

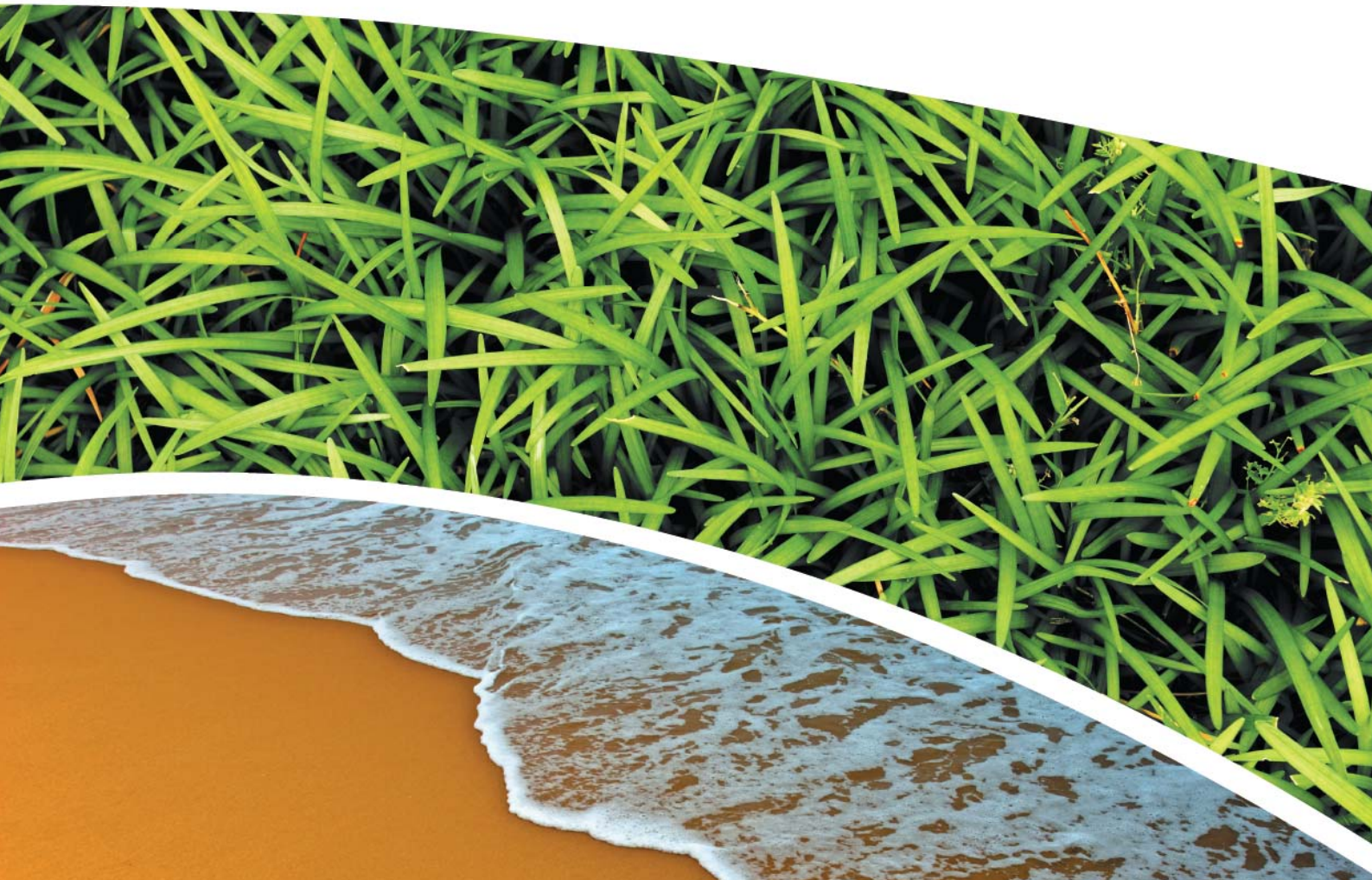
**SURFACE WATER, DEPOSITIONAL DUST,
HVAS AND METEOROLOGICAL MONITORING**

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DETAILING SURFACE WATER, GROUNDWATER DEPOSITIONAL DUST,
HVAS AND METEOROLOGICAL MONITORING
SEPTEMBER 2013**

1 GENERAL COMMENTS

Job Number: 6880.

Date Samples Received: During the month of September 2013.

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 are based on established internationally recognised procedures such as APHA and Australian Standards. Analytical test methods are detailed in **Table 1**. When an external testing laboratory is used to obtain the analysis of samples which become a part of this report, then the details of that laboratory's official report will be attached in an Appendix.

Table 1 Analytical Test Methods

ANALYSIS	METHOD	UNITS	ANALYSING LABORATORY	NATA / NON-NATA ANALYSIS
Determination of Suspended Particulate Matter	ENV-LAB003	µg/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	Non-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

*Note that turbidity sampling and analysis is conducted to NATA approved method ENV-LAB037, however as the meter is not owned by RCA Laboratories-Environmental the test cannot be considered NATA accredited.

3 WATER MONITORING RESULTS

3.1 GROUNDWATER

A total of 2 on-site groundwater samples were collected during the month of September 2013. 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 (Report No. 613/20). The new sampling regime commenced 1 August 2013. Water quality analysis results are shown in **Table 2**.

Table 2 Groundwater Analysis Results

ANALYSIS	UNITS	P6	P7
Sample Number	-	09136880014	09136880015
Date Sampled	-	25/09/2013	25/09/2013
Time Sampled	-	14:40	15:51
Depth to Water from Surface*	m	25.91	7.46
Water Level (AHD)	m	891.04	886.94
Temperature	°C	17	6.74
pH	pH	6.43	7.79
Conductivity	µS/cm	1204	7.46
Turbidity	NTU	13	
Dissolved Oxygen	mg/L	4.8	
TSS	mg/L	26	
Oil & Grease	mg/L	<2	
Bicarbonate Alkalinity (CaCO ₃)	mg/L	38	
Total Alkalinity (CaCO ₃)	mg/L	38	
Sulfate (as SO ₄)	mg/L	497	
Chloride	mg/L	24	
Calcium	mg/L	117	
Magnesium	mg/L	54	
Sodium	mg/L	35	
Potassium	mg/L	20	
Cobalt (dissolved)	mg/L	0.091	
Manganese (dissolved)	mg/L	3.09	
Nickel (dissolved)	mg/L	0.139	
Zinc (dissolved)	mg/L	0.21	
Iron (dissolved)	mg/L	22.4	

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

■ Indicates analysis was not required

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

3.2 EPA SURFACE WATER MONITORING

Routine quarterly surface waters were not scheduled to be monitored this month. Quarterly surface water monitoring is next scheduled to be undertaken in November 2013.

