

Mount Pleasant Operation Monthly Environmental Monitoring Report

August 2024

1. Introduction

The Mount Pleasant Operation (MPO) is located within Upper Hunter Valley of New South Wales, approximately three kilometres (km) north-west of Muswellbrook and approximately 50 km north-west of Singleton. The villages of Aberdeen and Kayuga are located 12 km north-northeast and 3 km north of the operations, respectively.

The purpose of this report is to provide a monthly update of monitoring data in accordance with the requirements of NSW Environmental Protection Licence (EPL) 20850, Section 66(6) of the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 (POEO Act)*, the MPO Development Approval (DA 92/97) and the MPO Development Consent (SSD 10418).

Table 1-1 – Mount Pleasant Operation

Name of Operation	Mount Pleasant Operation
Name of Licensee	MACH Energy Australia Pty Ltd
Environmental Protection Licence	20850
Project Approval	DA 92/97 and SSD 10418
Reporting Period Start Date	1 August 2024
Reporting Period End Date	31 August 2024
Date All Data Received	11 September 2024

Links to three key regulatory documents are provided here:

- [MACH Energy Environment Protection Licence EPL 20850; and](#)
- [Mount Pleasant Operation Development Application Approval DA 92/97; and](#)
- [Mount Pleasant Operation Development Consent SSD 10418.](#)

2. Monitoring Requirements

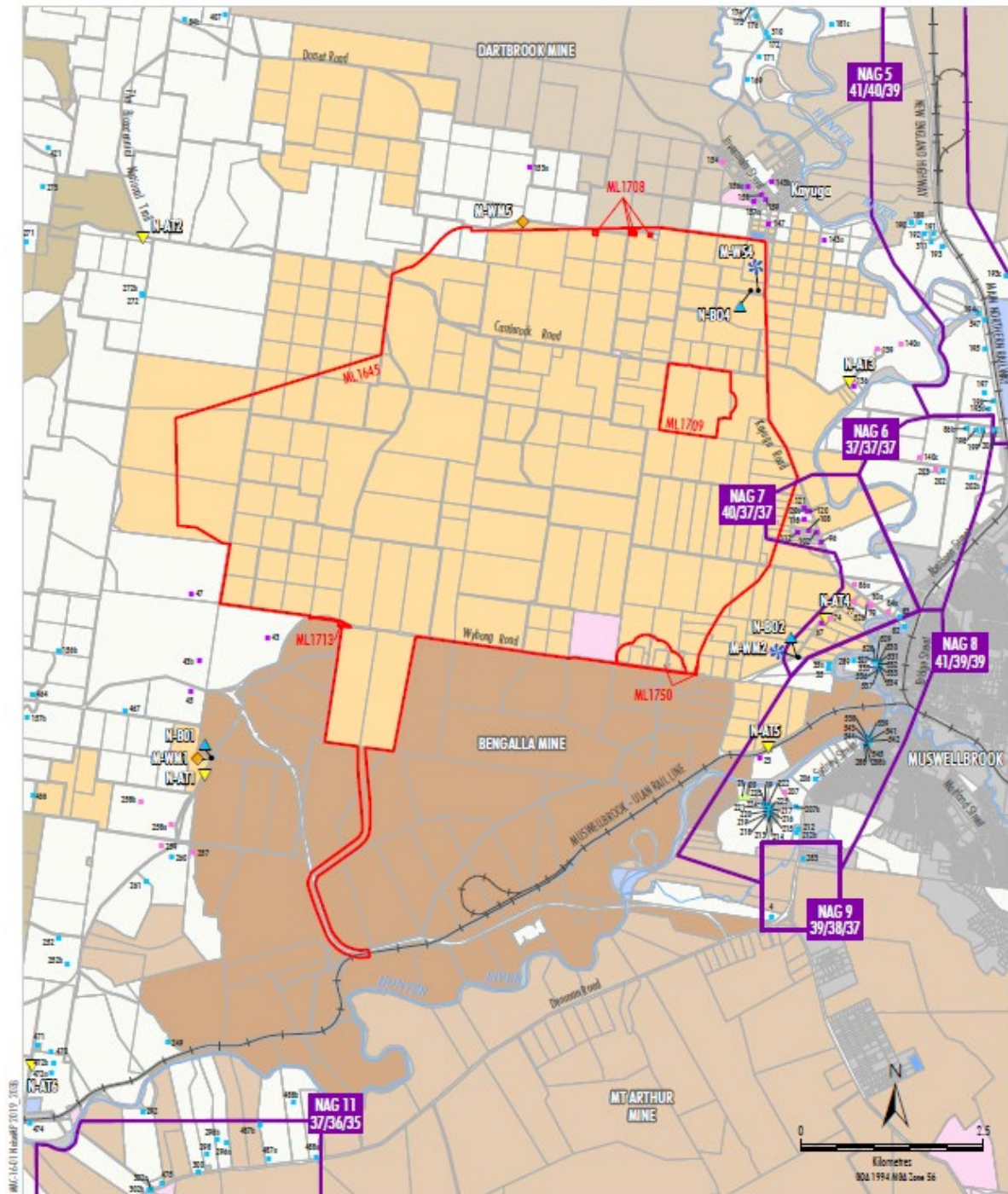
The MPO EPL 20850 specifically requires the monitoring of:

