or traffic generated dust.
- O3.2 All trafficable areas, coal storage areas and vehicle manoeuvring areas in or on the premises must be maintained, at all times, in a condition that will minimise the generation, or emission from the premises, of wind-blown or traffic generated dust.
- O3.3 Trucks transporting coal from the premises must be covered immediately after loading to prevent wind blown emissions and spillage. The covering must be maintained until immediately before unloading the trucks.
- O3.4 The tailgates of all haulage trucks leaving the premises must be securely fixed prior to loading or immediately after unloading to prevent loss of material.

### O4 Other operating conditions

O4.1 A truck wheel wash must be maintained and operated at the premises to minimise the tracking of dirt and



Licence - 1095

coal fines from the premises on to the Castlereagh Highway.

## 5 Monitoring and Recording Conditions

## M1 Monitoring records

- M1.1 The results of any monitoring required to be conducted by this licence or a load calculation protocol must be recorded and retained as set out in this condition.
- M1.2 All records required to be kept by this licence must be:
  - a) in a legible form, or in a form that can readily be reduced to a legible form;
  - b) kept for at least 4 years after the monitoring or event to which they relate took place; and
  - c) produced in a legible form to any authorised officer of the EPA who asks to see them.
- M1.3 The following records must be kept in respect of any samples required to be collected for the purposes of this licence:
  - a) the date(s) on which the sample was taken;
  - b) the time(s) at which the sample was collected;
  - c) the point at which the sample was taken; and
  - d) the name of the person who collected the sample.

## M2 Requirement to monitor concentration of pollutants discharged

- M2.1 For each monitoring/discharge point or utilisation area specified below (by a point number), the licensee must monitor (by sampling and obtaining results by analysis) the concentration of each pollutant specified in Column 1. The licensee must use the sampling method, units of measure, and sample at the frequency, specified opposite in the other columns:
- M2.2 Air Monitoring Requirements

#### POINT 3

Pollutant	Units of measure	Frequency	Sampling Method
Particulate matter	micrograms per cubic metre	Every 6 days	AM-15
Particulates - Deposited Matter	grams per square metre per month	Once a month (min. of 4 weeks)	AM-19
PM10	micrograms per cubic metre	Every 6 days	AM-18

### POINT 4,5,6,7,8

Pollutant	Units of measure	Frequency	Sampling Method
Particulates - Deposited Matter	grams per square metre per month	Once a month (min. of 4 weeks)	AM-19



Licence - 1095

M2.3 Water and/ or Land Monitoring Requirements

#### POINT 2

Pollutant	Units of measure	Frequency	Sampling Method
Oil and Grease	milligrams per litre	Monthly during discharge	Grab sample
рН	рН	Monthly during discharge	In situ
Total suspended solids	milligrams per litre	Monthly during discharge	Grab sample

## M3 Testing methods - concentration limits

- M3.1 Monitoring for the concentration of a pollutant emitted to the air required to be conducted by this licence must be done in accordance with:
  - a) any methodology which is required by or under the Act to be used for the testing of the concentration of the pollutant; or
  - b) if no such requirement is imposed by or under the Act, any methodology which a condition of this licence requires to be used for that testing; or
  - c) if no such requirement is imposed by or under the Act or by a condition of this licence, any methodology approved in writing by the EPA for the purposes of that testing prior to the testing taking place.
- M3.2 Subject to any express provision to the contrary in this licence, monitoring for the concentration of a pollutant discharged to waters or applied to a utilisation area must be done in accordance with the Approved Methods Publication unless another method has been approved by the EPA in writing before any tests are conducted.

Note: The *Protection of the Environment Operations (Clean Air) Regulation 2022* requires testing for certain purposes to be conducted in accordance with test methods contained in the publication "Approved Methods for the Sampling and Analysis of Air Pollutants in NSW".