4 AIR QUALITY MONITORING RESULTS

4.1 HIGH VOLUME AIR SAMPLERS (HVAS)

HVAS at this facility conform to AS/NZS 3580.9.3:2003, AS/NZS 3580.9.6:2003 and AS/NZS 3580.1.1:2007.

HVAS Total Suspended Particulate analysis results are shown in **Table 3**.

PM₁₀ Suspended Particulate Matter results are shown in **Table 4**.

Table 3 Total Suspended Particulates ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ 0°C 101.3 kPa)

RUN DATE	TSP ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)	SAMPLE NUMBER	FILTER NUMBER	DATE FILTER OFF	TIME FILTER OFF	FIELD TECH	HOURS RUN
06-Sep-13	50	09136880034	8724969	10-Sep-13	13:05	Client	24.00
12-Sep-13	29	09136880036	8724971	17-Sep-13	9:30	Client	24.00
18-Sep-13	18	09136880038	8724973	20-Sep-13	9:20	Client	24.00
24-Sep-13	41	09136880040	8724975	26-Sep-13	7:08	C South	24.00
30-Sep-13	57	09136880042	8725985	03-Oct-13	7:55	Client	24.00
06-Sep-13	50	09136880034	8724969	10-Sep-13	13:05	Client	24.00

Table 4 Suspended Particulate Matter PM₁₀ ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ 0°C 101.3 kPa)

RUN DATE	PM ₁₀ ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)	SAMPLE NUMBER	FILTER NUMBER	DATE FILTER OFF	TIME FILTER OFF	FIELD TECH	HOURS RUN
06-Sep-13	24	09136880035	8724970	10-Sep-13	13:05	Client	24.00
12-Sep-13	9	09136880037	8724972	17-Sep-13	9:30	Client	24.00
18-Sep-13	10	09136880039	8724974	20-Sep-13	9:20	Client	24.00
24-Sep-13	11	09136880041	8725983	26-Sep-13	7:10	C South	24.00
30-Sep-13	19	09136880043	8725984	03-Oct-13	7:55	Client	24.00
06-Sep-13	24	09136880035	8724970	10-Sep-13	13:05	Client	24.00

4.1.1 Allowable TSP Limits

The EPA Annual Mean TSP allowable limit is $90\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$. All TSP HVAS results recorded during this monitoring period are in compliance with consent conditions, as the *current rolling annual mean* (from September 2012 to August 2013) for the TSP unit is $24.2\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, which is well below the allowable limit of $90\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$.

4.1.2 Allowable PM₁₀ Limits

The EPA 24h Maximum PM₁₀ allowable limit is 50µg/m³. The EPA Annual Mean PM₁₀ allowable limit is 30µg/m³. All PM₁₀ HVAS results recorded during this monitoring period conform to consent conditions, as the *current rolling annual mean* for the PM₁₀ unit is 10.9µg/m³, which is below the allowable limit of 30µg/m³. The 24 hour maximum allowable limit of 50µg/m³ was not exceeded on any run day during the September 2013 monitoring period.

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 3580.10.1:2003 and AS/NZS 3580.1.1:2007. Depositional Dust monitoring results are shown in **Table 5**.

Table 5 *Depositional Dust Monitoring - Deposited Matter September 2013*

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)
09136880024	D1	26/08/2013	25/09/2013	30	IT	1.1	0.6	0.5
09136880025	D2	26/08/2013	25/09/2013	30	I	0.7	0.3	0.4
09136880026	D3	26/08/2013	25/09/2013	30	I	1.1	0.6	0.5
09136880027	D4	26/08/2013	25/09/2013	30	I	0.5	0.2	0.3
09136880028	D5	26/08/2013	25/09/2013	30	I	0.5	0.2	0.3
09136880029	D6	26/08/2013	25/09/2013	30	I	0.5	0.3	0.2

4.2.1 Glossary of Terms Used in Notes

I Insects (eg, Ants, spiders)

4.2.2 Allowable Depositional Dust Limits

The EPA Long Term (Annual Average) Dust Limit is 4g/m² 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 1.0g/m² per month, which is below the allowable Annual Average Long Term Limit of 4g/m² per month.

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

5 BLASTING RESULTS

Blasting results for the month of September are shown in **Table 6**.

Table 6 *Blasting Results- Airblast Overpressure (dB) and Ground Vibration (mm/sec)*

Date	<i>Park</i>		<i>Noon St.</i>		<i>Summer St.</i>	
	Overpressure (dB)	Vibration (mm/sec)	Overpressure (dB)	Vibration (mm/sec)	Overpressure (dB)	Vibration (mm/sec)
6/09/2013	NT	NT	100.0	0.40	109.4	1.37
13/09/2013	NT	NT	113.5	0.61	110.5	0.74
25/09/2013	NT	NT	110.5	0.74	112.4	1.99
27/09/2013	NT	NT	109.1	1.00	106.3	1.31
2012- 2013 Year to Date Information						
Minimum	96.9	0.38	78.3	0.08	87.2	0.10
Average	96.9	0.38	104.9	0.96	106.2	1.12
Maximum	96.9	0.38	113.5	2.39	113.7	2.85
% > EPL 95% Compliance Criteria	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
% > EPL 100% Compliance Criteria	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Notes: NT No Trigger. Blast monitoring unit was not triggered during the blast.

5.1.1 Allowable Blasting Limits

Conditions of EPL 4911 state that in relation to airblast overpressure levels a result of greater than 115dB must not be observed at any noise sensitive location for more than 5% of the total number of blasts over each annual reporting period. All blasts within the annual reporting period (100% of blasts) are not to exceed the compliance criteria of 120dB. Ground vibration peak velocity levels must not exceed 5mm/sec for 95% of blasts, whilst an intensity of 10mm/sec must not be exceeded by any blast during the reporting period. The reporting period runs as a rolling 12-month average from October 2012 to September 2013.