- 2 x Palas Fidas Air Quality Monitoring sites.
- Noise monitoring.
- Blast monitoring; and
- Meteorological monitoring.

Monitoring of sites not required by the EPL are conducted in accordance with *MPO Environmental Monitoring Program (EMP)*, Project Approval (DA 92/97) and Development Consent (SSD 10418).

All monitoring is undertaken by suitably qualified and experienced person(s). The MPO Environmental Monitoring Network is shown in the following figures:

- **Figure 2-1** shows MPO attended noise monitoring locations and Noise Assessment Groups (NAGs).
- **Figure 2-2** shows the MPO Air Quality Monitoring network.
- **Figure 2-3** shows the MPO Blast Monitoring Locations.
- **Figure 2-4** shows the MPO Groundwater Monitoring network; and
- **Figure 2-5** shows the MPO Surface Water Monitoring network.



- LEGEND**
- Mining Lease Boundary
 - Muswellbrook and Upper Hunter LEPs Zones B2, B5, IN1, SP2, R2, R5, RE1, RE2 and W1
 - Crown
 - The State of NSW
 - Muswellbrook Shire Council
 - Mount Pleasant Controlled
 - Bengalla Controlled
 - Dartbrook Controlled
 - Mt Arthur Controlled
 - Other Mining/Resource Company Controlled
 - Privately Owned Land

- Privately-owned Residence - MPO Acquisition on Request
- Privately-owned Residence - MPO Mitigation/Acquisition on Request *
- Privately-owned Residence - MPO Mitigation on Request
- Other Privately-owned Residence
- NAG Noise Assessment Group (NAG) (DA 92/97)
- 37/36/35 Default NAG Noise Criteria for Day/Evening/Night
- ▲ **Monitoring Sites**
- ▲ Attended Noise
- ▲ Real-Time Noise
- ◆ Weather Mast
- ✪ Weather Station

Source: NSW Land & Property Information (2017); NSW Division of Resources & Energy (2017); MACH Energy (2019)

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Nominal Noise and Meteorological Monitoring Sites

* MPO Mitigation on Request - rail noise. MPO is only required to acquire and/or install air quality mitigation measures at this property if acquisition and/or mitigation is not reasonably achievable under a separate approval for the Bengalla Mine.

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Figure 2-1 – MPO Attended Noise Monitoring Assessment Groups and Locations



- LEGEND**
- Mining Lease Boundary
 - Mine Owned
 - Privately-owned Residence - MPO Acquisition on Request
 - Privately-owned Residence - MPO Mitigation/Acquisition on Request *
 - Privately-owned Residence - MPO Mitigation on Request
 - Other Privately-owned Residence
 - Monitoring Sites**
 - Air Quality - High Volume Sampler
 - Air Quality - Palas Fidas
 - Dust Deposition Gauge
 - Upper Hunter Air Quality Monitoring Network
 - Weather Mast
 - ✱ Weather Station

