

# Chain Valley Colliery Monthly Website Report – September 2020

Site:	Chain Valley Colliery
Department:	Technical Services
Report Title:	Monthly Environmental Website Report – September 2020
Prepared by:	Lachlan McWha
Report Date:	09/10/2020
Distribution:	Delta Coal Website

# **Monthly Website Report**

**CVC Monthly Environmental Report** 

## **Table of Contents**

Introduction		3
Definitions		4
References		5
	Results	
_	Water – Quality	
	Water – Volume	
	Water – Groundwater Discharge	7
	Air Quality - Depositional Dust	
	Air Quality – PM <sub>10</sub>	9
	Weather Data	. 11

**CVC Monthly Environmental Report** 

#### 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 1<sup>st</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> of September 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.

**CVC Monthly Environmental Report** 

#### 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**

```
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.
```

**CVC Monthly Environmental Report** 

#### **References**

ALS Group - Monthly Water Monitoring Results September 2020

ALS Water - Report of Analysis September 2020

Steel River Testing - Dust Deposition Report September 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 September 2020 monthly surface water sampling at Chain Valley Colliery, EPA Discharge Point 1 are presented below.

September 2020		
EPL	1770	
Licensee	Great Southern Energy Pty Ltd	
Premises	Chain Valley Colliery	
Date Sampled	22-Sep-2020	
Date Reported	28-Sep-2020	
Sampling Point	1	

Parameter	Units	Limit	Result
Biochem. Oxygen Demand	mg/L	-	4
Enterococci	col/100mL	-	220
Faecal Coliforms	CFU/100mL	200	~4
pH	рН	6.5-8.5	7.91
Total Sus. Solids	mg/L	50	15

As detailed above, results for monthly surface water sampling were below the relevant limits where applicable.

#### **CVC Monthly Environmental Report**

Water – Volume

Monthly water volumes discharged from the site are summarised below.

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

Date (24 hour period)	Unit	Volume
01/09/2020	kL	5466
02/09/2020	kL	6030
03/09/2020	kL	3955
04/09/2020	kL	5053
05/09/2020	kL	5648
06/09/2020	kL	5362
07/09/2020	kL	4225
08/09/2020	kL	3241
09/09/2020	kL	2182
10/09/2020	kL	1282
11/09/2020	kL	8433
12/09/2020	kL	4665
13/09/2020	kL	4076
14/09/2020	kL	3399
15/09/2020	kL	2620
16/09/2020	kL	4282
17/09/2020	kL	6075
18/09/2020	kL	6510
19/09/2020	kL	6409
20/09/2020	kL	6501
21/09/2020	kL	6126
22/09/2020	kL	4915
23/09/2020	kL	6064
24/09/2020	kL	6371
25/09/2020	kL	6483
26/09/2020	kL	6088
27/09/2020	kL	6370
28/09/2020	kL	6588
29/09/2020	kL	6146
30/09/2020	kL	6139

Average	kL	5223
Minimim	kL	1282
Maximum	kL	8433

The daily water volumes at EPA Discharge Point 1 during September 2020 were below the relevant limit.

R	e	b	0	rt
, ,		M		

#### **CVC Monthly Environmental Report**

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 permitting the extraction of 4,443 megalitres per water year (financial year calander).

CVC Groundwater to Surface Totals FY2020-2021				
Date (month)	Discharge (ML)	Discharge (ML YTD)		
Jul-20	136.01	136.01		
Aug-20	94.56	230.57		
Sep-20	151.43	382		
Oct-20				
Nov-20				
Dec-20				
Jan-21				
Feb-21				
Mar-21				
Apr-21				
May-21				
Jun-21				

#### **CVC Monthly Environmental Report**

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.

September 2020				
EPL	1770			
Limit	4g/m²/month	4g/m² /month		
Sampling Date	07/08/2020 to	07/09/2020		
Site	Insoluble Matter (	Insoluble Matter (g/m2/month)		
DDG001	0.4			
DDG002	1.1			
DDG003	1.0			
DDG004	0.5	•		
DDG005	9.8	1		
Notes:				

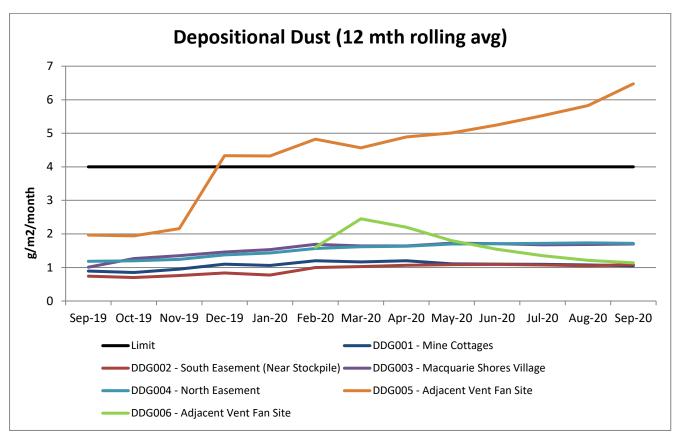
#### Notes:

For the period of September 2020, no exceedances of depositional dust criteria were identified for Chain Valley Colliery.

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.

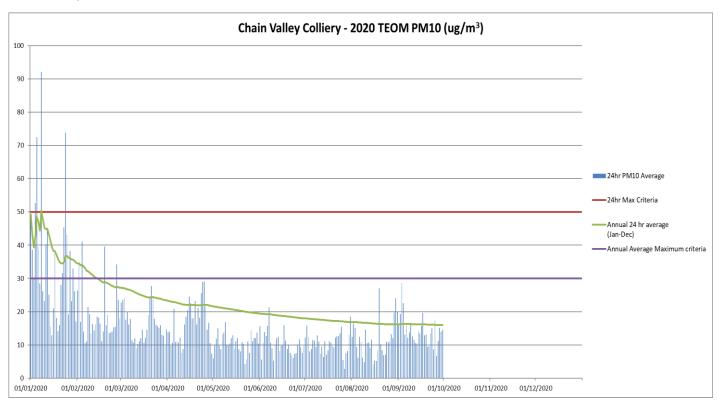
<sup>-</sup> For site locations refer to Chain Valley Colliery Air Quality Management Plan. DDG005 noted to be frequently impacted by cross-contamination due to nearby activity un-related to Delta Coal operations.

**CVC Monthly Environmental Report** 



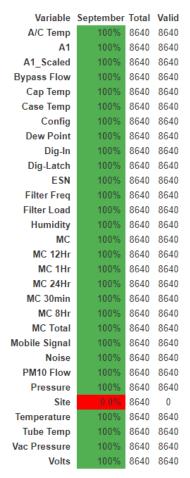
Air Quality – PM<sub>10</sub>

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



#### **CVC Monthly Environmental Report**

Annual 24hr  $PM_{10}$  average maximum criteria for September 2020 is below the annual average maximum criteria limit. A summary of valid data for CVC's TEOM is presented below for the year to date.



#### **CVC Monthly Environmental Report**

#### 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 D	ata		
Licensee	Great Southern Energy Pty Ltd	Great Southern Energy Pty Ltd		
Location	Mannering Colliery Meteorological station			
Date published	Refer report date			
Date sampled	Daily			
Date obtained	08/10/2020			
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	