During September 2013, there were nil exceedances of the EPL conditions for both overpressure and vibration levels. In terms of the rolling annual average, no blasts have exceeded the 100% compliance conditions of 120dB and 10mm/sec for overpressure and vibration respectively. The overpressure and vibration criteria of 115dB and 5mm/sec, respectively, have not been exceeded for more than 5% of the blasts during the reporting period.

Graphical blasting results from overpressure and vibration are presented in **Appendix 2**.

6 NOISE MONITORING RESULTS

Routine quarterly noise monitoring was not required to be undertaken this month. Quarterly noise monitoring is next scheduled to be undertaken during the October 2013 period.

7 OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Pine Dale Mine production rates in September 2013 were good, with no major issues recorded. There were 21 production days available with no weekend work undertaken. Overall, four blasts were shot throughout the month.

Relatively low rainfall was observed throughout the month, 44.4 mm total, of which 34.4mm fell on the 17th September. Production material targets have largely been achieved this month, with coal tonnage and overburden was above target. Delivery of coal to Mt Piper was below budget due to slow coal recovery at the beginning of the month caused by wet slurry in the previous tunnel workings. In total 139,000 tonnes of overburden were excavated and 17,580 tonnes of coal delivered to Mt Piper Power Station.

8 SUMMARY

During the month of September 2013 all environmental monitoring constituents were found to be in compliance with EPL 4911.

Quarterly surface waters were not scheduled to be sampled this month. Surface water Quality monitoring is next scheduled to be undertaken in November 2013.

Rolling annual averages from both the TSP and PM₁₀ High Volume Air Samplers are currently well below the EPA Annual Mean TSP and PM₁₀ criterion of 90µg/m³ and 30µg/m³ respectively. There were zero exceedances of the PM₁₀ short term impact assessment criteria of 50µg/m³ over twenty-four hours during September 2013.

Currently there are no depositional dust gauge results which are greater than the EPA Long Term (annual average) criteria of 4g/m².month based upon a rolling average of the past 12 months.

During September the blasting requirements documented in the Pine Dale Mine EPL was not exceeded. During the previous twelve month reporting period, there were nil non-conformance's based upon the 95% or 100% limits for either overpressure or vibration levels.

Quarterly noise monitoring was not conducted this month, and is scheduled to be conducted in October 2013.

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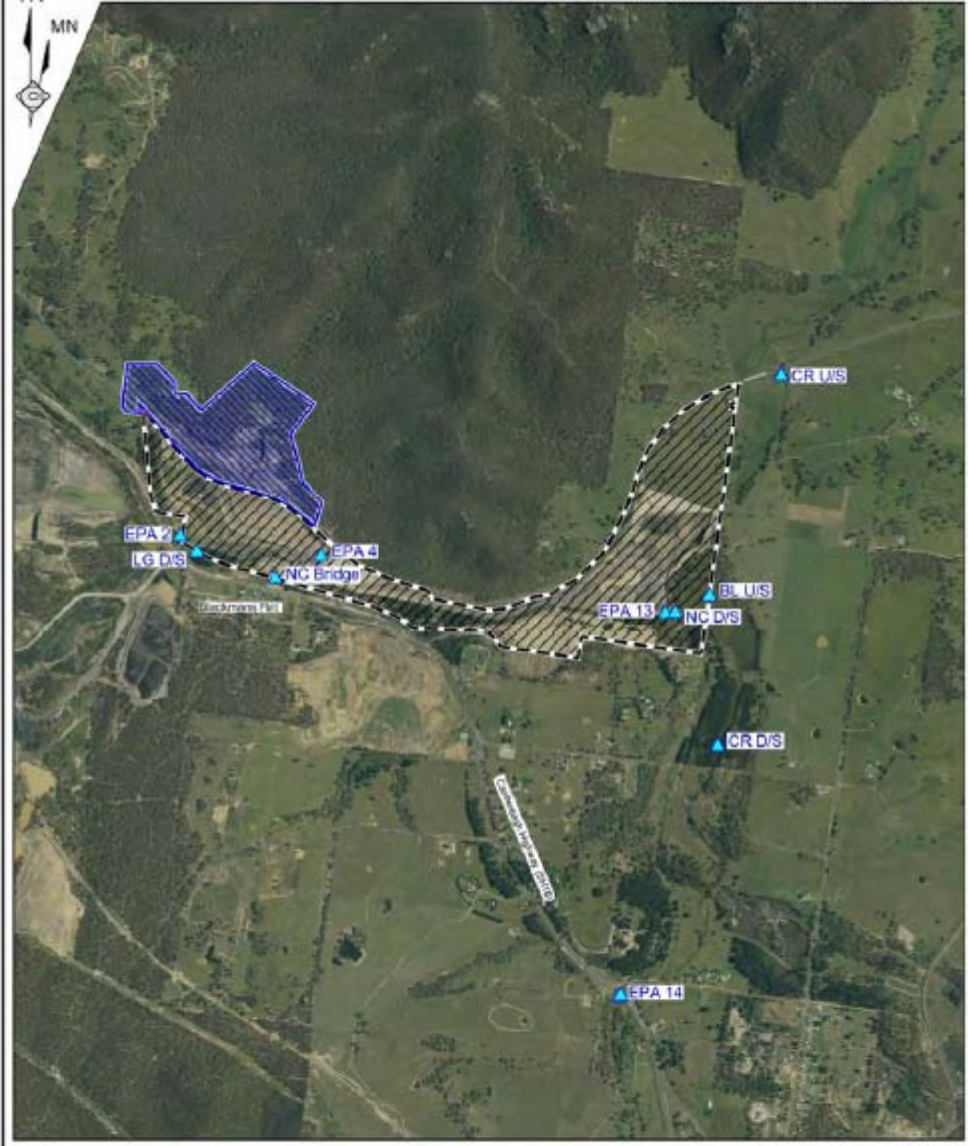
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Appendix 1