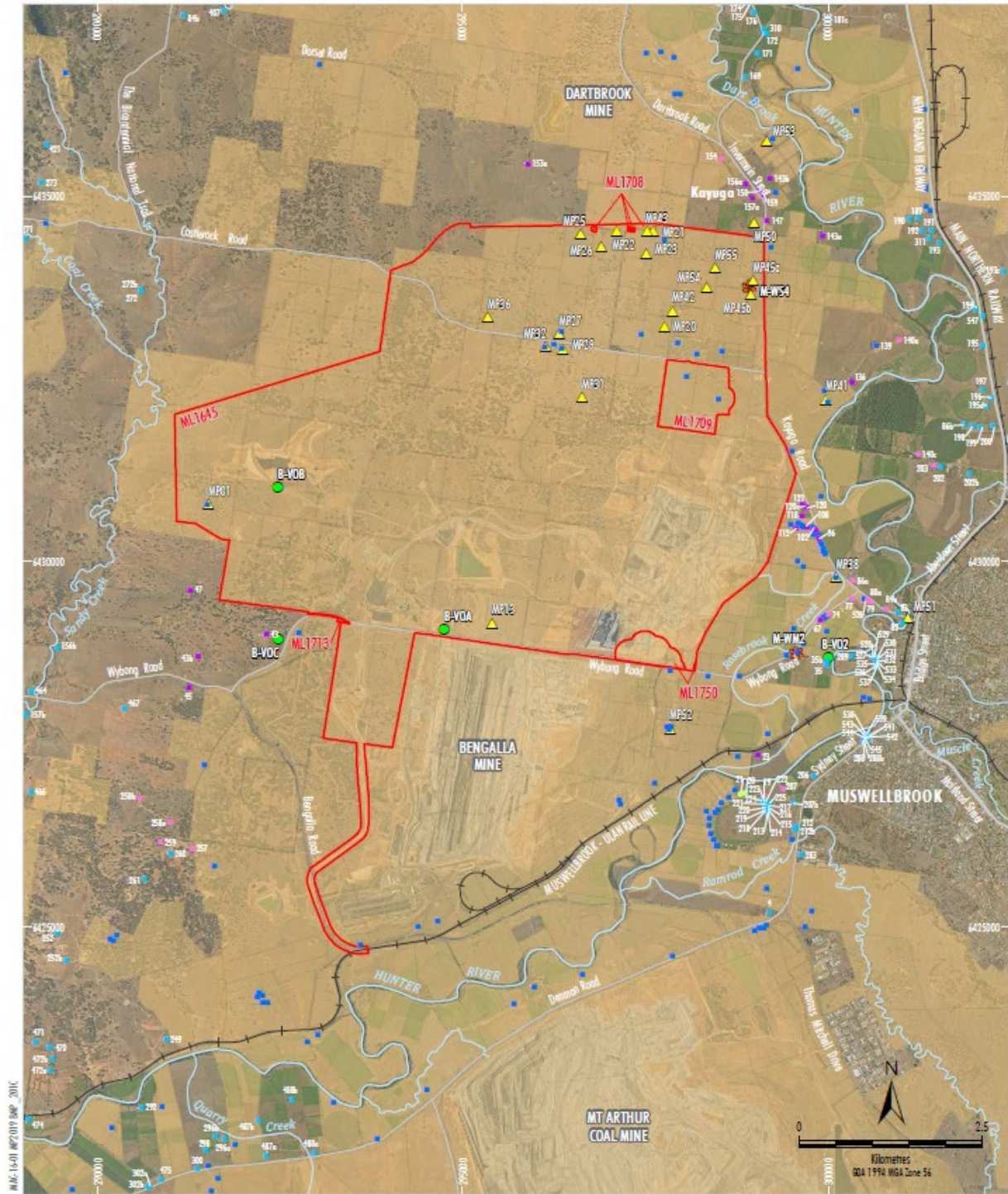
* MPO Mitigation on Request - rail noise. MPO is only required to acquire and/or install air quality mitigation measures at this property if acquisition and/or mitigation is not reasonably achievable under a separate approval for the Bengalla Mine.

