

Chain Valley Colliery Monthly Website Report – December 2020

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Introduction

Great Southern Energy Pty Ltd (trading as Delta Coal) operates the Chain Valley Colliery, an underground coal mine at the southern end of Lake Macquarie.

Chain Valley Colliery operates under the following regulatory instruments:

- Section 66(6) of the *Protection of the Environmental Operations Act 1997*, to make monitoring data related to an Environment Protection Licence (EPL) publically available;
- Conditions 8 & 11, Schedule 6, of Development Consent SSD-5465 (as modified), issued under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* to provide details of monitoring results and environmental performance;
- An Environment Protection Licence (EPL 1770) issued under the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997*; and
- A Water Access Licence (WAL41508), Aquifer (Sydney Basin North Coast Groundwater Source) for 4,443 unit shares (megalitres).

The above development consent and licences require various monitoring and reporting requirements to be undertaken by Delta Coal for Chain Valley Colliery.

This report provides environmental monitoring data from Chain Valley Colliery for the period of 1st to 31st of December 2020.

Details of the Chain Valley Colliery EPL 1770 are provided below.

Chain Valley Colliery Information		
Premises name	Chain Valley Colliery	
Address	Construction Road, Chain Valley Bay, NSW, 2259	
Licensee	Great Southern Energy Pty Ltd	
EPL#	1770	
EPL location	http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/prpoeoapp/ViewPOEOLicence.aspx?DOCID=50980&SYS UID=1&LICID=1770	

The overall purpose of this monthly report is to keep stakeholders informed of the environmental monitoring results at Chain Valley Colliery and maintain a transparent and accountable reporting system.

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Scope

This report presents the results from the various environmental monitoring programs undertaken for Chain Valley Colliery. Results are presented monthly with annual data and averages.

Where applicable, the results of the monitoring programs are compared with the relevant criteria (from the EPL or Development Consent) to assess compliance. Monitoring results presented in this report include:

- Water quality;
- Water volume;
- Depositional dust; and
- Weather data.

Definitions

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g/m²/month – grams per square metre per month;
kL – kilolitre;
ML – megalitre;
mg/L – milligrams per litre;
TSS – total suspended solids;
μg/L – micrograms per litre; and
μS/cm – microSiemens per centimetre.
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References

ALS Group - Monthly Water Monitoring Results December 2020

ALS Water - Report of Analysis December 2020

Steel River Testing - Dust Deposition Report December 2020

Development Consent SSD-5465 (as modified)

Environment Protection Licence (EPL) 1770 (Licence version date: 2 April 2019)

Monitoring Results

Water – Quality

Water quality results for November 2020 monthly surface water sampling at Chain Valley Colliery, EPA Discharge Point 1 are presented below.

November 2020		
EPL	1770	
Licensee	Great Southern Energy Pty Ltd	
Premises	Chain Valley Colliery	
Date Sampled	29-Dec-20	
Date Obtained	07-Jan-21	
Date Reported	December	
Sampling Point	LDP1	

Parameter	Units	Limit	Result
Biochem. Oxygen Demand	mg/L	-	<2
Enterococci	col/100mL	-	~100
Faecal Coliforms	CFU/100mL	200	~100
рН	рН	6.5-8.5	7.58
Total Sus. Solids	mg/L	50	<5

As detailed above, results for monthly surface water sampling did not exceed the relevant limits where applicable.

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W	ater –	Vo	lume
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Monthly water volumes discharged from the site are summarised below.

The daily water volumes at EPA Discharge Point 1 during December 2020 did not exceed the relevant limit.

December 2020		
EPL	1770	
	Great Soutehrn	
Licensee	Energy Pty Ltd	
	Chain Valley	
Premises	Colliery	
Date Sampled	Daily	
Date Reported	Refer report date	
	12161 kilolitres per	
Discharge volume limit	day	
Sampling Point	1	

Date (24 hour period)	Unit	Volume
01/12/2020	kL	6473.16
02/12/2020	kL	7796.41
03/12/2020	kL	6200.64
04/12/2020	kL	5127.39
05/12/2020	kL	7977.00
06/12/2020	kL	6417.46
07/12/2020	kL	6665.09
08/12/2020	kL	5631.43
09/12/2020	kL	6497.48
10/12/2020	kL	5402.54
11/12/2020	kL	5917.79
12/12/2020	kL	6142.74
13/12/2020	kL	7007.74
14/12/2020	kL	6113.56
15/12/2020	kL	3261.71
16/12/2020	kL	5755.80
17/12/2020	kL	7088.05
18/12/2020	kL	4216.23
19/12/2020	kL	6118.53
20/12/2020	kL	7081.29
21/12/2020	kL	8183.93
22/12/2020	kL	9485.16
23/12/2020	kL	9877.52
24/12/2020	kL	7054.63
25/12/2020	kL	7678.51
26/12/2020	kL	7078.60
27/12/2020	kL	8114.35
28/12/2020	kL	7721.57
29/12/2020	kL	7720.96
30/12/2020	kL	8095.90
31/12/2020	kL	8863.72