Surface Water Groundwater and Air Quality Monitoring Locations

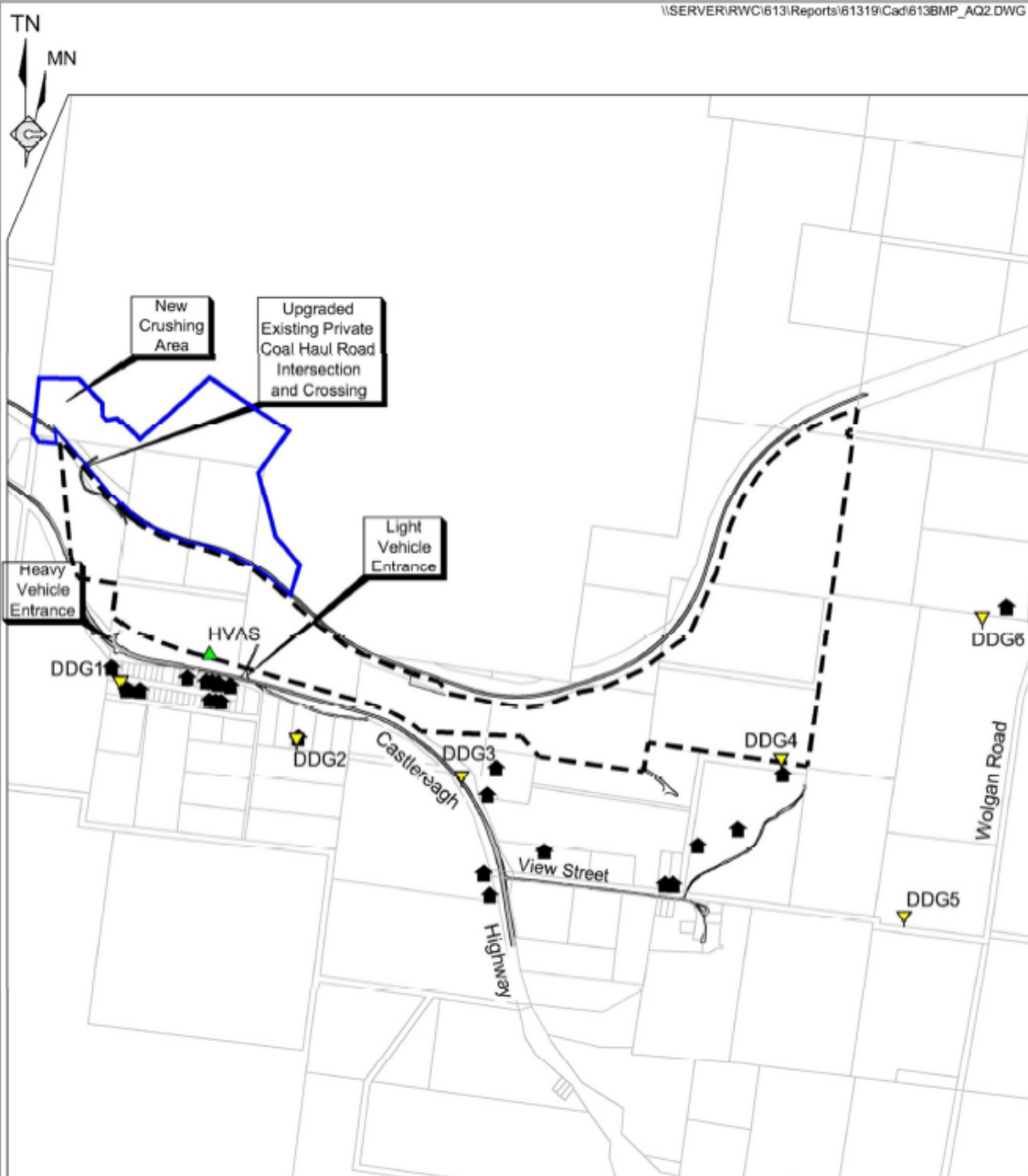


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Pine Dale Coal Mine
Yarraboldy Extension
EPA 14 Surface Water Monitoring Location

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Aerial Photo Source: Dept. of Lands (Bathurst) - Date of Photography: September 2009

Figure WM5
SURFACE WATER
MONITORING LOCATIONS





- REFERENCE
- Pine Dale Coal Mine
 - Yarraboldy Extension
 - Cadastral Boundary
 - 🏠 Residence
 - ▼ DDG1 Air Quality Monitoring Location (Deposited Dust)
 - ▲ HVAS Air Quality Monitoring Location (High Volume Sampling)

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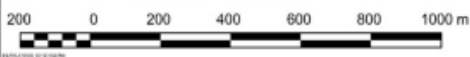
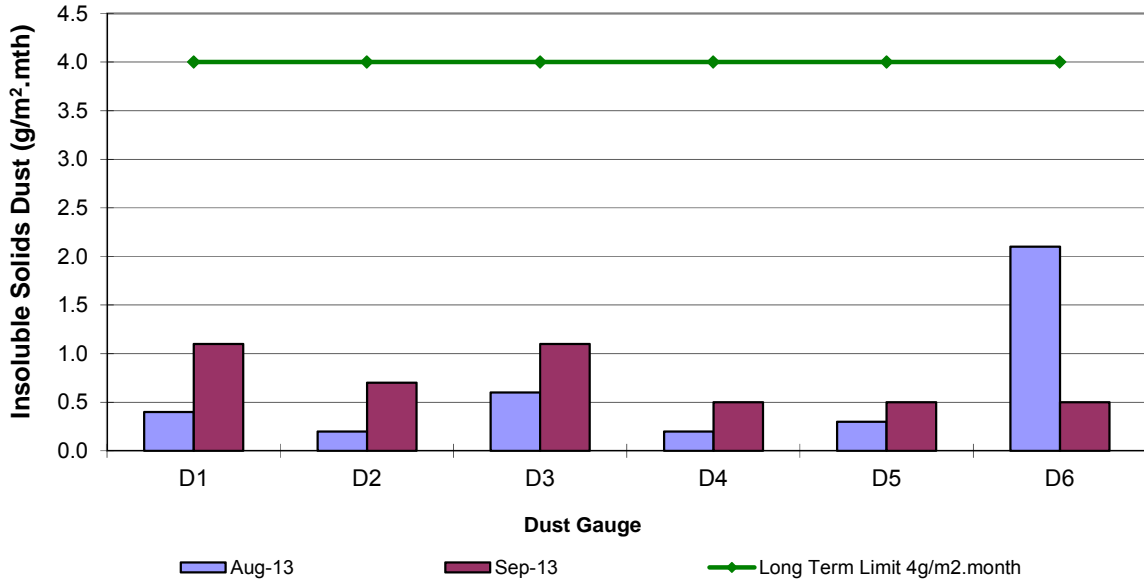