Source: NSW Land & Property Information (2017); NSW Division of Resources & Energy (2017); MACH Energy (2019)
 Orthophoto: MACH Energy (July 2018); NSW Department of Finance & Innovation (2018)

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 Air Quality and Meteorological
 Monitoring Sites

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Figure 2-2 – MPO Air Quality and Meteorological Monitoring Network



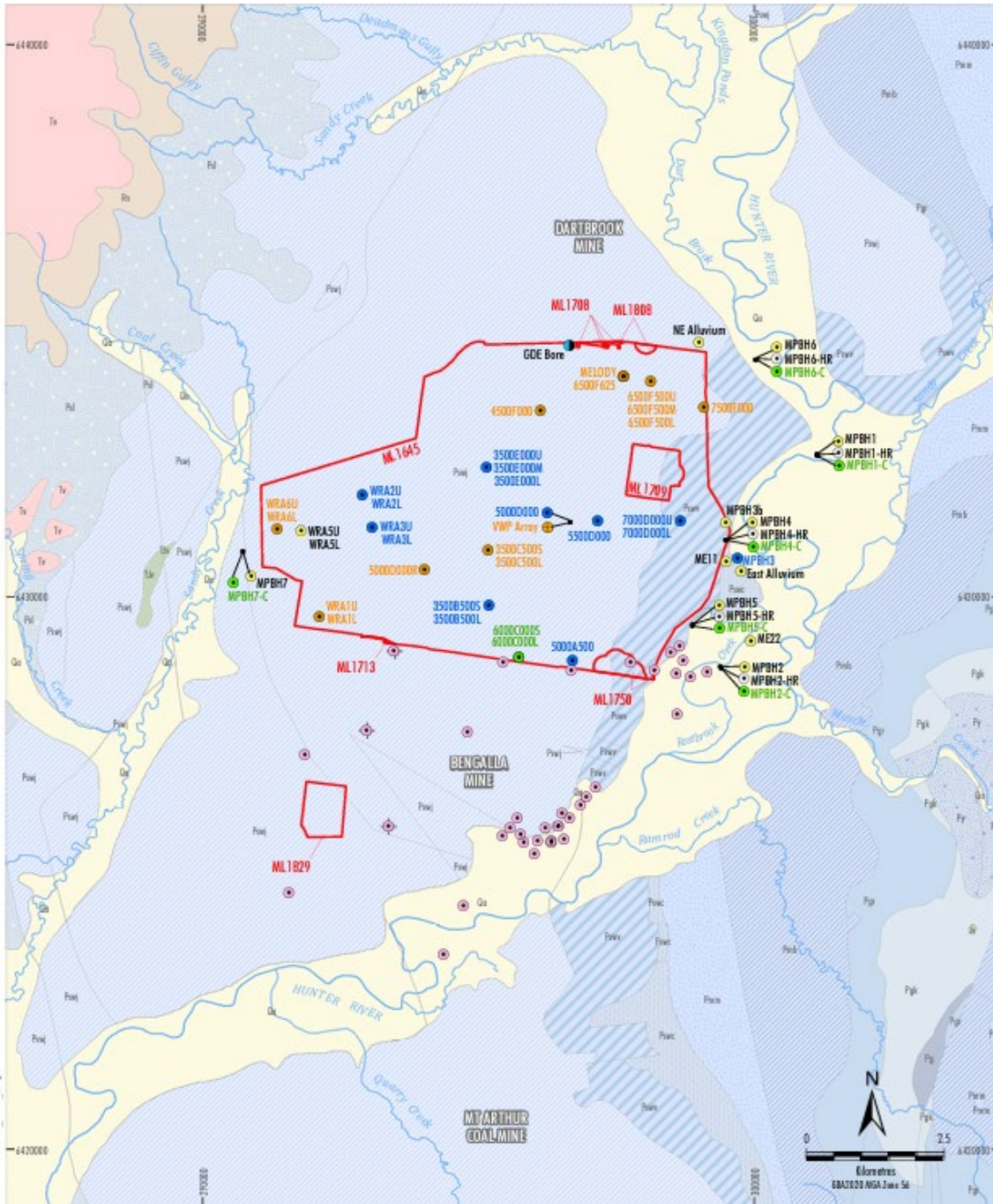
- LEGEND**
- Mining Lease Boundary
 - Mine-owned Land
 - Mine-owned Dwelling
 - Privately-owned Residence - MPO Acquisition on Request
 - Privately-owned Residence - MPO Mitigation/Acquisition on Request *
 - Privately-owned Residence - MPO Mitigation on Request
 - Other Privately-owned Residence
 - Blast Monitoring Site (Vibration/Overpressure)
 - ☼ Weather Station
 - ▲ Historic Heritage Site Subject to Blast Criteria

* MPO Mitigation on Request - rail noise. MPO is only required to acquire and/or install air quality mitigation measures at this property if acquisition and/or mitigation is not reasonably achievable under a separate approval for the Bengalla Mine.