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Water – Groundwater Discharge

Groundwater discharged from underground workings to the CVC Pollution Control Dams within the surface operational area has been detailed below. Chain Valley Colliery operates Water Access License (WAL 41508) permitting the extraction of 4,443 megalitres per water year (financial year calander) with a roll-over entitlement up to 8,886 megalitres.

CVC Groundwater to Surface Totals FY2020-2021			
Date (month)	GW Discharge (ML/Month)	GW Discharge (Cumulative ML YTD)	
Jul-20	136.01	136.01	
Aug-20	94.56	230.57	
Sep-20	151.43	382	
Oct-20	167.97	490.49	
Nov-20	187.72	678.21	
Dec-20	205.88	884.09	
Jan-21			
Feb-21			
Mar-21			
Apr-21			
May-21			
Jun-21			

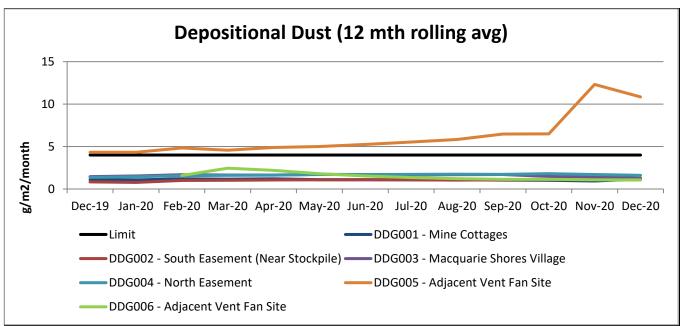
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Air Quality - Depositional Dust

Monthly depositional dust results are shown below. Dust deposition gauges were sampled and analysed in accordance with the project approval, CVC Air Quality Management Plan and relevant Australian Standards.

December 2020				
EPL	1770			
Limit	4g/m²/month/Annum			
Sampling Date	06/11/2020	to	07/12/2020	
Site	Insoluble Matter (g/m2/month)			
DDG001	5.2			
DDG002	1.7			
DDG003	1.4			
DDG004	2.0			
DDG005	9.9			
DDG006 (proposed DDG005 Replacement) 0.9				
Notes:				
- For site locations refer to Chain Valley Colliery Air Quality Management Plan.				

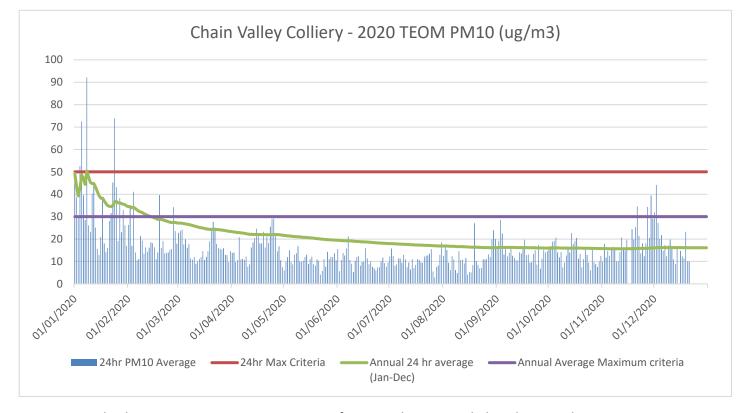
A 12 month rolling average of depositional dust concentrations has been presented below, it is noted that due to frequent contamination of dust guage DDG005 and the bushfire events occuring in December 2019 and January 2020 the rolling average exceeds criteria. DPIE have been notified of each contamination event to the dust guage. Dust Guages DDG001, DDG002, DDG003 and DDG004 are located within a closer proximity to Chain Valley Colliery. DDG005 was intended to represent the fan site, subsequently, DDG006 was installed in a location still considered representative of the CVC vent fan site, but not subject to contamination. Delta Coal currently have a submission with DPIE to amend the Chain Valley Colliery Air Quality Management Plan to replace location DDG005 with DDG006.