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AIR QUALITY MONITORING
LOCATIONS

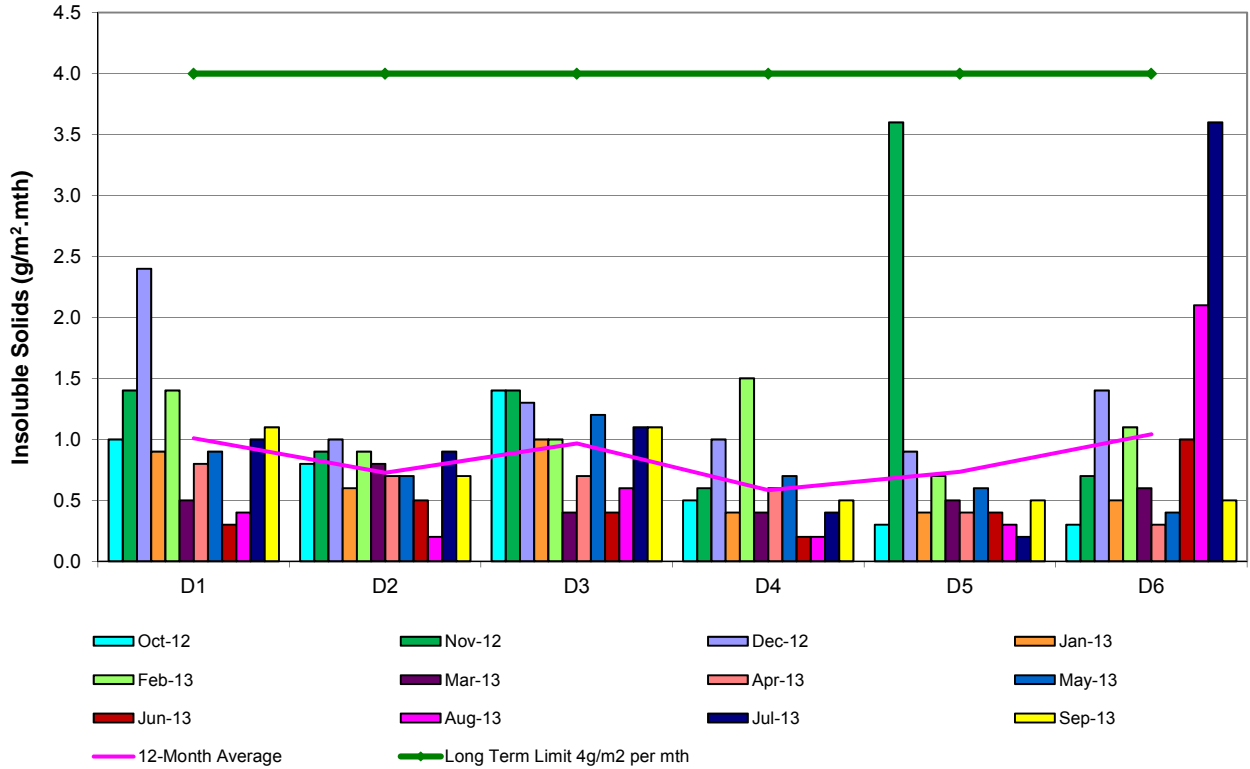
Appendix 2

Depositional Dust, HVAS and Blast Result Graphs

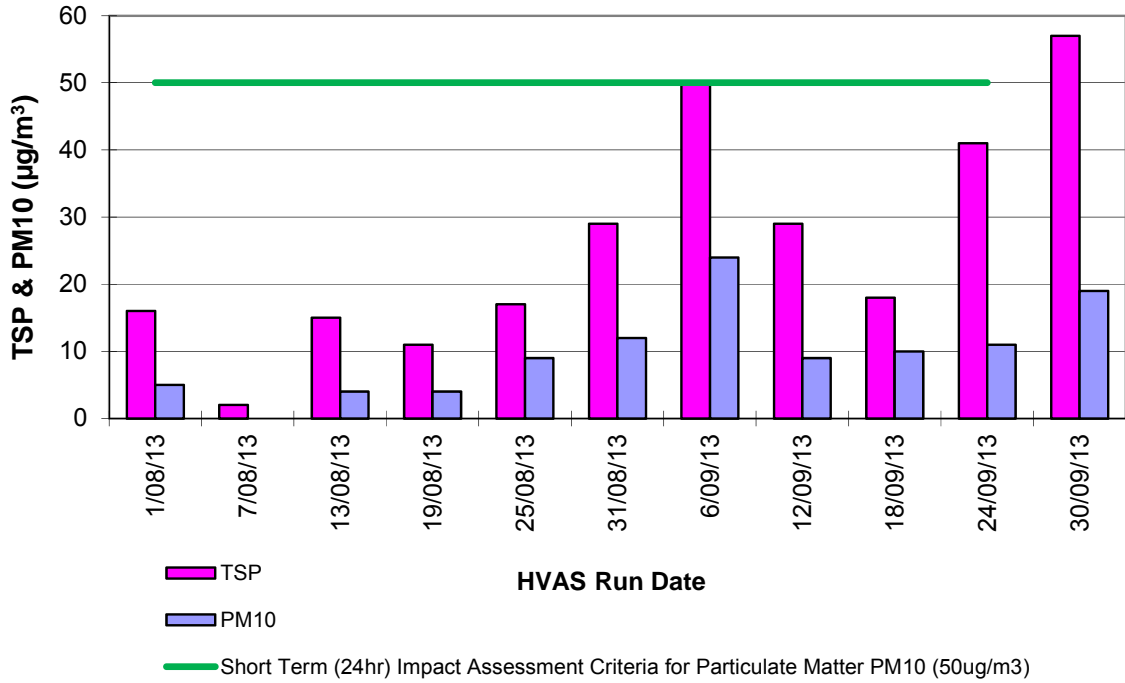
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August 2013 - September 2013**



