

Chain Valley Colliery Monthly Website Report – May 2023

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Summary

Environmental monitoring results are presented in this report for monitoring undertaken during the period of May 2023.

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) publicly 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 month of May 2023.

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	EPL 1770 – June 2023

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;
- Air Quality Depositional Dust
- Air Quality PM₁₀
- Air Quality PM_{2.5}; and
- Meteorological 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 May 2023

ALS Group - Dust Deposition Report May 2023

Development Consent SSD-5465 (as modified)

Environment Protection Licence (EPL) 1770 (Licence version date: 5 June 2023)

Monitoring Results

W	/ater –	Quality			

Water quality results for May 2023 monthly surface water sampling at Chain Valley Colliery, Licensed Discharge Point (LDP 1) are presented below.

	May 2023		
EPL	1770		
Licensee	Great Southern Ener	gy Pty Ltd	
Premises	Chain Valley Colliery		
Date Sampled	17-05-2023		
Date Obtained	23-05-2023		
Sampling Point	LDP 1		
Parameter	Units	Limit	Result
Biochem. Oxygen Demand	mg/L	-	<2
Enterococcus	col/100mL	-	45
Faecal Coliforms	CFU/100mL	200	60
pH	рН	6.5-8.5	7.74
pH Total Sus. Solids (TSS)	pH mg/L	6.5-8.5 50	7.74 <5

There were no water quality exceedances at CVC's licensed discharge points for monitoring undertaken in May 2023.

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Water – Volume	
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Monthly water volumes discharged from the site are summarised below. There was no exceedance of volumetric discharge recorded at CVC for the period of May 2023.

EPL	1770
Licensee	Great Southern Energy Pty Ltd
Premises	Chain Valley Colliery
Date Sampled	Daily
Date Reported	Refer report date
Discharge volume limit	12,161 kilolitres per day
Sampling Point	1

Date (24 hour period)	LDP 1 Volume (kL)	Rainfall (mm)
01/05/2023	5332.6	0
02/05/2023	7243.49	0.4
03/05/2023	6533.96	0
04/05/2023	5628.2	0
05/05/2023	6971.83	0
06/05/2023	5866.25	0.2
07/05/2023	6241.64	2.2
08/05/2023	6786.15	4
09/05/2023	5650.14	0
10/05/2023	6074.06	0
11/05/2023	6214.77	0
12/05/2023	5597.25	0.2
13/05/2023	4770.1	1
14/05/2023	5859.47	1.2
15/05/2023	5458.33	0.2
16/05/2023	5479.23	0
17/05/2023	5994.29	22.4
18/05/2023	6410.68	3.6
19/05/2023	6573.71	0
20/05/2023	6098.04	0
21/05/2023	6649.3	0
22/05/2023	5805.82	0
23/05/2023	4431.22	0
24/05/2023	4641.96	0.2
25/05/2023	3538.77	0.2
26/05/2023	9035.7	22.2
27/05/2023	8547.5	0
28/05/2023	9099.08	0
29/05/2023	5462.2	0
30/05/2023	9663.67	0
31/05/2023	9847.51	0
Average	6371	
Minimum	3539	0
Maximum	9848	22.4

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Water – Groundwater Discharge

Groundwater discharged from underground workings to the CVC sedimentation ponds 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 calendar) with a roll-over entitlement up to a maximum of 8,886 megalitres.

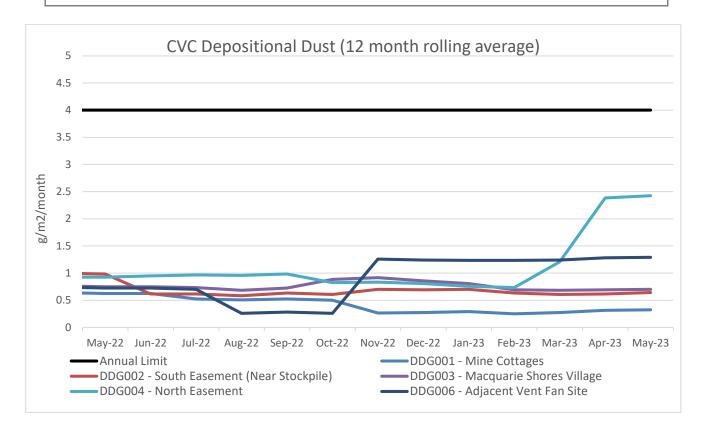
CVC Groundwater to Surface Totals FY2022-2023				
Date (month)	GW Discharge (ML/Month)	GW Discharge (Cumulative ML YTD)		
July 2022	225	225		
August 2022	204	429		
September 2022	222	651		
October 2022	220	872		
November 2022	223	1,095		
December 2022	215	1,310		
January 2023	206	1,516		
February 2023	194	1,710		
March 2023	221	1,931		
April 2023	199	2,129		
May 2023	213	2,342		
June 2023				

Air Quality - Depositional Dust

Monthly depositional dust results are shown below. Dust deposition gauges were sampled and analysed in accordance with the development consent, Delta Coal Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas Management Plan, and relevant Australian Standards.