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Air Quality - PM₁₀

The 24hr PM_{10} average from Delta Coal's Tapered Element Osciliating Microbalance (TEOM) is presented below for the year to date.



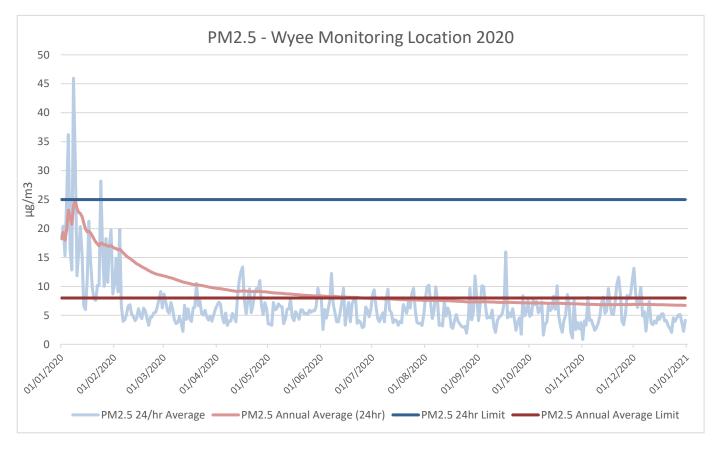
Annual 24hr PM_{10} average maximum criteria for December 2020 is below the annual average maximum criteria limit. A summary of data availability for Delta Coal's TEOM is presented below for the year to date.

Variable	December	Total	Valid
A/C Temp	74.0%	8928	6609
A1	74.0%	8928	6609
A1_Scaled	74.0%	8928	6609
Bypass Flow	74.0%	8928	6609
Cap Temp	74.0%	8928	6609
Case Temp	74.0%	8928	6609
Config	74.0%	8928	6609
Dew Point	74.0%	8928	6609
Dig-In	74.0%	8928	6609
Dig-Latch	74.0%	8928	6609
ESN	74.0%	8928	6609
Filter Freq	74.0%	8928	6609
Filter Load	74.0%	8928	6609
Humidity	74.0%	8928	6609
MC	74.0%	8928	6609
MC 12Hr	74.0%	8928	6609
MC 1Hr	74.0%	8928	6609
MC 24Hr	74.0%	8928	6609
MC 30min	74.0%	8928	6609
MC 8Hr	74.0%	8928	6609
MC Total	74.0%	8928	6609
Mobile Signal	74.0%	8928	6609
Noise	74.0%	8928	6609
PM10 Flow	74.0%	8928	6609
Pressure	74.0%	8928	6609
Site	0.0%	8928	0
Temperature	74.0%	8928	6609
Tube Temp	74.0%	8928	6609
Vac Pressure	74.0%	8928	6609
Volts	74.0%	8928	6609

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Air Quality – PM_{2.5}

Delta Coal utilises $PM_{2.5}$ data obtained from Vales Point Power Station owned and operated beta attenuation monitor (BAM). The $PM_{2.5}$ monitor is located on Tingley Road, Wyee. Delta Coal has been required to monitor $PM_{2.5}$ concentration following the approval of Development Consent SSD-5465 Modification 3 and Project Approval MP06_0311 Modification 5 on the 26th June 2020.



Data obtained from PM_{2.5} monitoring indicates that through January and February of 2020 regional PM_{2.5} was impacted by extensive bush-fires, impacting the annual average value thereafter. For the period of December 2020, the 24-hr PM_{2.5} average concentration and annual average PM_{2.5} concentration did not exceed limits of 25 μ g/m³ and 8 μ g/m³ respectively.

PM_{2.5} data availability for the:

- December 2020 period was 98%; and
- 2020 period to current data availability has been 96%.

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Weather Data

A summary of weather data recorded by a meteorological monitoring station at the adjacent Mannering Colliery is presented below for the year to date. (EPA ID no. 26).

Monthly Weather Data			
Licensee	Great Southern Energy Pty Ltd		
Location	Mannering Colliery Meteorological station		
Date published	Refer report date		
Date sampled	Daily		
Date obtained	05/11/2020		
Month	Total Rainfall/Month mm	Min Temp	Max Temp
Jan-20	28	18	44
Feb-20	350	16	37
Mar-20	159	12	38
Apr-20	46	9	28
May-20	88	5	27
Jun-20	67.6	4.5	22.7
Jul-20	232.8	3.7	23.3
Aug-20	55.2	2.1	25.2
Sep-20	29.2	5.3	30.2
Oct-20	169.4	8.8	31.8
Nov-20	54.8	9.9	41.4
Dec-20	197.2	13.3	33.4