### M4 Recording of pollution complaints

- M4.1 The licensee must keep a legible record of all complaints made to the licensee or any employee or agent of the licensee in relation to pollution arising from any activity to which this licence applies.
- M4.2 The record must include details of the following:
  - a) the date and time of the complaint;
  - b) the method by which the complaint was made;
  - c) any personal details of the complainant which were provided by the complainant or, if no such details were provided, a note to that effect;
  - d) the nature of the complaint;



Licence - 1095

- e) the action taken by the licensee in relation to the complaint, including any follow-up contact with the complainant; and
- f) if no action was taken by the licensee, the reasons why no action was taken.
- M4.3 The record of a complaint must be kept for at least 4 years after the complaint was made.
- M4.4 The record must be produced to any authorised officer of the EPA who asks to see them.

### M5 Telephone complaints line

- M5.1 The licensee must operate during its operating hours a telephone complaints line for the purpose of receiving any complaints from members of the public in relation to activities conducted at the premises or by the vehicle or mobile plant, unless otherwise specified in the licence.
- M5.2 The licensee must notify the public of the complaints line telephone number and the fact that it is a complaints line so that the impacted community knows how to make a complaint.
- M5.3 The preceding two conditions do not apply until 3 months after: the date of the issue of this licence.

## M6 Blasting

- M6.1 To determine compliance with condition(s) L5.1 to L5.4:
  - a) Airblast overpressure and ground vibration levels experienced at the following noise sensitive locations must be measured and recorded for all blasts carried out on the premises;
    - i) "Erin Park" 30 Farley Street, Cullen Bullen; and
    - ii) Lot 25 King Street, Cullen Bullen
  - b) Instrumentation used to measure and record the airblast overpressure and ground vibration levels must meet the requirements of Australian Standard AS 2187.2-2006.
- M6.2 A breach of the licence will still occur where airblast overpressure or ground vibration levels from the blasting operations at the premises exceeds the limit specified in conditions L5.1 to L5.4 at any "noise sensitive locations" other than the locations identified in the above condition.

The airblast overpressure and ground vibration levels in conditions L5.1 to L5.4 do not apply at noise sensitive locations that are owned by the licensee or subject to a private agreement, relating to airblast overpressure and ground vibration levels, between the licensee and land owner.

## 6 Reporting Conditions



Licence - 1095

### R1 Annual return documents

- R1.1 The licensee must complete and supply to the EPA an Annual Return in the approved form comprising:
  - 1. a Statement of Compliance,
  - 2. a Monitoring and Complaints Summary,
  - 3. a Statement of Compliance Licence Conditions,
  - 4. a Statement of Compliance Load based Fee.
  - 5. a Statement of Compliance Requirement to Prepare Pollution Incident Response Management Plan,
  - 6. a Statement of Compliance Requirement to Publish Pollution Monitoring Data; and
  - 7. a Statement of Compliance Environmental Management Systems and Practices.

At the end of each reporting period, the EPA will provide to the licensee notification that the Annual Return is due.

- R1.2 An Annual Return must be prepared in respect of each reporting period, except as provided below.
- R1.3 Where this licence is transferred from the licensee to a new licensee:
  - a) the transferring licensee must prepare an Annual Return for the period commencing on the first day of the reporting period and ending on the date the application for the transfer of the licence to the new licensee is granted; and
  - b) the new licensee must prepare an Annual Return for the period commencing on the date the application for the transfer of the licence is granted and ending on the last day of the reporting period.
- R1.4 Where this licence is surrendered by the licensee or revoked by the EPA or Minister, the licensee must prepare an Annual Return in respect of the period commencing on the first day of the reporting period and ending on:
  - a) in relation to the surrender of a licence the date when notice in writing of approval of the surrender is given; or
  - b) in relation to the revocation of the licence the date from which notice revoking the licence operates.
- R1.5 The Annual Return for the reporting period must be supplied to the EPA via eConnect *EPA* or by registered post not later than 60 days after the end of each reporting period or in the case of a transferring licence not later than 60 days after the date the transfer was granted (the 'due date').
- R1.6 The licensee must retain a copy of the Annual Return supplied to the EPA for a period of at least 4 years after the Annual Return was due to be supplied to the EPA.
- R1.7 Within the Annual Return, the Statements of Compliance must be certified and the Monitoring and Complaints Summary must be signed by:
  - a) the licence holder; or
  - b) by a person approved in writing by the EPA to sign on behalf of the licence holder.
- R1.8 The licensee must report any exceedence of the licence blasting limits to the regional office of the EPA as soon as practicable after the exceedence becomes known to the licensee or to one of the licensee's employees or agents.
- Note: The term "reporting period" is defined in the dictionary at the end of this licence. Do not complete the Annual Return until after the end of the reporting period.



