SURFACE WATER, DEPOSITIONAL DUST, HVAS AND METEOROLOGICAL MONITORING

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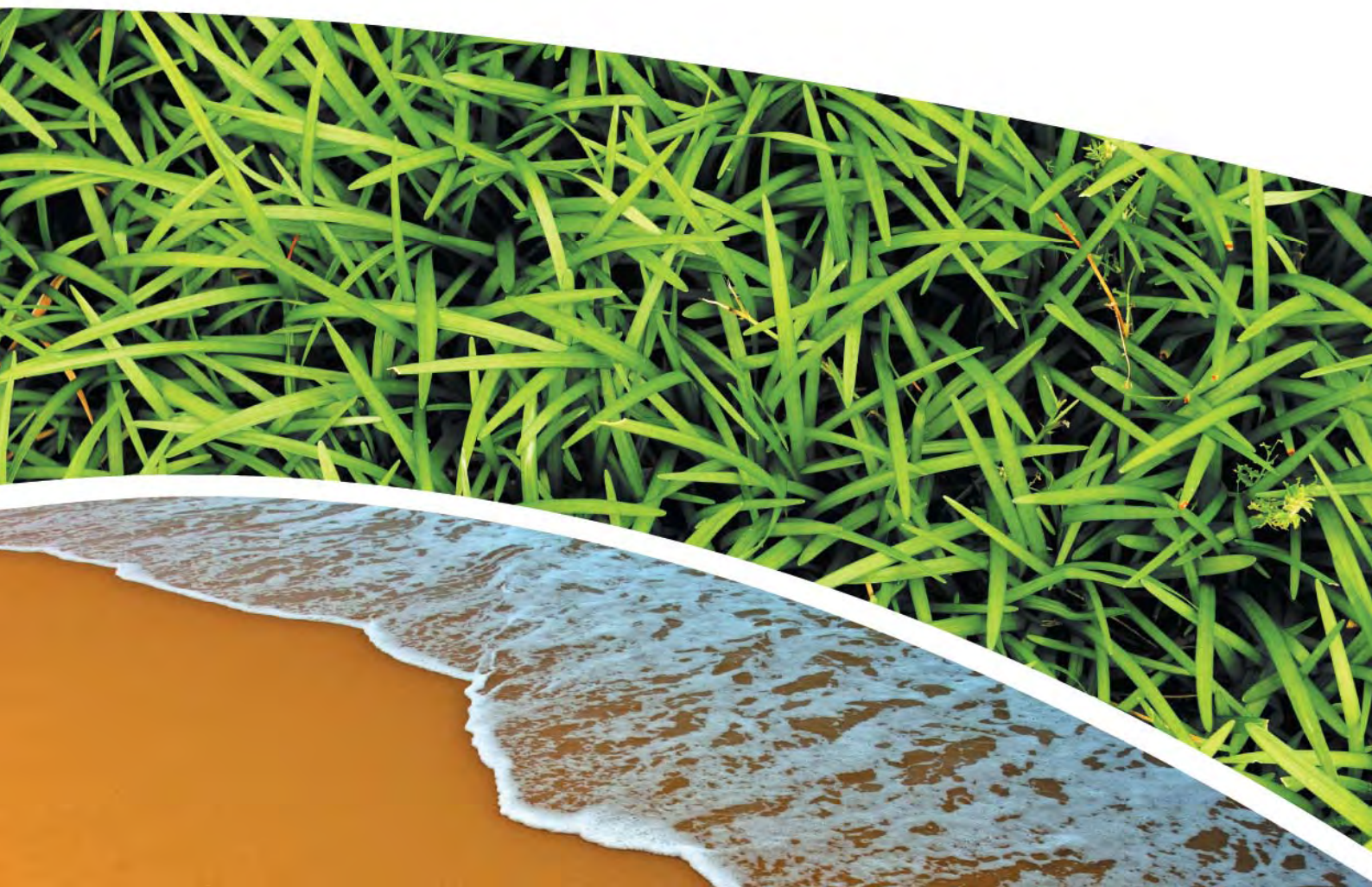

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1 GENERAL COMMENTS

Job Number: 6880.

Date Samples Received: During the month of May 2017.

Samples received were sampled by RCA Laboratories – Environmental staff.

This report satisfies the requirements to monitor environmental parameters as presented in the Pine Dale Mine Environmental Protection Licence (EPL 4911).

2 ANALYTICAL PROCEDURES

The analytical procedures used by RCA Laboratories – Environmental (NATA Accreditation number 9811) are based on established internationally recognised procedures such as APHA and Australian Standards. Analytical test methods are detailed in **Table 1**. ALS Environmental has been used to obtain analysis of anions, cations and dissolved metals (NATA Accreditation number 825).

Table 1 *Analytical Test Methods*

ANALYSIS	METHOD	UNITS	ANALYSING LABORATORY	NATA / NON-NATA
Determination of Suspended Particulate Matter	ENV-LAB003	$\mu g/m^3$	RCA Laboratories – Environmental	NATA Analysis
Determination of Particulate Matter – Deposited Matter	ENV-LAB004	$g/m^2.month$	RCA Laboratories – Environmental	NATA Analysis
pH	ENV-LAB006	pH	RCA Laboratories – Environmental	NATA Analysis
Conductivity	ENV-LAB010	µS/cm	RCA Laboratories – Environmental	NATA Analysis
Total Suspended Solids	ENV-LAB009	mg/L	RCA Laboratories – Environmental	NATA Analysis
Turbidity	ENV-LAB037	NTU	RCA Laboratories - Environmental	NATA Analysis
Oil and Grease	ENV-LAB022	mg/L	RCA Laboratories - Environmental	Non-NATA Analysis
Major Anions (Alkalinity, Cl, SO_4)	ED037, ED041, ED045	mg/L	ALS	NATA Analysis
Major Cations (Ca, Mg, Na, K)	ED093	mg/L	ALS	NATA Analysis
Dissolved Metals	EG020F	mg/L	ALS	NATA Analysis

3 WATER MONITORING RESULTS

3.1 GROUNDWATER

A total of 2 on-site groundwater samples were collected during the month of May 2017. Sampling at Bores P2, P3 and P7a are no longer required under the new sampling regime undertaken in accordance with Project Approval (PA 10_0041) and the Pine Dale Mine Water Management Plan (August 2015). This sampling regime commenced 1 August 2013. Water quality analysis results are shown in **Table 2**.

Table 2 *Groundwater Analysis Results – Monthly Monitoring*

ANALYSIS	UNITS	P6	P7
Sample Number	-	05176880011	05176880012
Date Sampled	-	11/05/17	11/05/17
Time Sampled	-	14:16	15:07
Depth to Water from Surface	m	24.05	6.80
Water Level (AHD)	m	892.90	887.60
Temperature	°C	16.1	15.8
pH	pH	***6.07***	6.29
Conductivity	µS/cm	***1350***	821
Turbidity	NTU	35	
Dissolved Oxygen	mg/L	4.1	
TSS	mg/L	38	
Oil and Grease	mg/L	<5	
Bicarbonate Alkalinity ($CaCO_3$)	mg/L	68	
Total Alkalinity ($CaCO_3$)	mg/L	68	
Sulfate (as SO_4)	mg/L	502	
Chloride	mg/L	30	
Calcium	mg/L	118	
Magnesium	mg/L	59	
Sodium	mg/L	48	
Potassium	mg/L	18	
Cobalt (dissolved)	mg/L	0.063	
Manganese (dissolved)	mg/L	2.4	
Nickel (dissolved)	mg/L	0.101	
Zinc (dissolved)	mg/L	0.144	
Iron (dissolved)	mg/L	24.0	<0.05
Trigger Levels			
pH trigger level	pH	6.2 – 8.0	6.3 – 8.0
Conductivity trigger level	µS/cm	1180	852
Water Level (AHD) #	m	887.90	883.28

NOTES: *****Depth relative to ground level (not standpipe height).

Indicates analysis was not required

Results shown in ***italics*** indicates exceedance of trigger level

Groundwater monitoring locations are shown in **Appendix 1**.

3.2 EPA SURFACE WATER MONITORING

Routine quarterly surface water monitoring was undertaken during the May 2017 monitoring event at three surface water sites (EPA Point 2, 3 and 14). Water quality analysis results are shown in **Table 3**.