Source: MACH Energy (2020); NSW Spatial Services (2019)
Orthophoto: MACH Energy (Jan 2020)

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Blast Monitoring Locations

Figure 2-3 – MPO Blast Monitoring Locations

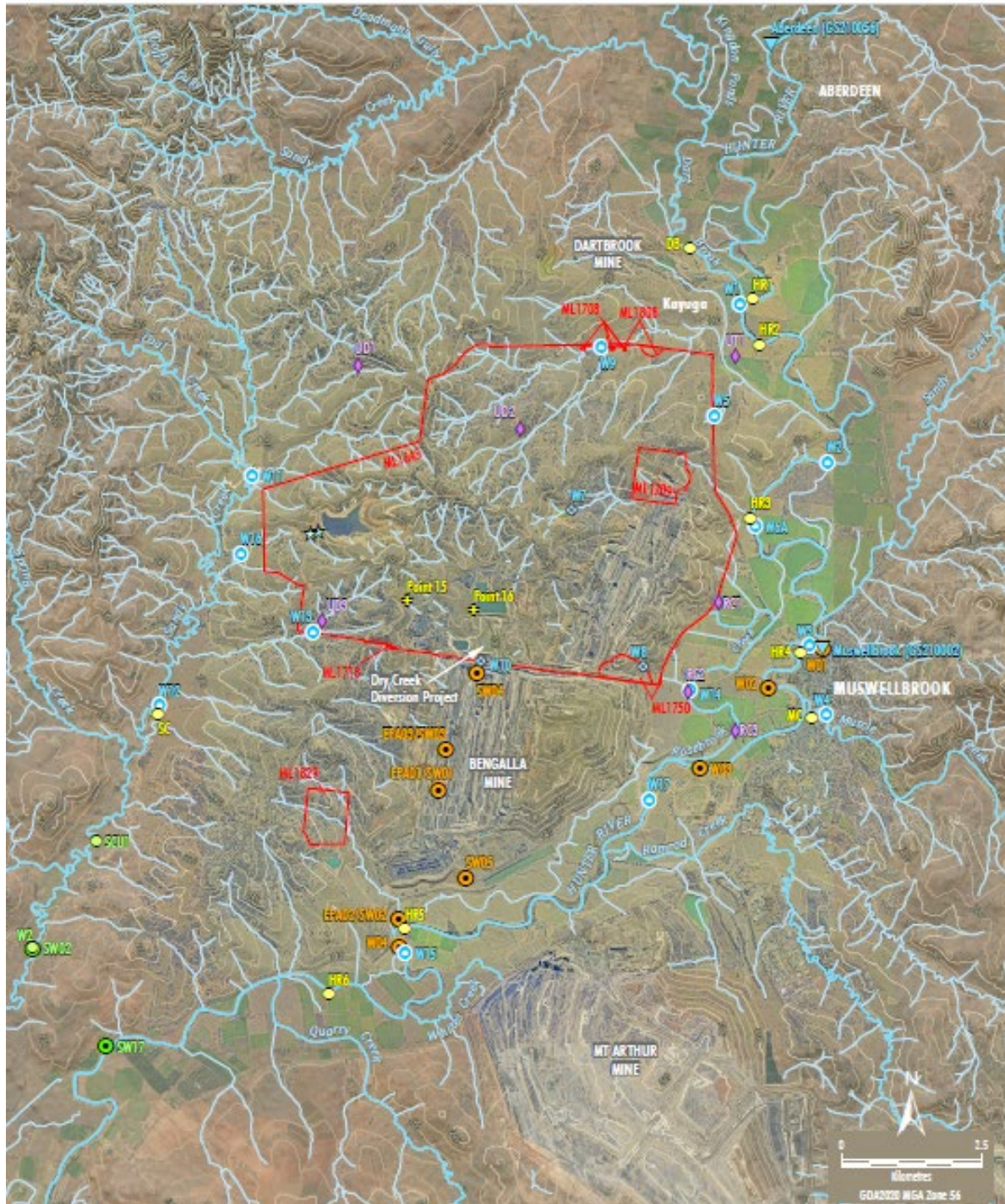


Source: NSW Spatial Services (2023); Department of Planning and Environment (2019)