Licence - 1095

Note: An application to transfer a licence must be made in the approved form for this purpose.

### R2 Notification of environmental harm

- R2.1 Notifications must be made by telephoning the Environment Line service on 131 555.
- R2.2 The licensee must provide written details of the notification to the EPA within 7 days of the date on which they became aware of the incident.
- Note: The licensee or its employees must notify all relevant authorities of incidents causing or threatening material harm to the environment immediately after the person becomes aware of the incident in accordance with the requirements of Part 5.7 of the Act.

### R3 Written report

- R3.1 Where an authorised officer of the EPA suspects on reasonable grounds that:
  - a) where this licence applies to premises, an event has occurred at the premises; or
  - b) where this licence applies to vehicles or mobile plant, an event has occurred in connection with the carrying out of the activities authorised by this licence,
  - and the event has caused, is causing or is likely to cause material harm to the environment (whether the harm occurs on or off premises to which the licence applies), the authorised officer may request a written report of the event.
- R3.2 The licensee must make all reasonable inquiries in relation to the event and supply the report to the EPA within such time as may be specified in the request.
- R3.3 The request may require a report which includes any or all of the following information:
  - a) the cause, time and duration of the event;
  - b) the type, volume and concentration of every pollutant discharged as a result of the event;
  - c) the name, address and business hours telephone number of employees or agents of the licensee, or a specified class of them, who witnessed the event;
  - d) the name, address and business hours telephone number of every other person (of whom the licensee is aware) who witnessed the event, unless the licensee has been unable to obtain that information after making reasonable effort:
  - e) action taken by the licensee in relation to the event, including any follow-up contact with any complainants;
  - f) details of any measure taken or proposed to be taken to prevent or mitigate against a recurrence of such an event: and
  - g) any other relevant matters.
- R3.4 The EPA may make a written request for further details in relation to any of the above matters if it is not satisfied with the report provided by the licensee. The licensee must provide such further details to the EPA within the time specified in the request.

## 7 General Conditions



Licence - 1095

## G1 Copy of licence kept at the premises or plant

- G1.1 A copy of this licence must be kept at the premises to which the licence applies.
- G1.2 The licence must be produced to any authorised officer of the EPA who asks to see it.
- G1.3 The licence must be available for inspection by any employee or agent of the licensee working at the premises.