Table 3 *EPA Surface Water Analysis Results*

ANALYSIS	UNITS	EPA Point 2 Neubecks Ck Upstream	EPA Point 3 Neubecks Ck Downstream	EPA Point 14 Coxs River Downstream
Sample Number	-	05176880009	05176880004	05176880010
Date Sampled	-	11/05/17	11/05/17	11/05/17
Time Sampled	-	12:42	12:51	10:15
Temperature	°C	8.5	11.5	15.75
pH	pH	***6.62***	7.14	***8.48***
Conductivity	µS/cm	***2490***	***3020***	***1340***
Sulfate	NTU	522	1240	114
Dissolved Iron	mg/L	1.12	2.5	<0.05
Total Suspended Solids	mg/L	<5	13	<5
Turbidity	mg/L	6	4	7
Trigger Levels				
pH	pH	7.1 – 8.0	6.4 – 8.0	7.5 – 8.0
Conductivity	µS/cm	2055	2223	1166
Total Suspended Solids	mg/L	30	30	30

4 AIR QUALITY MONITORING RESULTS

4.1 HIGH VOLUME AIR SAMPLERS (HVAS)

HVAS at this facility conform to AS/NZS 3580.9.3:2015, AS/NZS 3580.9.6:2015 and AS/NZS 3580.1.1:2016.

HVAS Total Suspended Particulate analysis results are shown in **Table 4**. PM_{10} Suspended Particulate Matter results are shown in **Table 5**

Table 4 *Total Suspended Particulates (µg/m³ 0°C 101.3 kPa)*

RUN DATE	TSP (µg/m^3)	SAMPLE NUMBER	FILTER NUMBER	DATE FILTER OFF	TIME FILTER OFF	FIELD TECH	HOURS RUN
06-May-17	15	05176880031	9417041	11-May-17	11:30	Client	24.00
12-May-17	23	05176880033	9417043	13-May-17	9:00	Client	24.29
18-May-17	17	05176880035	9417045	20-May-17	16:25	Client	24.00
24-May-17	18	05176880037	9417815	26-May-17	6:15	Client	24.03
30-May-17	13	05176880039	9420575	03-Jun-17	15:15	Client	24.00

Table 5 *Suspended Particulate Matter PM_{10} (µg/m^3 0^{o}C 101.3 kPa)*

RUN DATE	PM_{10} (µg/m^3)	SAMPLE NUMBER	FILTER NUMBER	DATE FILTER OFF	TIME FILTER OFF	FIELD TECH	HOURS RUN
06-May-17	16	05176880032	9417042	11-May-17	11:40	Client	24.00
12-May-17	9	05176880034	9417044	13-May-17	9:10	Client	24.24
18-May-17	11	05176880036	9417046	20-May-17	16:25	Client	24.00
24-May-17	4	05176880038	9417816	26-May-17	6:20	Client	24.00
30-May-17	5	05176880040	9420576	03-Jun-17	15:19	Client	24.00

The Total Suspended Particulate (TSP) concentration (which includes all particulate matter) is usually found to be greater than the PM_{10} concentration (which only contains particulate matter less than or equal to 10μm diameter). The TSP result recorded on the 6th May (15μg/m^3) was shown to be less than the corresponding PM_{10} result (16μg/m^3). It was noted in the HVAS Laboratory Report in **Appendix E** that a visual inspection of both the TSP and PM10 filters indicates there appears to a greater particulate load on the PM10 filter (filter number 9417042). The reason for the difference in filter loading is unclear.

4.1.1 TSP Summary

The NSW EPA Annual Mean TSP allowable limit is 90μg/m^3. All TSP HVAS results recorded during this monitoring period are in compliance with consent conditions, as the *current rolling annual mean* (from June 2016 to May 2017) for the TSP unit is 19.5μg/m^3, which is well below the allowable limit of 90μg/m^3.

4.1.2 PM_{10} Summary

The NSW EPA 24h Maximum PM_{10} allowable limit is 50μg/m^3. The EPA Annual Mean PM_{10} allowable limit is 25μg/m^3. All PM_{10} HVAS results recorded during this monitoring period conform to consent conditions, as the *current rolling annual mean* for the PM_{10} unit is 9.5μg/m^3, which is below the allowable limit of 25μg/m^3. The 24 hour maximum allowable limit of 50μg/m^3 was not exceeded during the month of May 2017.

4.1.3 Comments

HVAS monitoring locations are shown in **Appendix 1**.
Graphical HVAS results presentations are shown in **Appendix 2**.

4.2 DEPOSITIONAL DUST

Depositional Dust Gauges at this facility conform to AS/NZS 3580.10.1:2016 and AS/NZS 3580.1.1:2016. Depositional Dust monitoring results are shown in **Table 6**.

Table 6 *Depositional Dust Monitoring - Deposited Matter – May 2017*

SAMPLE NUMBER	DEPOSIT GAUGE	DATE SAMPLE STARTED	DATE SAMPLE COMPLETED	NUMBER OF DAYS	NOTES	INSOLUBLE SOLIDS (g/m^2.month)	ASH (g/m^2.month)	COMBUSTIBLE MATTER (g/m^2.month)
05176880021	D1	10/04/2017	11/05/2017	31	I	0.3	0.2	0.1
05176880022	D2	10/04/2017	11/05/2017	31	I	0.2	0.1	0.1
05176880023	D3	10/04/2017	11/05/2017	31	I	0.5	0.3	0.2
05176880024	D4	10/04/2017	11/05/2017	31	I	0.3	<0.1	0.3
05176880025	D5	10/04/2017	11/05/2017	31	I	0.5	0.3	0.2
05176880026	D6	10/04/2017	11/05/2017	31	I	0.5	0.3	0.2

Glossary of Terms Used in Notes:

I Insects (eg, Ants, Spiders)

4.2.1 Allowable Depositional Dust Limits

The EPA Long Term (Annual Average) Dust Limit is 4g/m^2 per month. All Depositional Dust results during this monitoring period are in compliance with consent conditions. The Annual Average for Dust Gauges D1, D2, D3, D4, D5 and D6 are all less than or equal to 0.9g/m^2 per month, which is below the allowable Annual Average Long Term Limit of 4g/m^2 per month.

Depositional Dust monitoring locations are shown in **Appendix 1**. Graphical Depositional Dust results are shown in **Appendix 2**.

5 BLASTING RESULTS

No blasting was undertaken during this month as mining operations have ceased since the end of March 2014.

6 NOISE MONITORING RESULTS

Routine quarterly noise monitoring was undertaken this month. Results are presented in RCA Australia Report No. 6880-N141 Pine Dale Mine Operation Attended Noise May 2017. All noise monitoring results were found to be in compliance with EPA EPL 2911 and Project Approval (PA 10_0041) conditions.

7 OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES

All of the approved minable reserves at the Pine Dale Mine have now been exhausted. Operational mining and the last coal sales ceased as of the end of March 2014.

All former operators have been made redundant; however some statutory positions still remain. Pine Dale Mine has been placed in care and maintenance since April 2014.

8 SUMMARY

During the month of May 2017 environmental monitoring constituents were found to be generally in compliance with EPL 4911 with the exception of pH and electrical conductivity in the groundwater and surface water samples.

Standing water levels within the site groundwater bores were compliant with their respective trigger levels. The pH and electrical conductivity at bore P7 was compliant with the respective trigger levels. The pH at bore P6 was below the lower level trigger level criterion and exceeded the electrical conductivity trigger level.

The quarterly EPA surface water monitoring was conducted this month. The pH at EPA Point 2 was below the lower trigger level criterion for pH whilst the pH result at EPA Point 14 was above the upper pH trigger level. The electrical conductivity across all three EPA surface water sites exceeded the respective trigger level criterion.

Rolling annual averages from both the TSP and PM_{10} High Volume Air Samplers are currently well below the EPA Annual Mean TSP and PM_{10} criterion of 90µg/m^3 and 25µg/m^3 respectively.

Currently there are no depositional dust gauge results which are greater than the EPA Long Term (annual average) criteria of 4g/m^2.month based upon a rolling average of the past 12 months.

Pine Dale Mine ceased operation in March 2014 and therefore no blasting occurred at the site.