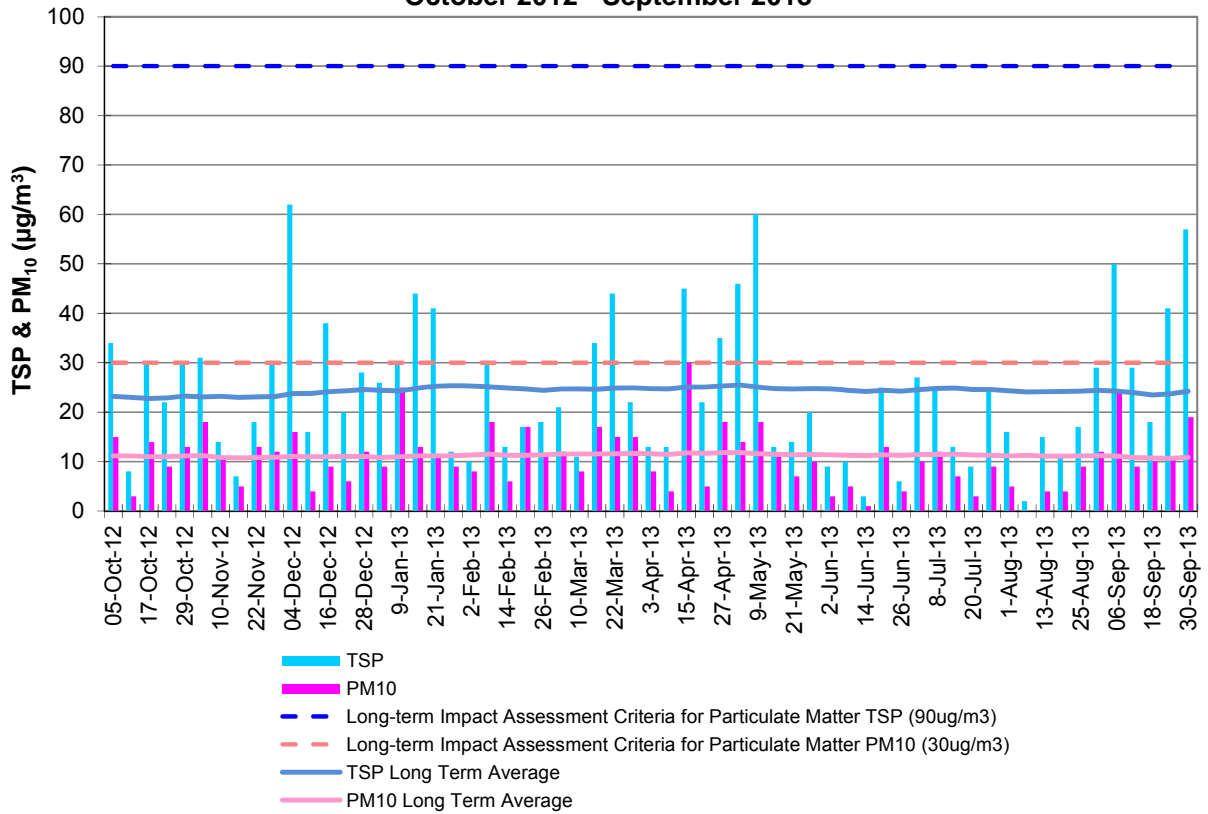
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October 2012- September 2013**



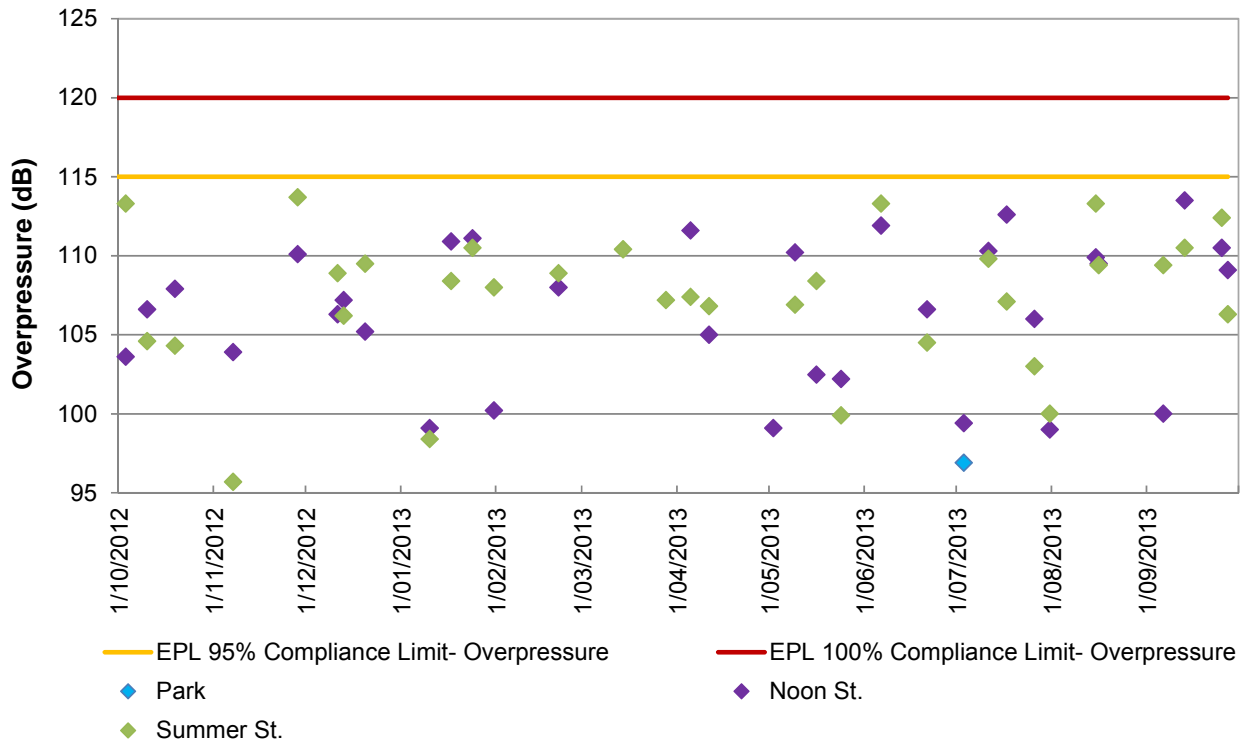
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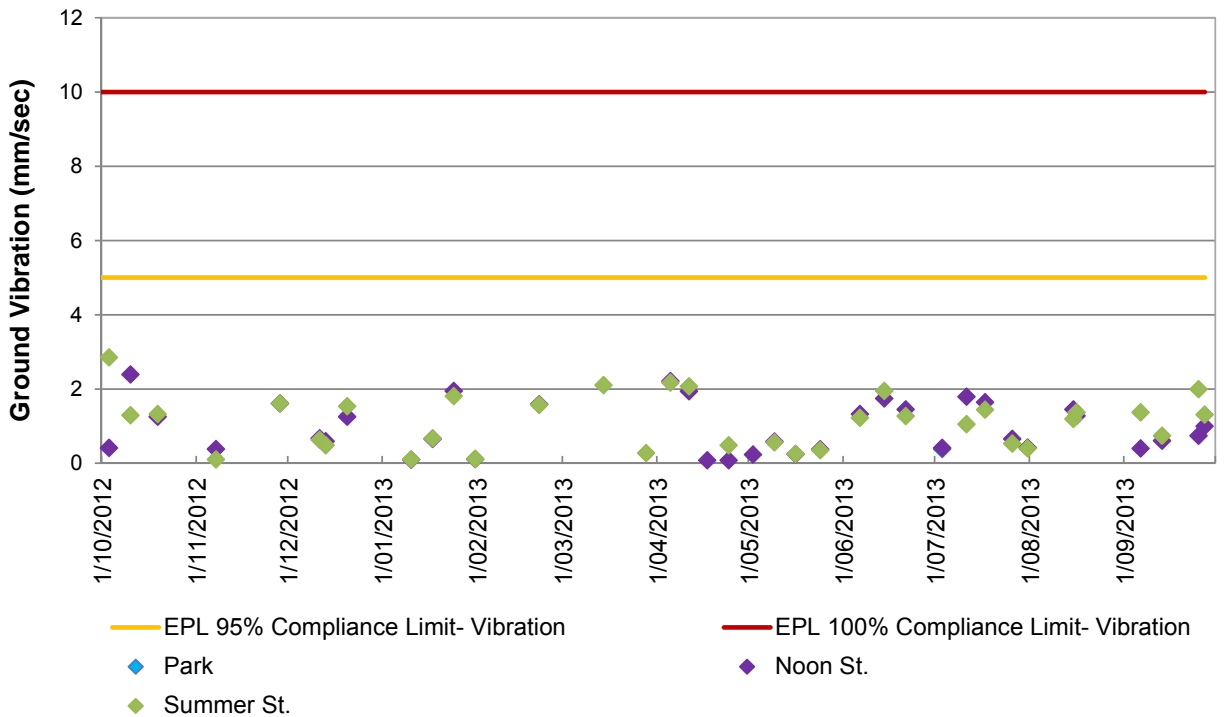
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October 2012 - September 2013**