- LEGEND**
- Mining Lease Boundary (Mount Pleasant Operation)
 - Mount Pleasant Monitoring
 - GDE Bore
 - Vibrating Wire Piezometer
 - Standpipe
 - Standpipe - Alluvium
 - Standpipe - Coal Seam
 - Standpipe - Interburden
 - Standpipe - Historical
 - Bengalla Monitoring
 - Bengalla Standpipe
 - Bengalla Vibrating Wire Piezometer

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 Groundwater Monitoring Network

Figure 2-4 – MPO Groundwater Monitoring Network – Approved (SSD 10418) Water Management Plan



- LEGEND**
- Mining Lease Boundary (Mount Pleasant Operation)
 - Contour (20 m Interval)
 - ▼ DPI Water Gauging Station
 - Mount Pleasant Monitoring
 - ◆ Aquatic Ecology Habitat Assessment Site
 - Surface Water Monitoring Site
 - ⊗ Historical Surface Water Monitoring Site
 - Stream Health Monitoring Site
 - ☆ V-notch Weir
 - + Water Discharge/Monitoring Point (EPL 20850)
 - Mangoola Monitoring
 - Surface Water Monitoring Site
 - Stream Health Monitoring Site
 - Bengalla Monitoring
 - Surface Water Monitoring Site

Source: MACH (2023); NSW Spatial Services (2023); NSW Department of Primary Industries - Water (2016); Bengalla Mining Company (2015); Mangool Coal Operations Pty Ltd (2014) Orthophoto: MACH (Jun 2023, 2020)

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 Surface Water and Stream Health
 Monitoring Sites

Figure 2-5 – MPO Surface Water Monitoring Network - – Approved (SSD 10418) Water Management Plan

3. Meteorological Monitoring

Weather data is measured continuously at the Kayuga Road (M-WS4) and the Wybong Road (M-WS2) meteorological stations. In addition to air quality parameters (particulate matter less than 10 μm and less than 2.5 μm (PM_{10} and $\text{PM}_{2.5}$)), the weather stations measure wind speed and direction, temperature (at 2 metres (m) and 10m), temperature inversion (using the sigma theta method), solar radiation, relative humidity, rainfall, and atmospheric pressure.

Most meteorological data was captured at M-WS2 (>91.6%) during August 2024 (the monitoring period) except for PM_{10} and $\text{PM}_{2.5}$ which were not captured during the monitoring period (0%) due to various instrument faults and scheduled maintenance. An E-BAM air quality monitor is operating at the M-WS2 while the faults are being addressed. Most meteorological data was collected at M-WS4 (96.5%).

Throughout August 2024, there was 43.8mm and 42.0mm of rainfall recorded at M-WS2 and M-WS4, respectively.

4. Dust Depositional Monitoring

4.1 Methodology

Dust deposition was monitored according to the OEH's *Approved Methods for the Sampling and Analysis of Air Pollutants in New South Wales* (DECC 2007), which references *Australian Standard (AS)/New Zealand Standard (NZS) 3580.10.1:2016 Methods for Sampling and Analysis of Ambient Air: Determination of particulate matter – Deposited matter – Gravimetric Method*. The dust deposition monitoring network comprises of 13 dust deposition gauges (DDG). Details of the monitoring locations are shown in **Figure 2-2**.

DDG samples can be contaminated by a variety of means, notably by the presence of insects and bird droppings. Results for contaminated gauges were not included in the calculation of the annual averages as this would result in skewed or misleading results for the purpose of dust deposition assessment. The Australian Standard does not provide criteria for the determination of contamination of a DDG. AECOM determines a gauge sample to be contaminated only after reference to field observation sheets, historical monitoring location data, laboratory notes and results, prevailing atmospheric conditions, and feedback from field technicians. For example, a gauge sample with a statistically abnormally high insoluble solids result, a low ash residue result (indicating an elevated level of organic matter) and field notation that bird droppings or insects were present is likely to be considered contaminated.

