MAULES CREEK COAL MINE – MONTHLY MONITORING SUMMARY

Site Information

EPL No: 20221
EPA Website Link: **Hyperlink to Maules Creek Coal, Environment Protection Licence**
Licensee: Maules Creek Coal Mine Pty Ltd
Licensee Address: Maules Creek Coal Mine, Therribri Road, BOGGABRI NSW 2382
EPL Monitoring Points: See Figure 1 below
Sampling Period: January 2024
Obtained Date: 15th February 2024
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Context: This Monthly Monitoring Summary aligns with the Environment Protection Licence (EPL) No. 20221 – Maules Creek Coal Mine issued 2nd August 2022 by the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA).

Monthly Monitoring Summary

Ground Water Monitoring

Table 1 – Groundwater Quality Monitoring

ID EPL (Bore)	Parameters	Units	Frequency	Samples	Date	Laboratory Results Received	Min	Mean	Max / Only Value
15 (BCM01)	pH	pH	Quarterly	Next sample in March 2024					
	Conductivity	µs/cm							
	TDS	mg/L							
16 (BCM03)	pH	pH	Quarterly						
	Conductivity	µs/cm							
	TDS	mg/L							
17 (REG10A)	pH	pH	Quarterly						
	Conductivity	µs/cm							
	TDS	mg/L							
24 (RB05A)	pH	pH	Quarterly						
	Conductivity	µs/cm							
	TDS	mg/L							

Surface Water Monitoring

Table 2 – Surface Water Monitoring – Mine Void

ID EPL (Site)	Parameter	Units	Frequency	Samples	Date	Laboratory Results Received	Min	Mean	Max / Only Value
12 (Mine Void)	TSS	mg/L	Every 2 months	1	15/01/2024				<5
	Conductivity	µs/cm		1	15/01/2024				1250
	Oil & Grease	mg/L		1	15/01/2024				<5
	pH	pH		1	15/01/2024				8.17

Table 3 – Wet Weather Discharge - Surface Water Monitoring

ID EPL (Site)	Parameter	Units	Frequency	Samples	Date	Laboratory Results Received	Min Value	Mean Value	Median Value	Max / Only Value
3 (SD3)	Conductivity	µs/cm	Special Frequency 1 - within 12 hours of discharge from EPL 3 or 36.	No discharge occurred at these locations in January 2024						
	Nitrate	mg/L								
	Nitrogen (total)	mg/L								
	Oil & Grease	mg/L								
	pH	pH								
	Phosphorous	mg/L								
	Reactive Phosphorous	mg/L								
	TSS	mg/L								
36 (SD12)	Conductivity	µs/cm	Special Frequency 1 - within 12 hours of discharge from EPL 3 or 36							
	Nitrate	mg/L								
	Nitrogen (total)	mg/L								
	Oil & Grease	mg/L								
	pH	pH								
	Phosphorous	mg/L								
	Reactive Phosphorous	mg/L								
	TSS	mg/L								
	Conductivity	µs/cm								

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Table 4 – Clean Water Discharge - Surface Water Monitoring

ID EPL (Site)	Parameter	Units	Frequency	Samples	Date	Laboratory Results Received	Min Value	Mean Value	Median Value	Max / Only Value
38 (Flow Meter Upstream)	Conductivity	µs/cm	Special Frequency 3 - within 12 hours of discharge from any discharge location.	No discharge occurred at these locations in January 2024						
	Nitrate	mg/L								
	Nitrogen (total)	mg/L								
	Oil & Grease	mg/L								
	pH	pH								
	Phosphorous	mg/L								
	Reactive Phosphorous	mg/L								
	TSS	mg/L								
	Conductivity	µs/cm								
	Nitrate	mg/L								
	Nitrogen (total)	mg/L								
	Oil & Grease	mg/L								
	pH	pH								
	Phosphorous	mg/L								
	Reactive Phosphorous	mg/L								
	TSS	mg/L								
39 (Flow Meter downstream)	Conductivity	µs/cm	Special Frequency 3 - within 12 hours of discharge from any discharge location.							
	Nitrate	mg/L								
	Nitrogen (total)	mg/L								
	Oil & Grease	mg/L								
	pH	pH								
	Phosphorous	mg/L								
	Reactive Phosphorous	mg/L								
	TSS	mg/L								
	Conductivity	µs/cm								
	Nitrate	mg/L								
	Nitrogen (total)	mg/L								
	Oil & Grease	mg/L								
	pH	pH								
	Phosphorous	mg/L								
	Reactive Phosphorous	mg/L								