**Pine Dale Mine
Blasting- Airblast Overpressure
October 2012 to September 2013 Comparable Data**



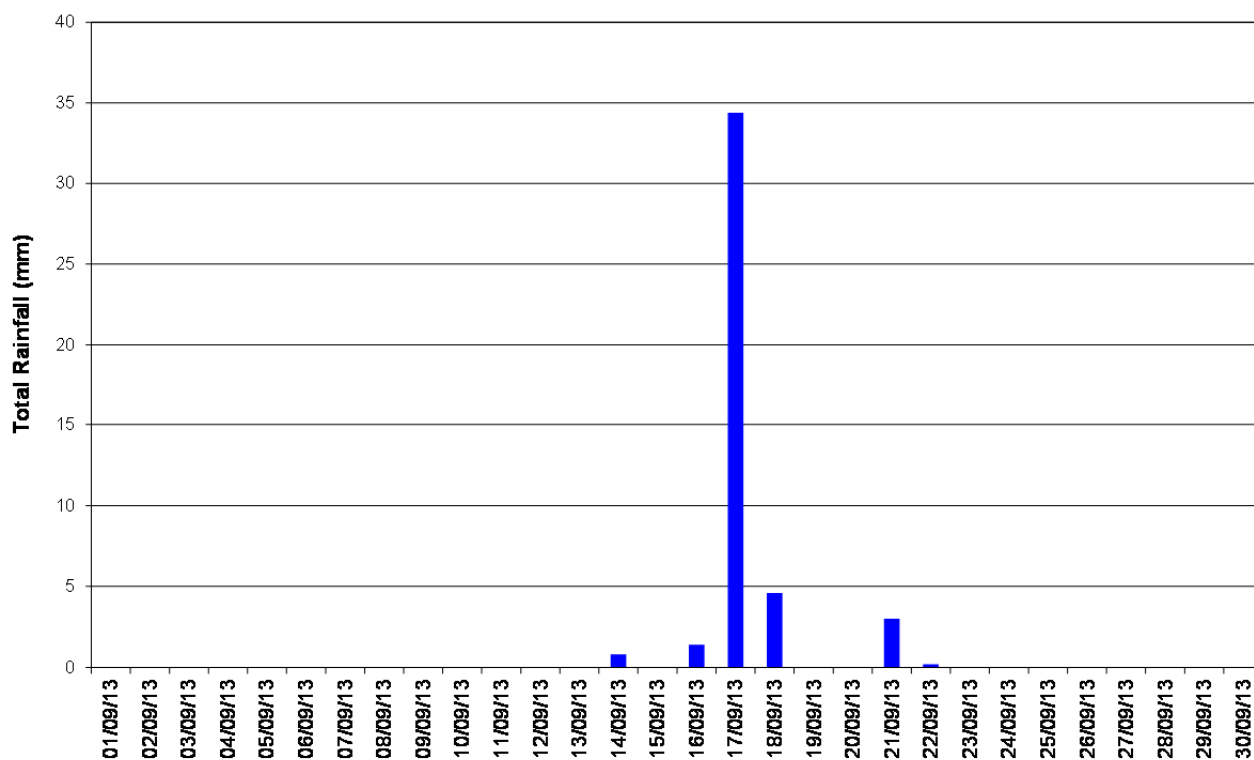
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Blasting- Ground Vibration
October 2012 to September 2013 Comparable Data**



