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: November 2024
Obtained Date: 12th December 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	0	Next sample December 2024				
	Conductivity	µs/cm							
	TDS	mg/L							
16 (BCM03)	pH	pH	Quarterly	0					
	Conductivity	µs/cm							
	TDS	mg/L							
17 (REG10A)	pH	pH	Quarterly	0					
	Conductivity	µs/cm							
	TDS	mg/L							
24 (RB05A)	pH	pH	Quarterly	0					
	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	11/11/2024	12/12/2024	NA	NA	<5
	Conductivity	µs/cm							1320
	Oil & Grease	mg/L							<5
	pH	pH							8.16

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 from this monitoring location						
	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								

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 during the reporting month						
	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								
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	No discharge occurred from these monitoring locations						
	Conductivity	µs/cm								
	Oil & Grease	mg/L								
	pH	pH								

ID EPL (Site)	Parameter	Units	Frequency	Samples	Date	Laboratory Results Received	Min Value	Mean Value	Median Value	Max / Only Value
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							
	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 within 12hours of discharge caused by 38.4mm in a 5 Day consecutive period							
	Conductivity	µs/cm								
	Oil & Grease	mg/L								
	pH	pH								
43 (HWD11)	TSS	mg/L	Special Frequency 2 – prior to discharging from EPL 45 and/or 46 or within	No discharge occurred from this monitoring location						
	Conductivity	µs/cm								

ID EPL (Site)	Parameter	Units	Frequency	Samples	Date	Laboratory Results Received	Min Value	Mean Value	Median Value	Max / Only Value
	Oil & Grease	mg/L	12hours of discharge caused by 38.4mm in a 5 Day consecutive period							
	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 consecutive period	No discharge occurred from this monitoring location						
	Conductivity	µs/cm								
	Oil & Grease	mg/L								
	pH	pH								
45 (ECWDP)	Oil & Grease	mg/L	Not more than 12 hours after discharge commences	No discharge occurred from this monitoring location						
	pH	pH								
	TSS	mg/L								
46 (WCWDP)	Oil & Grease	mg/L	Not more than 12 hours after discharge commences	No discharge occurred from this monitoring location						
	pH	pH								
	TSS	mg/L								

Noise Monitoring

Table 5 – 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	05/11/2024	22:30	2.6	IA	35	IA	45	0.0	No
NM2	05/11/2024	23:30	2.8	<20	39	<25	45	0.0	No
NM3	05/11/2024	23:17	2.2	IA	35	IA	45	0.0	No
NM4	05/11/2024	23:00	2.3	IA	35	IA	45	0.0	No
NM5	05/11/2024	22:00	2.9	<20	35	<20	45	0.0	No
NM6	06/11/2024	00:00	2.2	IA	35	IA	45	0.0	No

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 6 – Blast Monitoring (Blasts – Limits Apply)

Location	Parameter	Units	Frequency	Number	Average	Max	100% Limit	Exceedance (Yes / No)
Operations Blasts	Overpressure	Db (Lin Peak)	All	8	94.9	109.2	120	No
	Vibration	mm/s		8	0.11	0.43	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 7 – 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}	9.9	30	No
37 (TEOM3)	Continuous	µg/m³ month	PM_{10}	13.5	30	No
19 (HVAS)	5 days	µg/m³	PM_{10}	12.9	30	No

Table 8 – 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	2.0	4	No
21 (DDG2/MC2)	Monthly	g/m² month	2.2	4	No
22 (DDG3/MC3)	Monthly	g/m² month	1.9	4	No
23 (DDG4/MC4)	Monthly	g/m² month	1.0	4	No

Figure 1 – EPL 20221 Monitoring Locations