May 2023		
EPL	1770	
Limit 4g/m² /month / Annum 2g/m²/month increase from previous result		
Sampling Date	03/04/2023 - 04/05/2023	
Site	Insoluble Matter (g/m2/month)	
DDG001	0.2	
DDG002	0.4	
DDG003	0.2	
DDG004	0.9	
DDG006	0.2	
Notes:		
For site locations refer to the	Delta Coal Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas Management Plan.	

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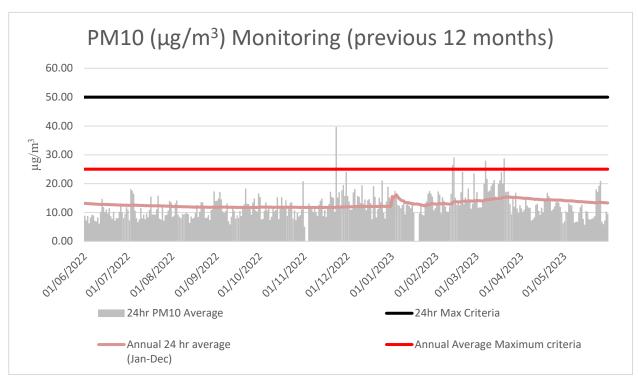


A 12-month rolling average of depositional dust concentrations has been presented below. Dust Gauges DDG001, DDG002, DDG003 and DDG004 are located within a closer proximity to Chain Valley Colliery and DDG006 is positioned in a location representative of the Chain Valley Colliery ventilation fan site at Summerland Point.

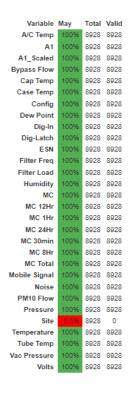
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Air Quality - PM₁₀

The 24hr PM₁₀ average from Delta Coal's Tapered Element Osciliating Microbalance (TEOM), located at the Mannering Park Sewage Treatment Plant, is presented below for the previous 12 months.



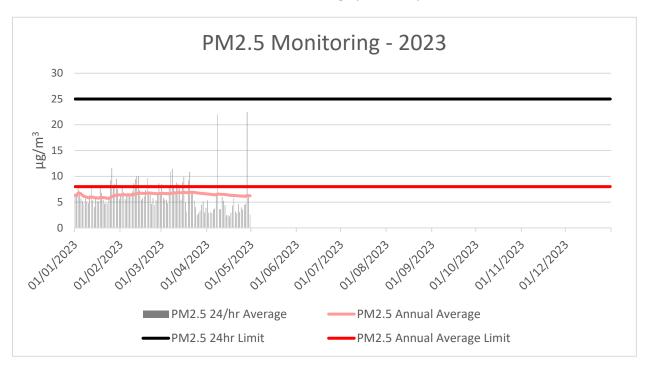
Annual 24hr PM₁₀ average maximum criteria for May 2023 was below the annual average maximum criteria limit. A summary of data availability for Delta Coal's TEOM is presented below for the reporting period. Delta Coals TEOM had a data availability of **100%** for the month of May 2023.



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Air Quality - PM2.5

Delta Coal utilises PM_{2.5} data obtained from Delta Electricity owned and operated beta attenuation monitor (BAM). The PM_{2.5} monitor is located on Tingley Road, Wyee.



There were no exceedances of the PM_{2.5} daily average limit in April 2023. The 12-month rolling average PM_{2.5} value on 30 April 2023 was 6.23 μ g/m³. PM_{2.5} data availability in March 2023 was 97%. The 2023 year to date PM_{2.5} data availability is 98.78%.

It is noted that due to the validation of $PM_{2.5}$ results, there is a one-month delay in publishing $PM_{2.5}$ results, however, real-time alarms remain active to ensure mitigation responses to elevated results can be applied when necessary.

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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 2023			
Licensee	Great Southern Energy Pty Ltd		
Location	Mannering Colliery Meteorological station		
Date published	Refer report date		
Date sampled	Daily		
Date obtained	14 June 2023		
Month	Total Rainfall/Month (mm)	Min Temp	Max Temp
Jan-23	112	14.4	31.7
Feb-23	91	12.6	33.2
Mar-23	116	9.4	38.7
Apr-23	96	6.8	26.7
May-23	59.2	2.8	23.9