	TSS	mg/L		
40 (HWD8)	TSS	mg/L	Special Frequency 2 – prior to discharging from EPL 45 and/or 46 or within 12hours of discharge caused by 38.4mm in a 5 Day consecutive period	
	Conductivity	µs/cm		
	Oil & Grease	mg/L		
	pH	pH		
41 (HWD9)	TSS	mg/L	Special Frequency 2 – prior to discharging from EPL 45 and/or 46 or within 12hours of discharge caused by 38.4mm in a 5 Day consecutive period	No discharge occurred at these locations in January 2024
	Conductivity	µs/cm		
	Oil & Grease	mg/L		
	pH	pH		
	TSS	mg/L		
	Conductivity	µs/cm		
	Oil & Grease	mg/L		
	pH	pH		
42 (HWD10)	TSS	mg/L	Special Frequency 2 – prior to discharging from EPL 45 and/or 46 or	
	Conductivity	µs/cm		
	Oil & Grease	mg/L		

	pH	pH	within 12hours of discharge caused by 38.4mm in a 5 Day consecutive period	
43 (HWD11)	TSS	mg/L	Special Frequency 2 – prior to discharging from EPL 45 and/or 46 or within 12hours of discharge caused by 38.4mm in a 5 Day consecutive period	No discharge occurred at these locations in January 2024
	Conductivity	µs/cm		
	Oil & Grease	mg/L		
	pH	pH		
	TSS	mg/L		
	Conductivity	µs/cm		
	Oil & Grease	mg/L		
	pH	pH		
44 (WCWD)	TSS	mg/L	Special Frequency 2 – prior to discharging from EPL 45 and/or 46 or within 12hours of discharge caused by 38.4mm in a 5 Day	
	Conductivity	µs/cm		
	Oil & Grease	mg/L		
	pH	pH		
	TSS	mg/L		
	Conductivity	µs/cm		

	Oil & Grease	mg/L	consecutive period	
	pH	pH		
	pH	pH		
	TSS	mg/L		
	Oil & Grease	mg/L		
	pH	mg/L		
	TSS	pH		

Noise Monitoring

Table 6 – Noise Monitoring (Attended – Measured)

MCC ID	Date	Start Time	Wind Speed (m/s)	MCCP $L_{Aeq\ 15min}$ dB	Limit $L_{Aeq\ 15min}$ (dB) Operations Criteria	MCCP $L_{Aeq\ 1min}$ dB	Limit $L_{A1\ (1\ min)}$ (dB) Operations Criteria	Weather Rain (mm)	Exceedance (Yes / No)
NM1	16/01/2024	22:30	2.9	IA	35	IA	45	0.0	No
NM2	16/01/2024	23:30	4.0	IA	39	IA	45	0.0	No
NM3	16/01/2024	23:30	4.0	IA	35	IA	45	0.0	No
NM4	16/01/2024	23:00	3.3	IA	35	IA	45	0.0	No
NM5	16/01/2024	22:00	3.8	IA	35	IA	45	0.0	No
NM6	16/01/2024	23:55	3.0	IA	35	IA	45	0.0	No

MCC ID = Locations as per the EPL No.20221.
ND = No data due to high prevailing winds during the attended noise monitoring event.
Italicised text indicates wind speed exceeds the 3.0m/s maximum for noise monitoring.
NM = Not Measurable. If site noise is noted as NM, <20 dB or <30 dB, this means some noise was audible but could not be quantified.
IA = Site noise was inaudible at the monitoring location.
N/A in exceedance column means criterion was not applicable due to atmospheric conditions outside those specified in the project approval.

Table 7 - Noise Monitoring (Attended - Low Frequency Assessment)

None of the measurements satisfied the conditions for further assessment when assessed for the applicability of low frequency modification factors in accordance with the EPA's Noise Policy for Industry. Therefore, no further assessment of low frequency noise was required to be undertaken.

Blast Monitoring

Table 8 – Blast Monitoring (Blasts – Limits Apply)

Location	Parameter	Units	Frequency	Number	Average	Max	100% Limit	Exceedance (Yes / No)
Operations Blasts	Overpressure	Db (Lin Peak)	All	12	93.7	109.1	120	No
	Vibration	mm/s		12	0.09	0.25	10	No

Note: As of March 2018, in accordance with the requirements of the approved variation of EPL 20221; M7.1 blast monitoring results are for four blast monitoring points 31 (BM1), 32 (BM2), 33 (BM3) and 34 (BM4).

Air Quality Monitoring

Table 9 – PM_{10} (Limits Apply)

ID EPL (Site)	Sample period	Unit	Parameter	Rolling Annual Average	NEPM Annual Criteria	Exceedance (Yes / No)
18 (TEOM1)	Continuous	µg/m³ month	PM_{10}	11.8	30	No
37 (TEOM3)	Continuous	µg/m³ month	PM_{10}	14.1	30	No
19 (HVAS)	5 days	µg/m³	PM_{10}	15.6	30	No

Table 10 – Depositional Dust (Limits Apply)

ID EPL (Site)	Sample period	Particulates Deposited Matter	Rolling Annual Average Insoluble Solids	Criteria	Exceedance (Yes / No)
20 (DDG1/MC1)	Monthly	g/m² month	2.2	4	No
21 (DDG2/MC2)	Monthly	g/m² month	1.8	4	No
22 (DDG3/MC3)	Monthly	g/m² month	1.9	4	No
23 (DDG4/MC4)	Monthly	g/m² month	1.2	4	No

Figure 1 – EPL 20221 Monitoring Locations