While the new SSD 10418 doesn't explicitly mention dust deposition gauges, there's a notable shift in regulations towards embracing high volume air sampler results and continuous air quality monitoring programs, with a specific focus on total particulate matter, PM_{10} , and $\text{PM}_{2.5}$. These modern monitoring techniques offer a more comprehensive approach to environmental surveillance, furnishing real-time data and insights into air quality conditions. By harnessing these advanced methods, MPO can ensure the implementation of robust monitoring practices, effectively supplanting the older dust deposition gauges. This transition from the previous development consent DA92/97 (which is yet to be surrendered)

to SSD 10418 signifies a proactive measure towards upholding environmental compliance. Therefore, Dust Depositional Monitoring will continue to be included in monthly reporting as per DA92/97 up until surrender where it will be discontinued.

4.2 Results

The dust deposition exposure period for gauges commenced on 29 July 2024. Sample collection was undertaken on 28 August 2024 by AECOM with sample analysis performed by ALS, a National Accreditation and Testing Authority (NATA) accredited laboratory. Results are summarised in **Table 4-1**. Annual rolling averages for August 2024 have been provided as an indication of performance between August 2023 – August 2024 and does not represent annual average results for 2024 as per Schedule 3, Condition 20 of DA 92/97 and Schedule 2, Condition B28 of SSD 10418.

Table 4-1: Dust Depositional Results – August 2024

Location	YTD Insoluble Solids (g/m ² .month)	Insoluble Solids Annual Rolling Average (g/m ² .month)
D1	2.2	2.0
D3	1.1	1.4
D4	1.1	1.3
D5a	1.9	2.1
D6	1.7	2.1
D7b	10.1	9.9
D8	4.7	4.5
D9a	3.9	3.9
D10	1.0	1.1
D11	3.4	3.5
D12	0.9	0.9
D13	1.3	1.3
D14	2.6	2.9
Criterion	-	4

Notes:

Results in **bold** indicate an elevated measurement of adopted assessment criteria.

* Insufficient monthly results to calculate annual average

Contaminated results, as described in Section 4.1, are not included in the 12-month rolling average. Site D7b is located within proximity to the northern boundary of a neighbouring mining operation and thus can be influenced by this site. D7b will continue to be monitored, however will not be used to assess compliance or to represent residential receivers in the

area. Furthermore, there are no privately-owned receivers in the vicinity of D8, D9 and D14. Whilst these sites do not represent residence(s) on privately-owned land, they will continue to be monitored in accordance with the *MPO Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas Management Plan* (MACH Energy, 2019).

Field notes from the August sampling event noted that most gauges contained insects, sediment and one contained vegetation. All August 2024 insoluble solid results were included in the annual rolling average calculations. Annual average dust deposition results were below the annual average criterion of 4 g/m².month at all sites except D7b (9.9 g/m²) and D8 (4.5 g/m²).

Figure 4-1 compares the monthly insoluble solids results to the annual averages for each dust gauge and the assessment criterion.

