

1. Introduction

- Alcoa's objective for the Anglesea Power Station is to complete the environmental site remediation works consistent with the requirements of the National Environmental Protection Measure 1999 (Assessment of Site Contamination) (as amended 2013) (NEPM) and the final end land use strategy.
- Alcoa will ensure compliance to the requirements of the Environmental Action Notice EAN-00003349 (Notice) as issued to the location by the Environment Protection Authority Victoria (EPA) on 7 September 2022. The Notice requires the submission of six monthly reports updating EPA on how the clean up and ongoing management of the premises has been or is likely to be achieved to comply with the notice requirements. In the event of identifying any imminent risk to human health or the environment, Alcoa must notify EPA and advise what measures have been put in place to respond to such risks.

2. Environmental Performance

- No environmental non-compliance incidents recorded during the period.

3. Identified Imminent Risks

- No imminent risks to human health or the environment identified during the period.

4. Recent Activities

- During the period, the tendering process for the remediation work on the Power Station site concluded with the preferred remediation contractor engaged with the works to focus on the recovery of impacted soils to facilitate onsite re-use. Where the recovered soils are deemed not amenable to remediation, offsite treatment and/ or disposal will be undertaken.
- The environmental auditor finalised the Verification Report for the Power Station Remediation Action Plan (RAP). Both the Power Station RAP and the auditor's Verification Report were submitted to EPA, consistent with the requirements set out in the Environmental Action Notice.
- The 2023 Groundwater Monitoring Event (GME) was undertaken in October by Alcoa's environmental consultants. The analytical reports are now being received with the review and reporting process underway.
- Subsequent to the construction of the Asbestos Landfill cap being completed, the as-built cap construction report was finalised by Alcoa's landfill cap Construction Quality Assurance service provider and reviewed by Alcoa's landfill auditor. The auditor verified construction audit report for the Asbestos Landfill was submitted to EPA's environmental audit unit on October 9th 2023, also satisfying the requirements of the site licence condition OL_L26. The Auditor concluded that the design and construction of the Asbestos Landfill Cap had 'not resulted in any unacceptable risk of harm or detriment to the environment.'
- Alcoa's environmental consultant prepared a Selenium memo that provides an overview of the state of science regarding selenium bioavailability, describes the distribution of selenium in Site soils based on existing data, and recommends a sampling and analysis plan to close out remaining data gaps related to the potential for ecological risk driven by selenium in the site soils. The memo was reviewed by the Auditor with the comments currently being addressed.

5. Planned Activities (1 December 2023 – 31 May 2024)

- The appointed remediation contractor is expected to commence remediation works consistent with the Power Station RAP.
- Sampling and characterisation of material stockpiles located in a historical laydown area of the Power Station site is expected to be completed.
- The 2023 GME reports are expected to be finalised by Alcoa's environmental consultant for groundwater monitoring.
- Finalisation of the Selenium memo, execution of the sampling and analysis plan for the power station site soils, and review and presentation of the results to the auditor.
- Establishment of vegetation cover and maintenance of the Asbestos Landfill cap will continue, consistent with the landfill aftercare management plan.

6. Community Engagement

- During the period Alcoa continued to engage with the community and key stakeholders about the site's remediation activities.
- A community update on site activities within the power station and the mine was emailed to Alcoa's community database (950+ people), published on the [Alcoa website](#) and within the Anglesea Community Network's [bulletin](#).
- Spring and summer community updates were published in Anglesea Community House's NewsAngle, a quarterly hardcopy newsletter distributed to the Anglesea community. The updates were also made available on the [Alcoa website](#).
- Four site visits were hosted with interested community groups, with conversations focused predominately around rehabilitation works to date and plans for the future. The visiting groups included:
 - Angair (Anglesea, Aireys Inlet Society for the Protection of Flora and Fauna) and Friends of Eastern Otways,
 - Year 12 students from Sacred Heart College, Geelong as part of their geography fieldwork studies into land use change,
 - Cranbourne Friends, Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria, and
 - Anglesea and Districts Men's Shed.
- A photographic display was set up at the annual Angair Wildflower and Art Weekend in September, providing a recap of topsoil and native grassland revegetation works to date. Across the two-day event, over 150 people engaged in conversation about the works, and other site activities such as Power Station remediation, as well as plans for the future.
- Alcoa continued to brief government agencies on the status of onsite activities.
- A copy of this report will be published on the [Alcoa website](#).

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