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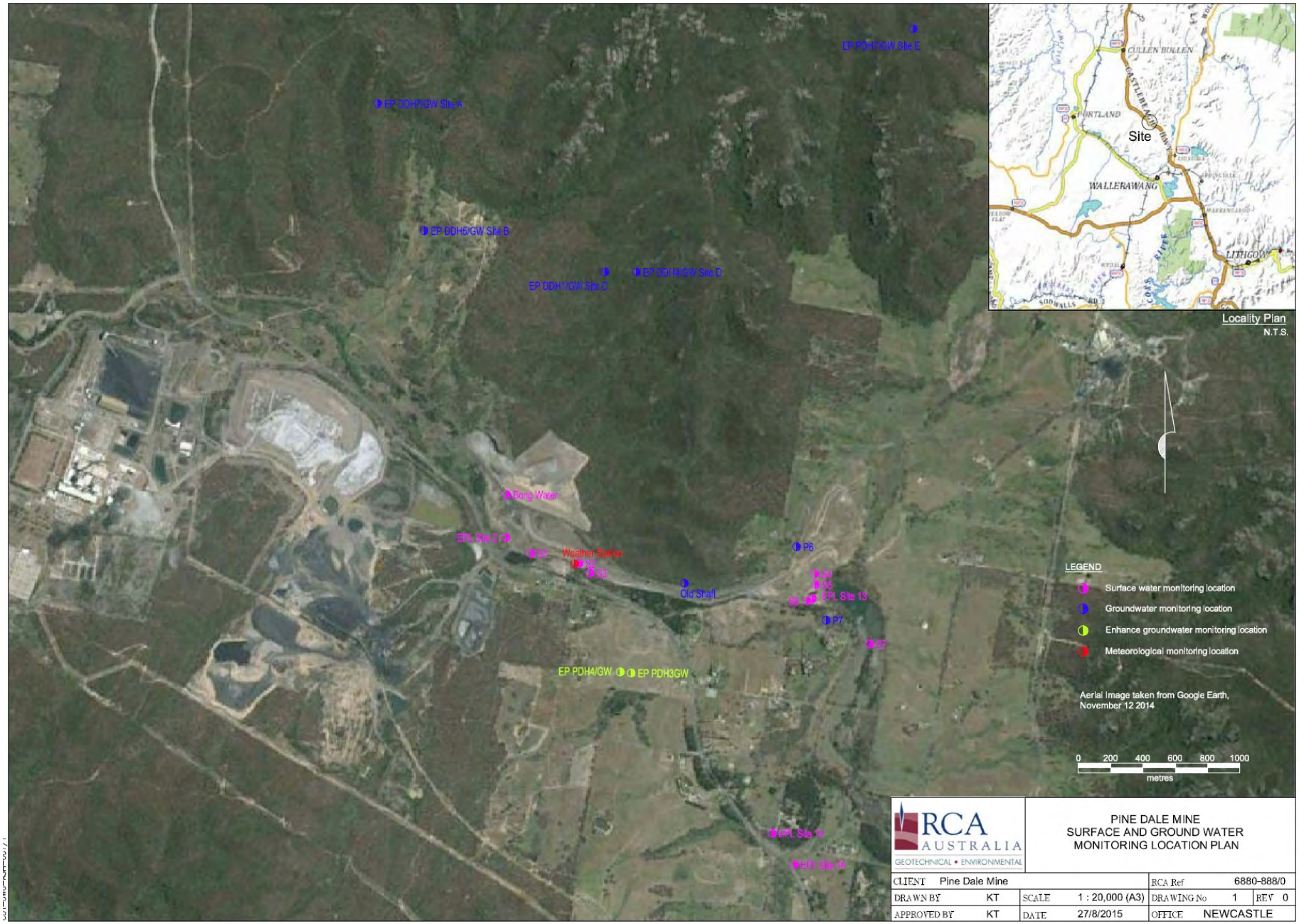
Appendix 1

Surface Water Groundwater and Air Quality Monitoring Locations



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SURFACE AND GROUND WATER MONITORING LOCATION PLAN

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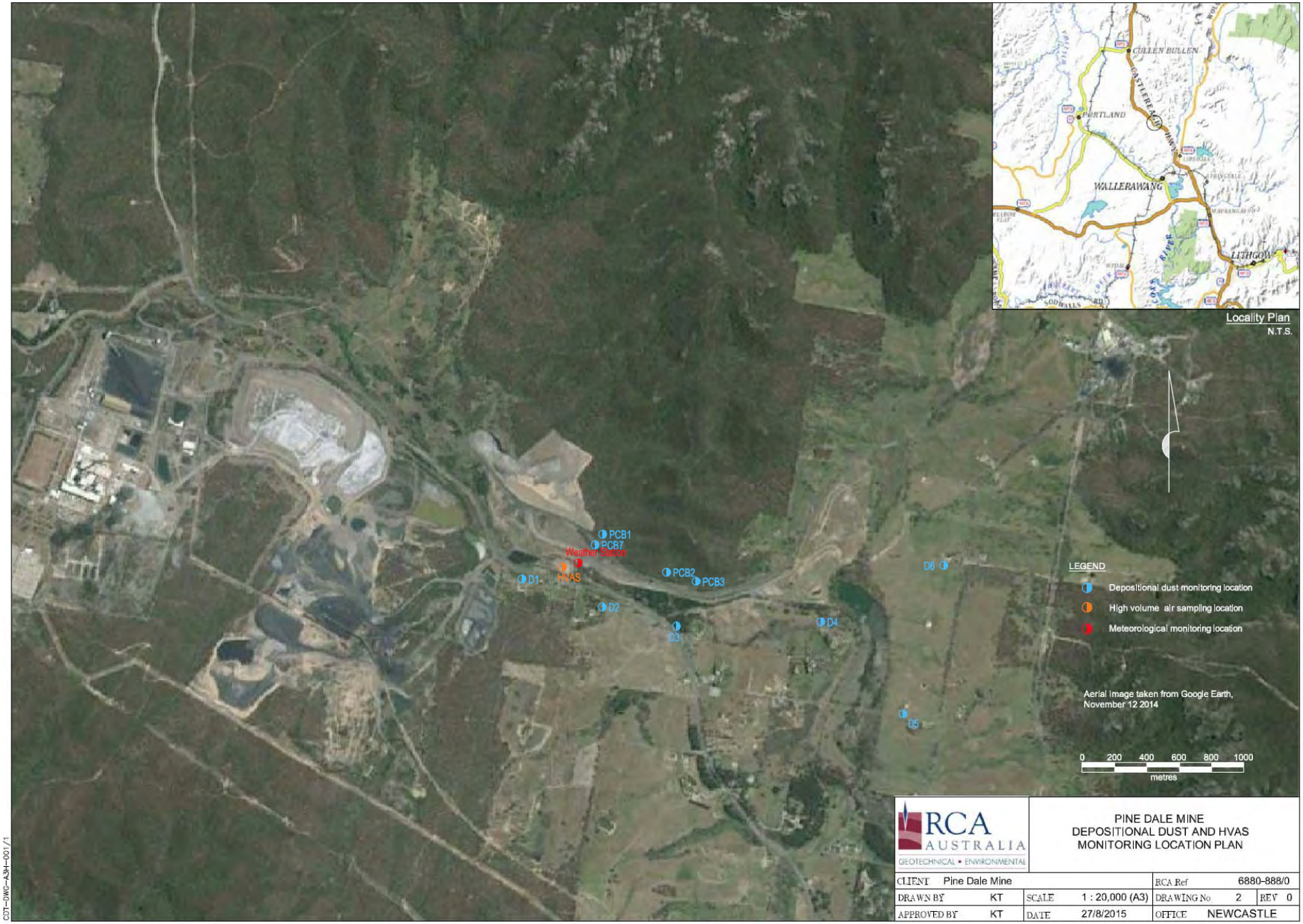