## 8 Pollution Studies and Reduction Programs

### U1 Low pH Water Investigation and Management

- U1.1 The licensee must engage a suitably qualified person to undertake an investigation of low pH surface and groundwater within the vicinity of the Environmental Dam and former coal washery tailings dams. The investigation must incorporate, but not necessarily be limited to, the following components:
  - 1. Investigation characterise the chemical composition of the low pH water and determine the lateral extent and the source of this contamination.
  - 2. Management identify all appropriate short, mid and long term management options that can be reasonably and feasibly implemented to minimise the migration of any contaminated surface and/or groundwater contamination from its source (prior to source remediation) and how the effectiveness of such actions will be measured.
  - 3. Remediation/Rehabilitation identify all appropriate options available to the licensee to remediate and/or rehabilitate that portion of the premises that may be causing the contaminated water.
  - 4. Time frames for points 2 and 3 above, identify the time frames for all of the options identified.
  - 5. Preferred options where a number of options have been identified under points 2 and 3 above, the report must list these options in order of preference and provide a description of the advantages and disadvantages for each option.
- U1.2 By no later than 5:00 pm on 31 October 2023, the licensee must notify the EPA in writing (info@epa.nsw.gov.au) of the appropriately qualified person that will be engaged to undertake the investigations required under condition U1.1 above.
- U1.3 By no later than 5:00 pm on 17 November 2023, the licensee must provide the EPA with a copy of the proposed scope of works for the investigation that is required under condition U1.1.
- U1.4 By no later than 5:00 pm on 16 February 2024, the licensee must provide the EPA with a report that summarises the findings of the investigation required by condition U1.1.
- U1.5 Notwithstanding conditions U1.2 to U1.4, the licensee must immediately undertake all reasonable and feasible actions that will minimise the potential for contaminated surface water to impact on off-site receiving waters. Such action may include the routine pumping of water from all dams immediately below the Environmental Dam back on to the premises.
- U1.6 The licensee must prepare monthly summary reports (submitted by 5:00 pm on the last Friday of each month



Licence - 1095

starting from October 2023) summarising the actions completed that month with respect to managing the contaminated water issue including the progression of the investigation and of any remedial/rehabilitation works on the premises.



Licence - 1095

## **Dictionary**

#### **General Dictionary**

3DGM [in relation to a concentration limit] Means the three day geometric mean, which is calculated by multiplying the results of the analysis of three samples collected on consecutive days and then taking the cubed root of that amount. Where one or more of the samples is zero or below the detection limit for the analysis, then 1 or the detection limit respectively should be used in place of those samples

Act Means the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997

activity Means a scheduled or non-scheduled activity within the meaning of the Protection of the Environment

Operations Act 1997

actual load Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Operations (General) Regulation 2009

AM Together with a number, means an ambient air monitoring method of that number prescribed by the

Approved Methods for the Sampling and Analysis of Air Pollutants in New South Wales.

AMG Australian Map Grid

anniversary date The anniversary date is the anniversary each year of the date of issue of the licence. In the case of a

licence continued in force by the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997, the date of issue of the licence is the first anniversary of the date of issue or last renewal of the licence following the

commencement of the Act.

annual return Is defined in R1.1

Approved Methods Publication Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Operations (General) Regulation 2009

assessable pollutants Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Operations (General) Regulation 2009

BOD Means biochemical oxygen demand

CEM Together with a number, means a continuous emission monitoring method of that number prescribed by

the Approved Methods for the Sampling and Analysis of Air Pollutants in New South Wales.

COD Means chemical oxygen demand

composite sample Unless otherwise specifically approved in writing by the EPA, a sample consisting of 24 individual samples

collected at hourly intervals and each having an equivalent volume.

cond. Means conductivity

**environment** Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997

environment protection legislation

Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Administration Act 1991

**EPA** Means Environment Protection Authority of New South Wales.

fee-based activity classification

Means the numbered short descriptions in Schedule 1 of the Protection of the Environment Operations

(General) Regulation 2009.

general solid waste

Has the same meaning as in Part 3 of Schedule 1 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act

