Alcoa Anglesea Environmental Action Notice Status Report 1 June 2025



1. Introduction

- Alcoa's objective for the Anglesea Power Station (power station) is to complete the environmental site
 remediation works consistent with the requirements of the *National Environmental Protection Measure*1999 (VIC) (Assessment of Site Contamination) (as amended 2013) (NEPM) and the final end land use
 strategy.
- Alcoa will ensure compliance to the requirements of the Environmental Action Notice EAN-00003349 (Notice) as issued to the location by the Environment Protection Authority Victoria (EPA) on 7 September 2022. The Notice requires the submission of six-monthly reports updating the EPA on how the clean-up and ongoing management of the premises has been or is likely to be achieved to comply with the Notice requirements. In the event of identifying any imminent risk to human health or the environment, Alcoa must notify the EPA and advise what measures have been put in place to respond to such risks.

2. Environmental Performance

No environmental non-compliance incidents recorded during the period.

3. Identified Imminent Risks

No imminent risks to human health or the environment identified during the period.

4. Recent Activities

- During the execution of soil remediation works conducted in 2024, an unexpected find of asbestos in soil was identified at remediation Area 1A/B. The area of asbestos containing soil was delineated, recovered and disposed offsite to an appropriately licenced landfill. The area achieved validation with sampling and analysis of soil samples from the excavation floor and walls confirming removal of all impacted asbestos containing soil. These works also identified a residual drain feature at depth with localised hydrocarbon soil impacts. The impacted soil was recovered, and the remaining soils sampled and analysis confirming validation had been achieved. All works undertaken were supported by a Work Plan (addendum to the RAP) reviewed by the Auditor, with the recovered soils being disposed offsite to a licenced facility under controlled conditions.
- In parallel with these works, a milestone for bioremediation of the soils was achieved during the period
 with the remaining biopiled soils sampled and analysed confirming the treated soil suitable for onsite
 reuse. These soils were then used as backfill in the one remaining open excavation. The site no longer
 has any open excavations.
- All soil and sediment sampling and analysis data is currently being compiled into a Site Condition report
 for presentation to the Auditor. These remediation works have been undertaken consistent with the
 environmental Auditor verified Power Station Remediation Action Plan, Environmental Management Plan
 and Acid Sulphate Soils Management Plan.
- The Auditor review of the Area 7 Sediment Boron and Total Recoverable Hydrocarbons Investigation
 Memo and the associated qualitative ecological risk review was completed with all Auditor comments
 addressed. As a result of this review, the artificial stormwater feature does not require any remedial works
 with the sediment quality not posing any unacceptable ecological risk to the faunal and floral communities
 that inhabit the stormwater feature.
- As follow up to the Groundwater Monitoring Event (GME) conducted in late 2024, the draft 2024 GME report was received and reviewed by Alcoa and our environmental consultants. This information has been

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incorporated the Groundwater Interpretative Report that presents the groundwater data trends for the power station.

- The draft Groundwater Quality Management Plan that sets out the ongoing groundwater monitoring
 program, and the provision for assessing the appropriateness of the analytical suites and adequacy of the
 monitoring network with a view to reducing the program over time for both the power station and Mine
 Infrastructure Areas is currently being reviewed by Alcoa.
- An assessment of the residual stockpiles of inert materials (refractory, asphalt, etc) was completed with
 the information received informing reuse or disposal options. These materials were dispatched from site
 with the asphalt and concrete confirmed as suitable for recycling and reuse, and the refractory material
 disposed to an appropriately licenced landfill.
- Continued inspection and maintenance of the Asbestos Landfill cap was completed, consistent with the
 Landfill Aftercare Management Plan. Several small saplings had established in the northwest and
 southwest corners of the fenced off landfill area since the November 2024 inspection. The saplings were
 between the capped area and the fence line and were removed during the May 2025 inspection.

5. Planned Activities (1 June 2025 – 30 November 2025)

- Review by the EPA appointed Auditor of the Anglesea Groundwater Quality Management Plan is expected to be completed during this period, coupled with the Auditor review of the Groundwater Interpretative Report.
- Compilation of both the Remediation Validation Report and the Power Station Site Condition Report by Alcoa's environmental consultants with subsequent review by Alcoa and the EPA appointed Auditor to be completed.
- Development of the site's Environmental Management Plan is expected to progress during this reporting period in preparation for the completion of the environmental audit of the site, as required by the Environmental Action Notice.

6. Community Engagement

- During the period Alcoa continued to engage with the community and key stakeholders about the Anglesea site's remediation activities.
- In total, two community updates on site activities within the power station and the mine were emailed to Alcoa's community database (950+ people) and published on the <u>Alcoa website</u>. Updates were also included within the Anglesea Community Network's <u>bulletin</u> in May.
- Both a Summer and an Autumn community update was published in Anglesea Community House's News Angle, a quarterly hardcopy newsletter distributed to the Anglesea community. The updates were also made available on the Alcoa website. A Winter edition is due for publication in June 2025.
- A copy of this report will be published on the Alcoa website.

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