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DEPOSITIONAL DUST AND HVAS MONITORING LOCATION PLAN

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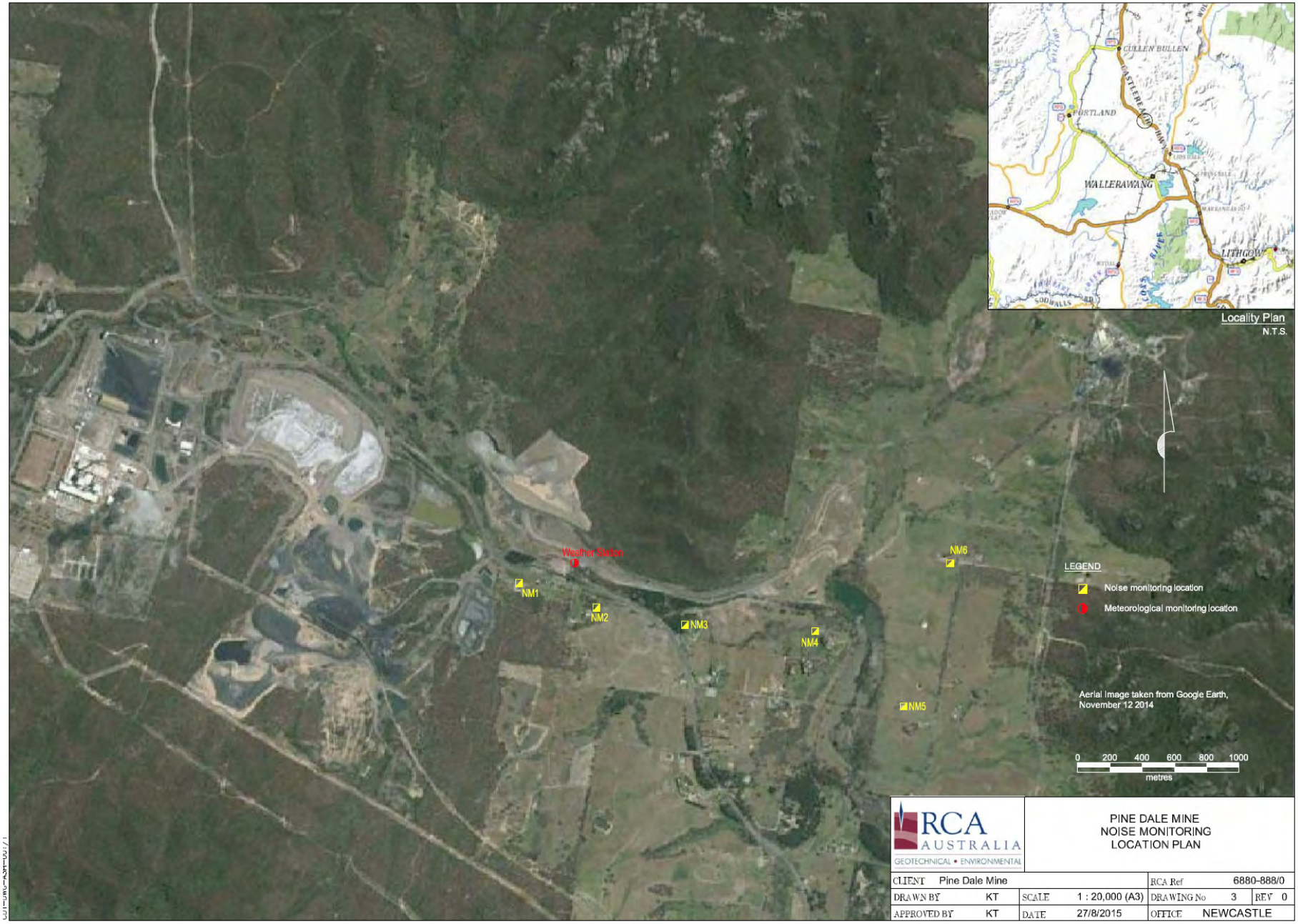

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PINE DALE MINE
NOISE MONITORING
LOCATION PLAN

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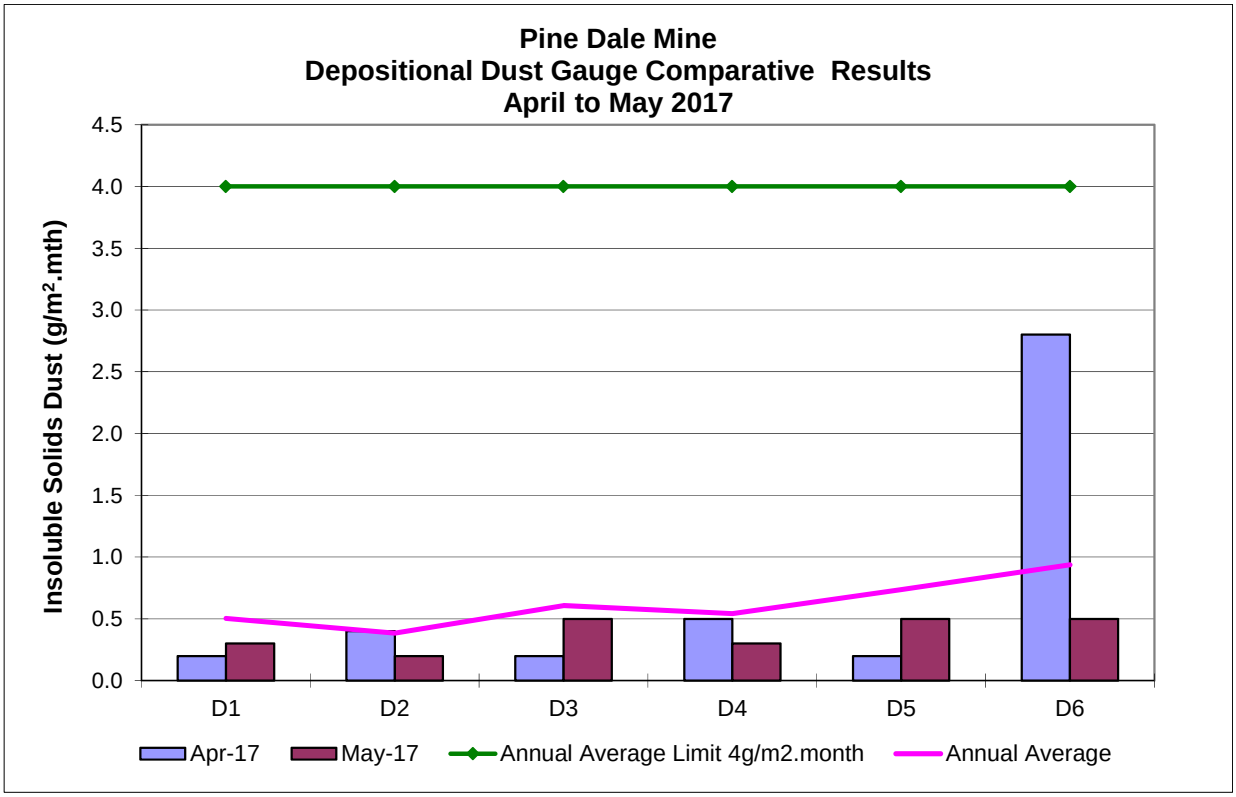
Appendix 2