(non-putrescible) 199



Licence - 1095		
flow weighted composite sample	Means a sample whose composites are sized in proportion to the flow at each composites time of collection.	
general solid waste (putrescible)	Has the same meaning as in Part 3 of Schedule 1 of the Protection of the Environmen t Operations Act 1997	
grab sample	Means a single sample taken at a point at a single time	
hazardous waste	Has the same meaning as in Part 3 of Schedule 1 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997	
licensee	Means the licence holder described at the front of this licence	
load calculation protocol	Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Operations (General) Regulation 2009	
local authority	Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997	
material harm	Has the same meaning as in section 147 Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997	
MBAS	Means methylene blue active substances	
Minister	Means the Minister administering the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997	
mobile plant	Has the same meaning as in Part 3 of Schedule 1 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997	
motor vehicle	Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997	
O&G	Means oil and grease	
percentile [in relation to a concentration limit of a sample]	Means that percentage [eg.50%] of the number of samples taken that must meet the concentration limit specified in the licence for that pollutant over a specified period of time. In this licence, the specified period of time is the Reporting Period unless otherwise stated in this licence.	
plant	Includes all plant within the meaning of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 as well as motor vehicles.	
pollution of waters [or water pollution]	Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997	
premises	Means the premises described in condition A2.1	
public authority	Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997	
regional office	Means the relevant EPA office referred to in the Contacting the EPA document accompanying this licence	
reporting period	For the purposes of this licence, the reporting period means the period of 12 months after the issue of the licence, and each subsequent period of 12 months. In the case of a licence continued in force by the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997, the date of issue of the licence is the first anniversary of the date of issue or last renewal of the licence following the commencement of the Act.	
restricted solid waste	Has the same meaning as in Part 3 of Schedule 1 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997	
scheduled activity	Means an activity listed in Schedule 1 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997	
special waste	Has the same meaning as in Part 3 of Schedule 1 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997	
TNA	The observable of the second o	

Together with a number, means a test method of that number prescribed by the Approved Methods for the

Sampling and Analysis of Air Pollutants in New South Wales.

TM



Licence - 1095

TSP	Means total suspended particles
TSS	Means total suspended solids
Type 1 substance	Means the elements antimony, arsenic, cadmium, lead or mercury or any compound containing one or more of those elements
Type 2 substance	Means the elements beryllium, chromium, cobalt, manganese, nickel, selenium, tin or vanadium or any compound containing one or more of those elements
utilisation area	Means any area shown as a utilisation area on a map submitted with the application for this licence
waste	Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
waste type	Means liquid, restricted solid waste, general solid waste (putrescible), general solid waste (non-putrescible), special waste or hazardous waste
Wellhead	Has the same meaning as in Schedule 1 to the Protection of the Environment Operations (General) Regulation 2021.

Mr Mitchell Bennett

**Environment Protection Authority** 

(By Delegation)

Date of this edition: 07-September-2000



Licence - 1095

End I	Notes
1	Licence varied by notice 1003396, issued on 01-Feb-2001, which came into effect on 26-Feb-2001.
2	Licence varied by notice 1009309, issued on 29-Oct-2001, which came into effect on 29-Oct-2001.
3	Licence varied by notice 1027420, issued on 22-May-2003, which came into effect on 22-May-2003.
4	Licence varied by notice 1036802, issued on 07-Jun-2004, which came into effect on 02-Jul-2004.
5	Licence varied by notice 1039056, issued on 31-Aug-2004, which came into effect on 25-Sep-2004.
6	Licence varied by notice 1073146, issued on 20-Jul-2007, which came into effect on 20-Jul-2007.
7	Licence varied by notice 1090318, issued on 26-Aug-2008, which came into effect on 26-Aug-2008.
8	Condition A1.3 Not applicable varied by notice issued on <issue date=""> which came into effect on <effective date=""></effective></issue>
9	Licence varied by notice 1097440, issued on 13-May-2009, which came into effect on 13-May-2009.
10	Licence varied by notice 1103625, issued on 18-Aug-2009, which came into effect on 18-Aug-2009.
11	Licence varied by notice 1120638, issued on 08-Nov-2010, which came into effect on 08-Nov-2010.
12	Licence varied by notice 1123055, issued on 22-Dec-2010, which came into effect on 22-Dec-2010.
13	Licence varied by notice 1126945, issued on 01-Jul-2011, which came into effect on 01-Jul-2011.
14	Licence varied by notice 1500654 issued on 08-Aug-2011
15	Licence varied by notice 1509203 issued on 01-Nov-2012
16	Licence transferred through application 1530583 approved on 12-May-2015 , which came into effect on 14-May-2015
17	Licence varied by notice 1626693 issued on 03-Mar-2023
18	Licence varied by notice 1632873 issued on 27-Oct-2023