Appendix 3

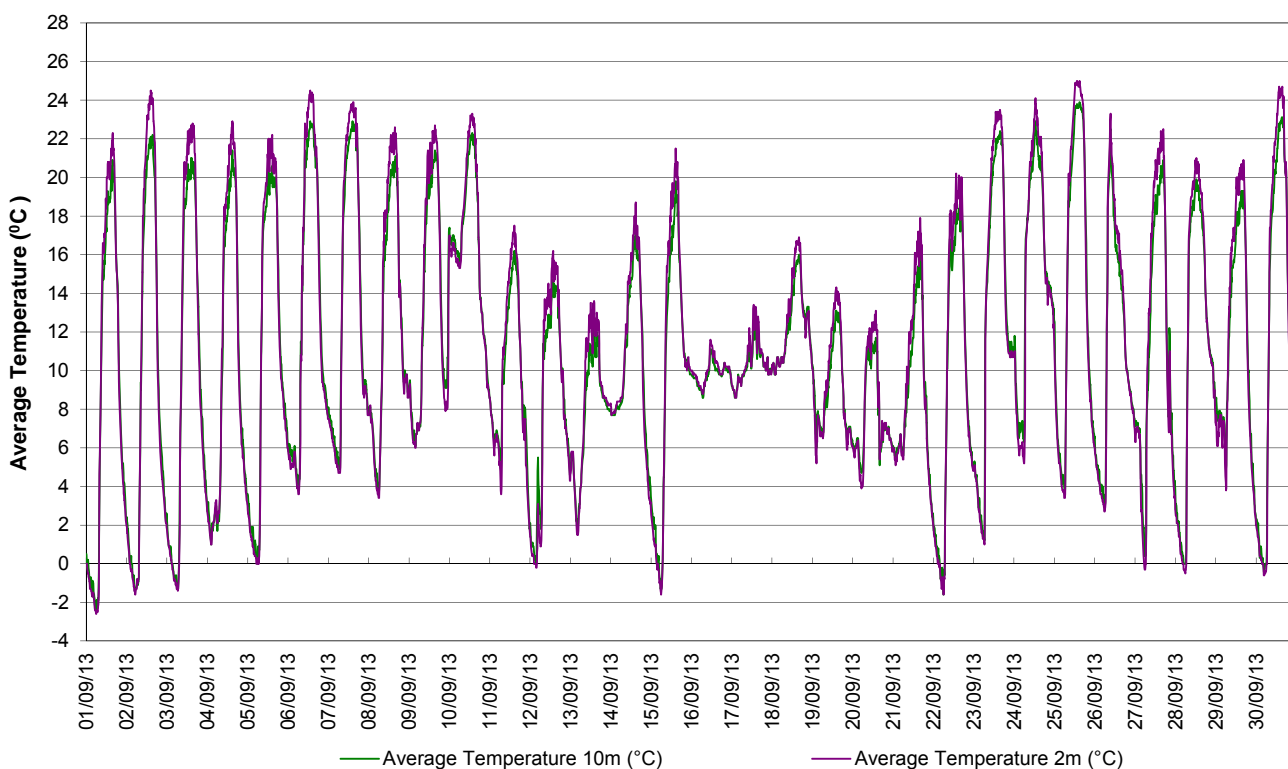
Meteorological Data

Blackmans Flat NSW
Total Rainfall - Period: 1/09/2013 to 30/09/2013

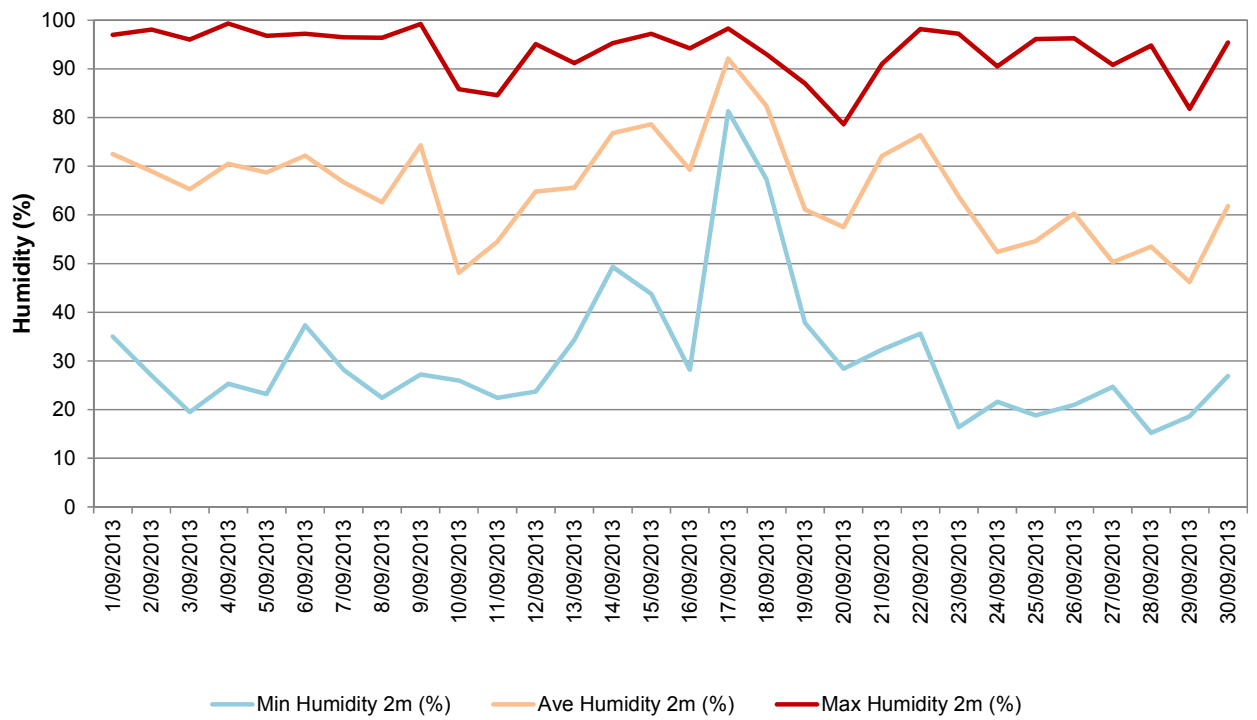


Total Rainfall for September 2013: 44.4 mm

Blackmans Flat NSW
Average Air Temperature - Period: 1/09/2013 to 30/09/2013



Blackmans Flat NSW
Daily Humidity Variations - Period: 1/09/2013 to 30/09/2013



Blackmans Flat NSW
Sigma Theta Variations - Period: 1/09/2013 to 30/09/2013