Depositional Dust and HVAS Graphs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1.5
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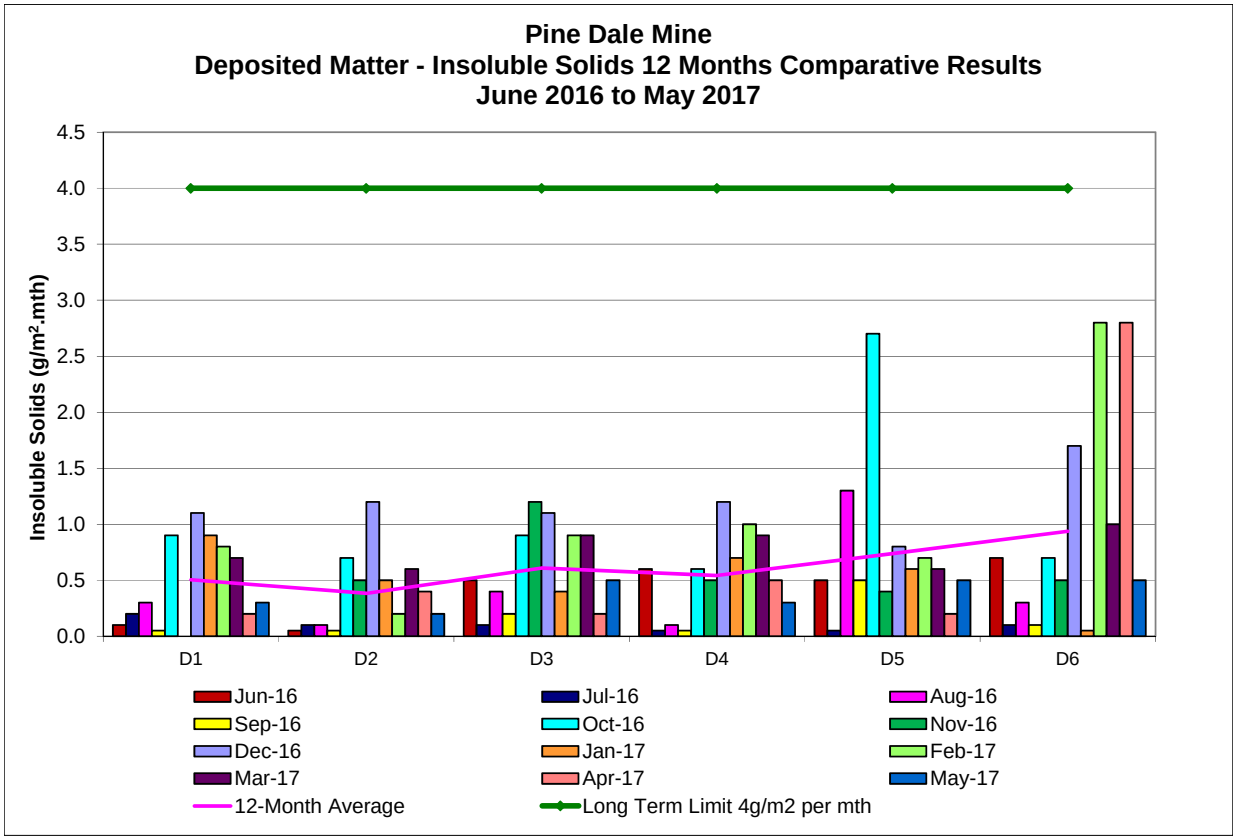
D5
D6
Apr-17
May-17
Annual Average Limit 4g/m2.month
Annual Average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Deposited Matter - Insoluble Solids 12 Months Comparative Results
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0.5
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D1
D2
D3
D4
D5
D6
Jun-16
Jul-16
Aug-16
Sep-16
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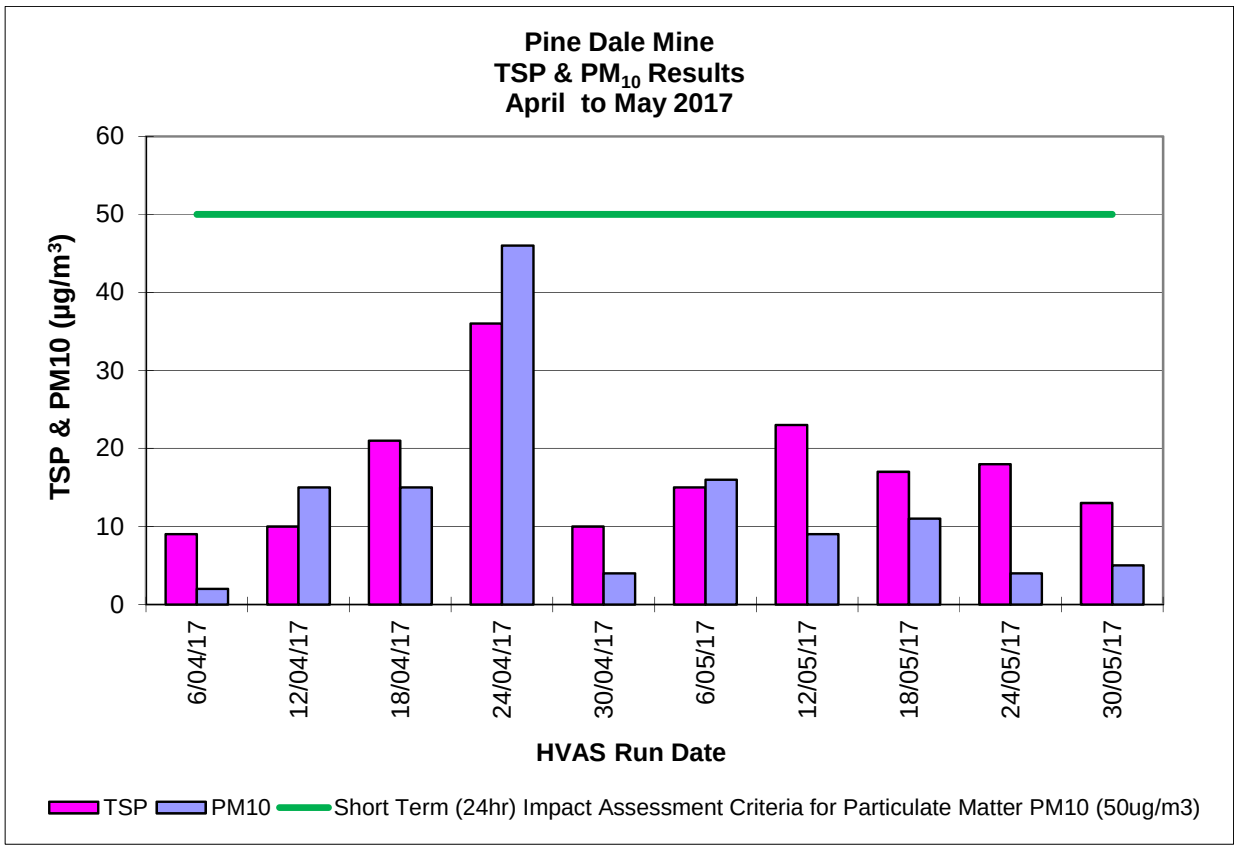
May-17
12-Month Average
Long Term Limit 4g/m2 per mth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TSP & PM10 Results
April to May 2017
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20
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18/04/17
24/04/17
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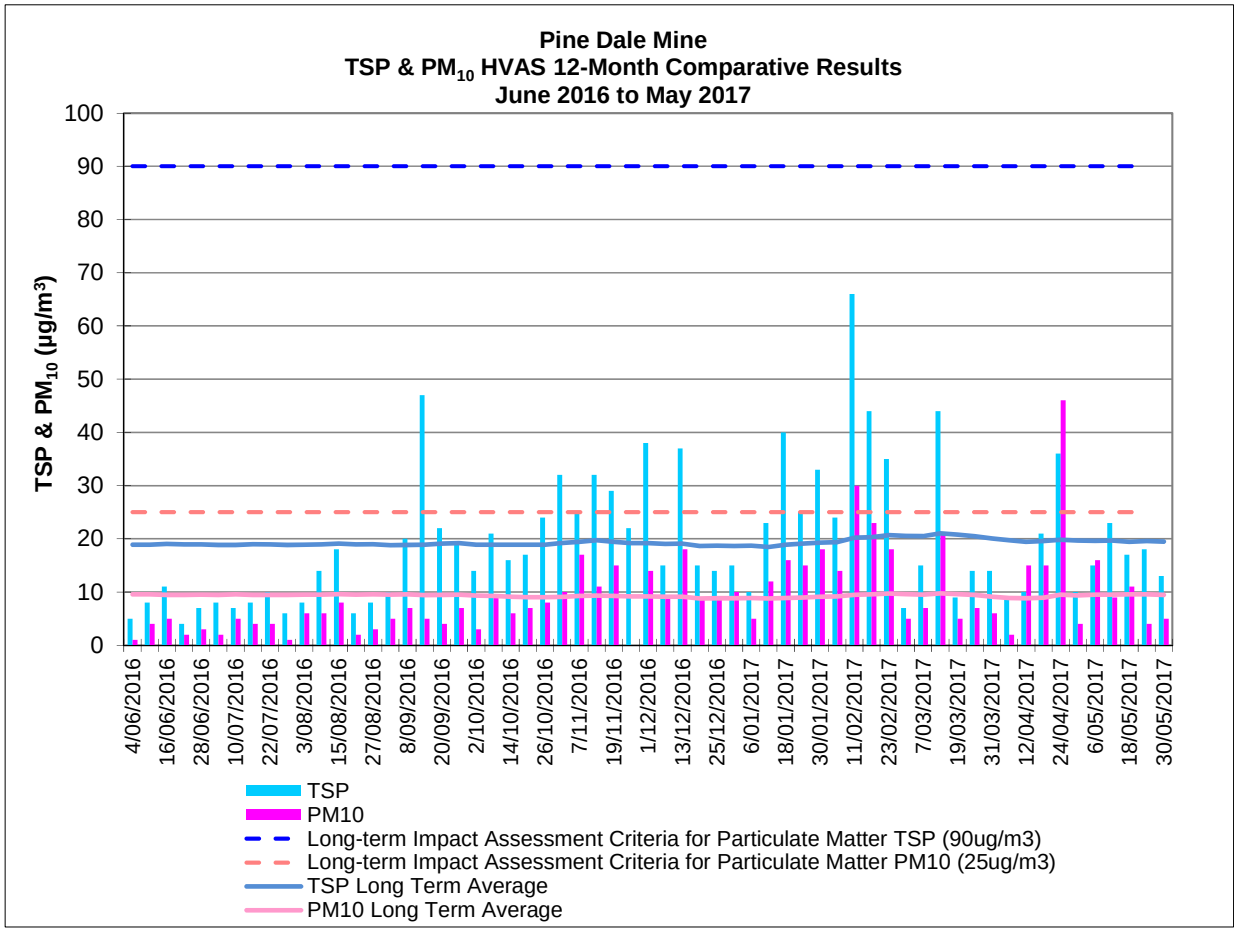
PM10
Short Term (24hr) Impact Assessment Criteria for Particulate Matter PM10 (50ug/m3)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TSP & PM10 HVAS 12-Month Comparative Results
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20
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16/06/2016
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10/07/2016
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3/08/2016
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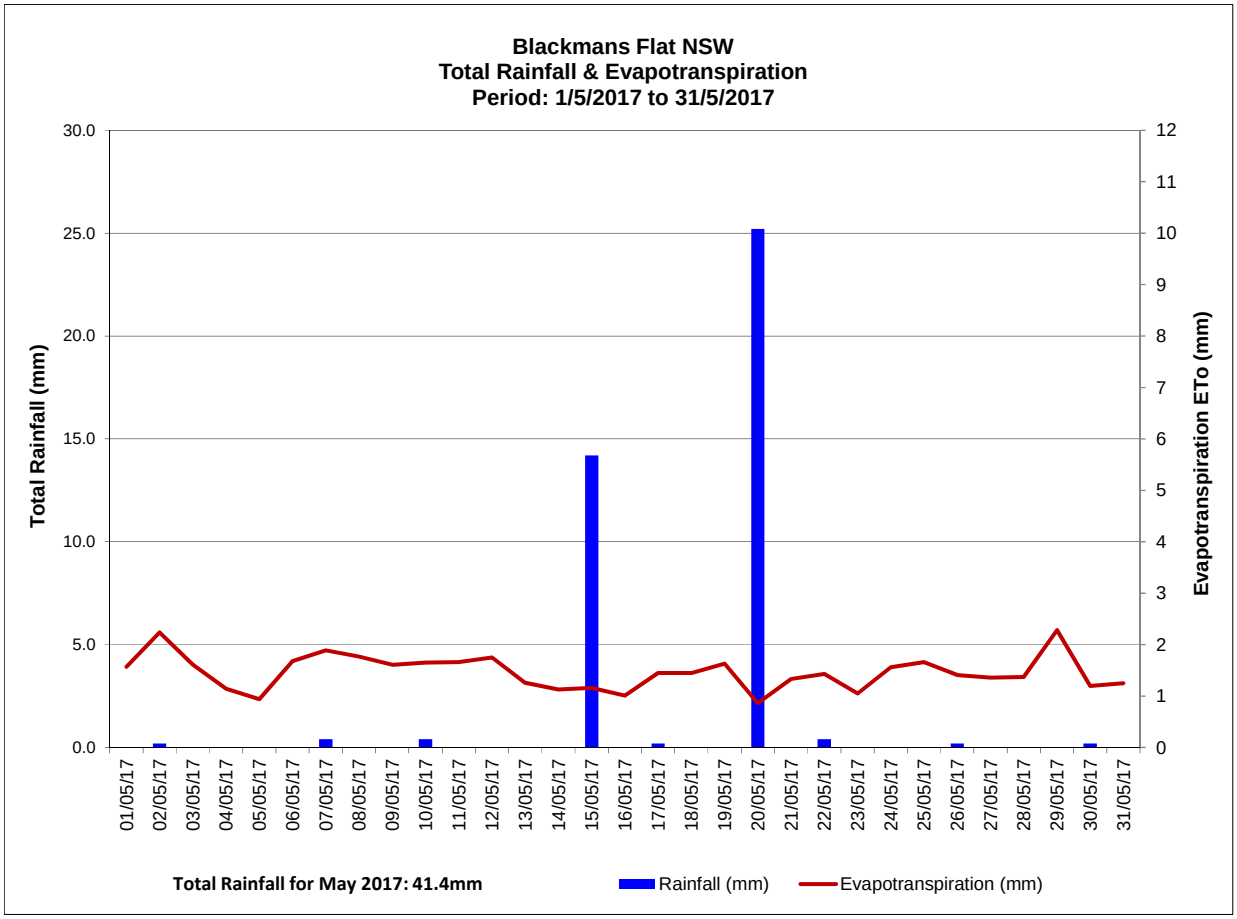
TSP
PM10
Long-term Impact Assessment Criteria for Particulate Matter TSP (90ug/m3)
Long-term Impact Assessment Criteria for Particulate Matter PM10 (25ug/m3)
TSP Long Term Average
PM10 Long Term Average

Appendix 3

Meteorological Data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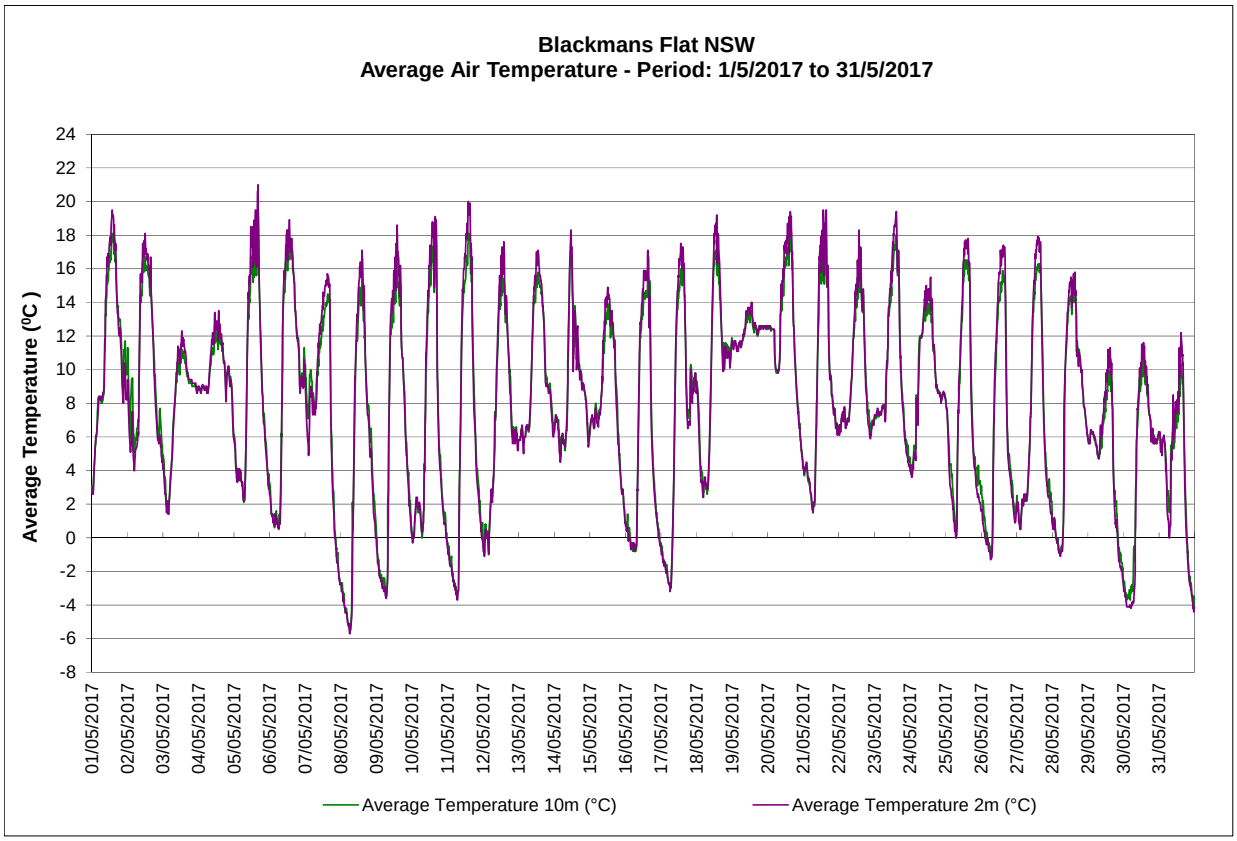
Total Rainfall & Evapotranspiration
Period: 1/5/2017 to 31/5/2017
Total Rainfall (mm)
Evapotranspiration ETo (mm)
Total Rainfall for May 2017: 41.4mm
Rainfall (mm)
Evapotranspiration (mm)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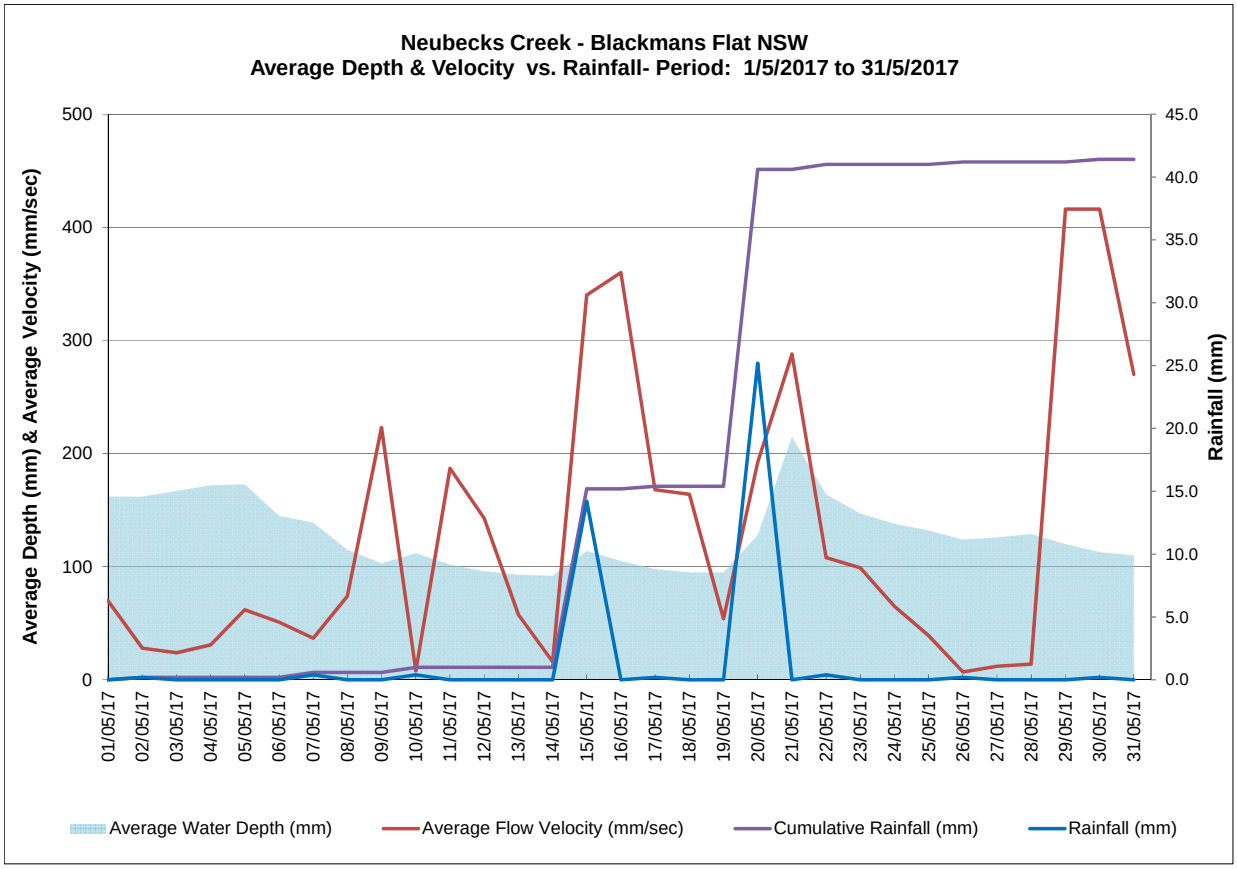
Average Air Temperature - Period: 1/5/2017 to 31/5/2017
Average Temperature (ºC)
Average Temperature 10m (°C)
Average Temperature 2m (°C)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Average Depth & Velocity vs. Rainfall- Period: 1/5/2017 to 31/5/2017
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Average Water Depth (mm)
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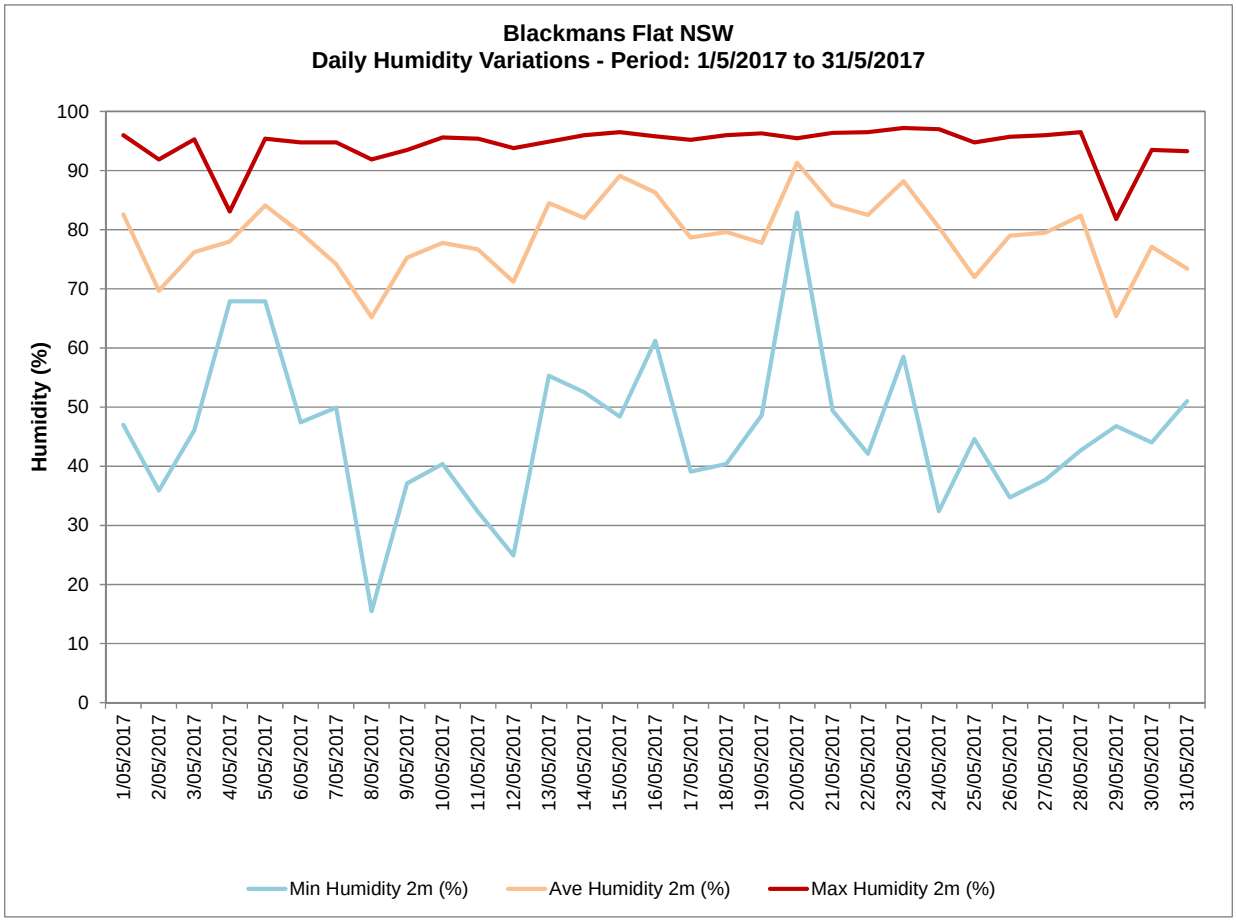
Cumulative Rainfall (mm)
Rainfall (mm)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Min Humidity 2m (%)
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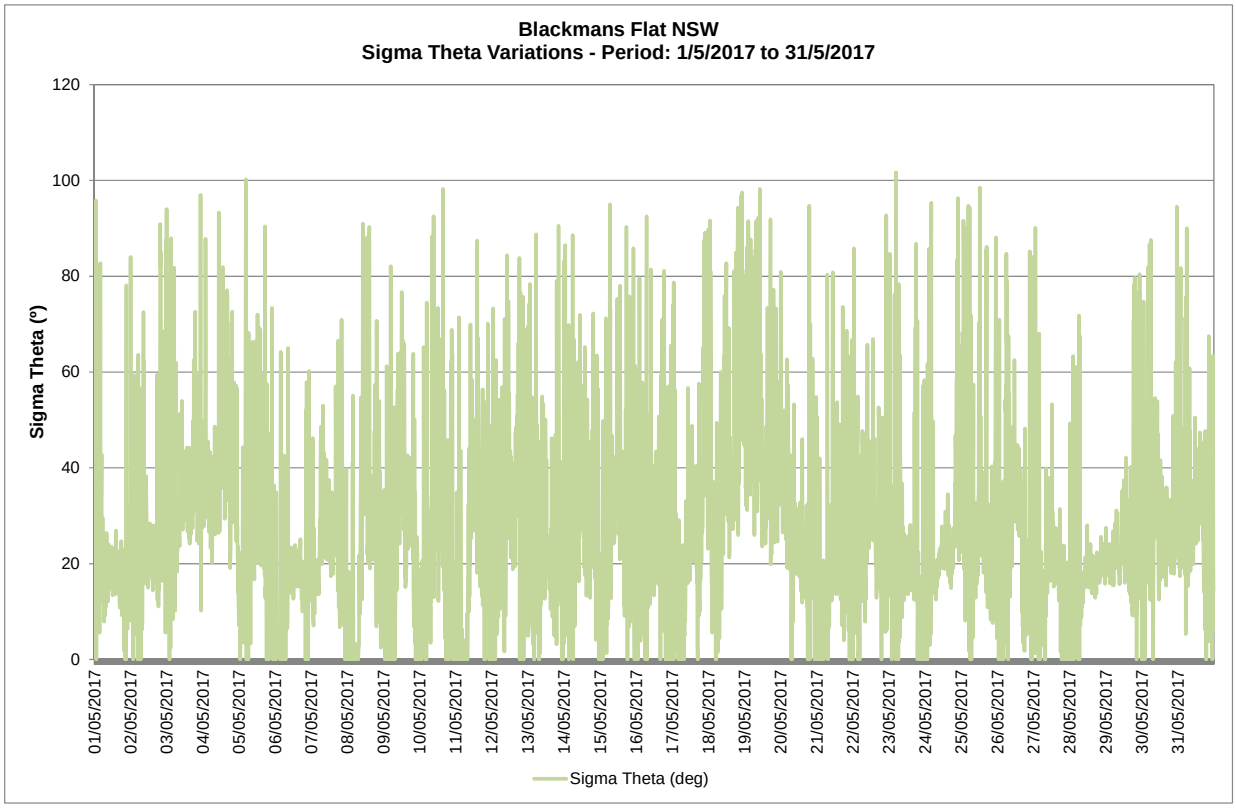
Blackmans Flat NSW
Sigma Theta Variations - Period: 1/5/2017 to 31/5/2017
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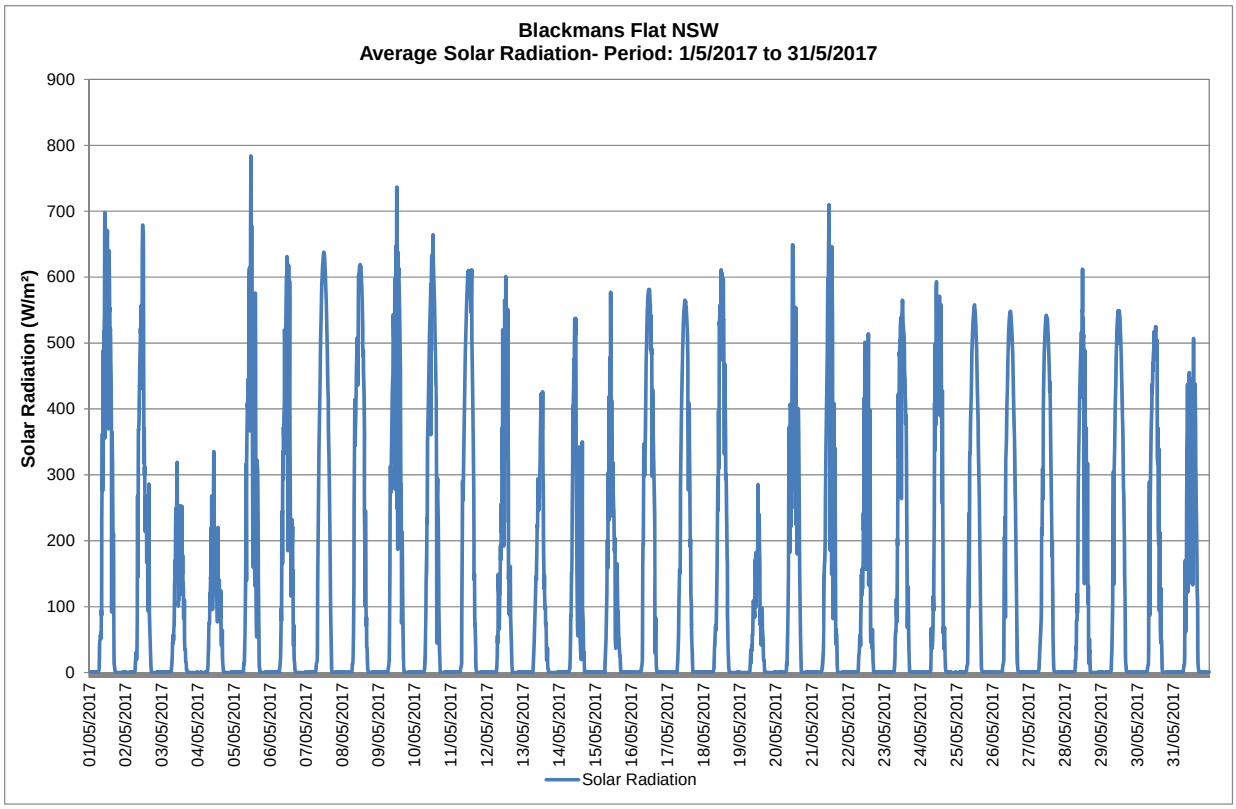
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Average Solar Radiation- Period: 1/5/2017 to 31/5/2017
Solar Radiation (W/m²)
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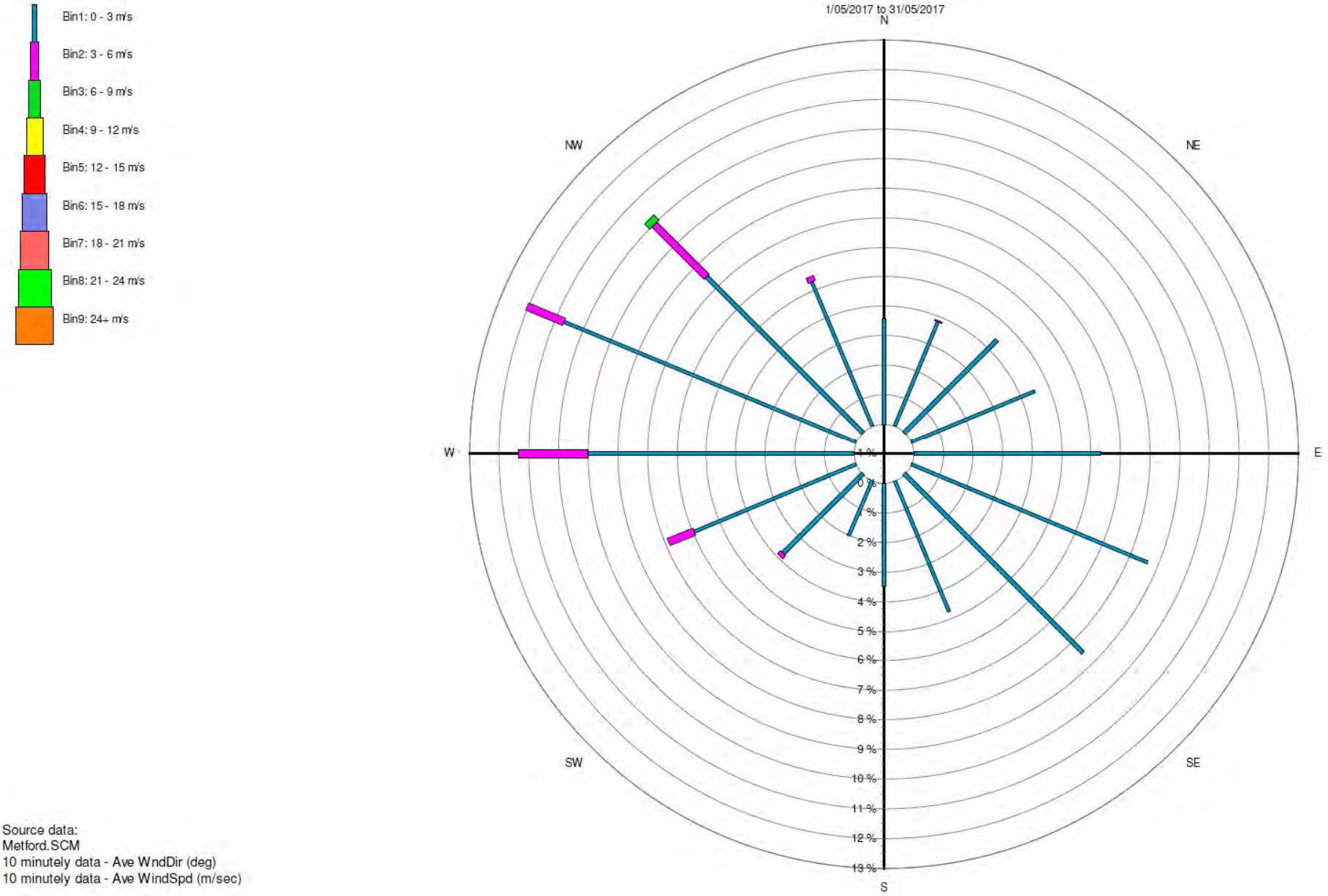
Solar Radiation



Source data:
Metford.SCM
10 minutely data - Ave WndDir (deg)
10 minutely data - Ave WindSpd (m/sec)