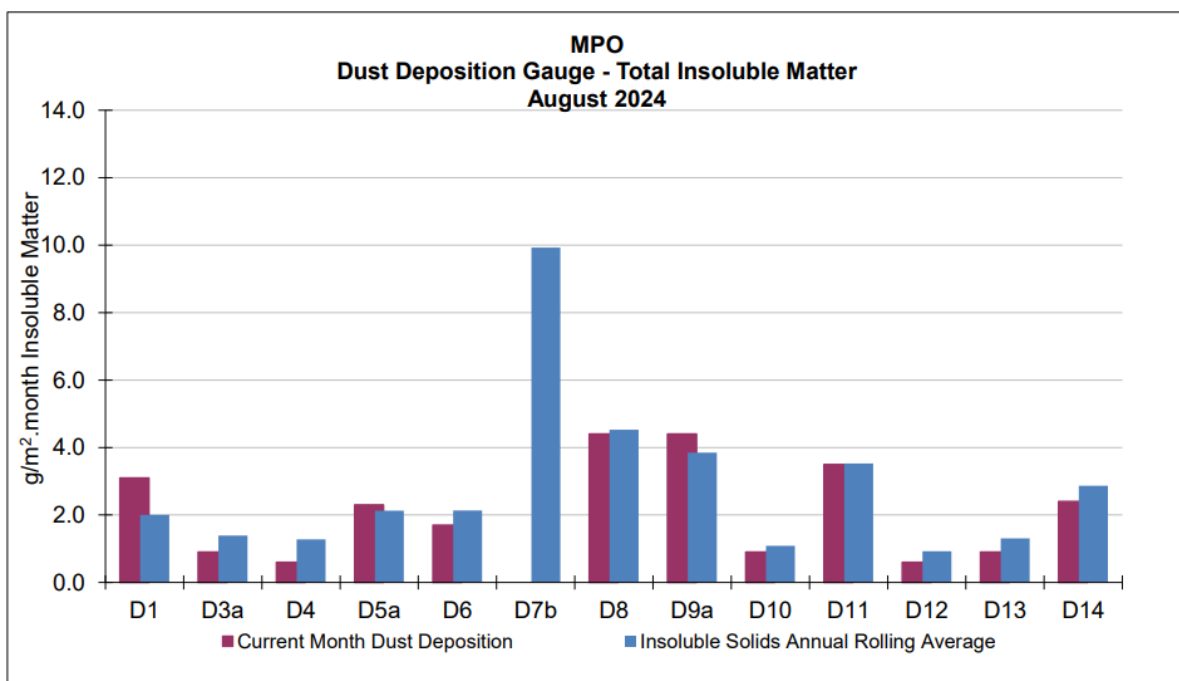


Figure 4-1: MPO Dust Deposition Monthly Results and Annual Rolling Average – August 2024

5. Total Suspended Particulates

All High-Volume Air Samplers (HVAS) are run for 24 hours every six days in accordance with *AM-15 of Approved Methods for the Sampling and Analysis of Air Pollutants in New South Wales* (DECC, 2007), referencing *AS/NZS 3580.9.3:2015 Methods for sampling and analysis of ambient air – Determination of suspended particulate matter – Total suspended particulate matter (TSP) - High volume sampler gravimetric method*, for the monitoring of TSP.

Three TSP HVAS units are included in the MPO air quality monitoring network and are displayed in **Table 5-1** below. These units were commissioned in March 2017.

Table 5-1 Total Suspended Particulate Monitoring Sites

ID	Description
A-PF2	Reilly's
M-WS4	Kayuga Road Met Station
A-PF5	Athlone

5.1 Assessment Criteria

TSP is assessed against the guidelines defined in the *EPA Approved Methods for the Modelling and Assessment of Air Pollutants in New South Wales* (EPA 2016), Project Approval DA 92/97 and Development Consent SSD 10418. The DA 92/97 and SSD 10418 both specify an annual average project contribution plus background criterion of 90 µg/m³.

5.2 Results

Sample collection was undertaken by AECOM with sample analysis performed by ALS, a NATA accredited laboratory. TSP results for the monitoring period are provided in **Table 5-2**. Annual rolling averages for August 2024 have been provided as an indication of performance between August 2023 – August 2024 and do not represent annual average results for 2024 as per Schedule 3, Condition 20 of DA 92/97 and Schedule 2, Condition B28 of SSD 10418.

Table 5-2 Total Suspended Particulate Monitoring Data – August 2024

Run Date	Assessment Criterion	TSP µg/m ³		
		HVAS A-PF2	HVAS A-PF5	HVAS M-WS4
3/08/2024	-	28.1	39.3	62.6
9/08/2024	-	37.4	36.4	32.5
15/08/2024	-	16.3	26	14.9
21/08/2024	-	91.6	23.6	30.2
27/08/2024	-	30.3	15.8	14.0
*Monthly Mean	-	40.7	28.2	30.8
Annual Rolling Average	90	50	50	34

Notes:

Results in **bold** indicate an elevated reading

5.3 Discussion

For the reporting period, the annual rolling average TSP data at all sites was below the annual average criterion of 90 µg/m³.

6. Real Time Air Quality Monitoring

Continuous particulate matter less than 10 µm (PM₁₀) and particulate matter less than 2.5 µm (PM_{2.5}) monitoring was conducted by three Palas Fidas units (one utilised for management only) at MPO during August 2024.

The EPA identification numbers 1 and 2 refer to Palas Fidas units installed on Wybong Road (A-PF2) and Dorset Road (A-PF5), respectively. In addition, a third unit (A-PF4) is installed on Kayuga Road with data used for management purposes only.

Real time PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} 12-month rolling averages for August 2024 have been provided in Section 6.2 and 6.4 respectively, as an indication of performance during 2024 as per Schedule 3, Condition 20 of DA 92/97 and Schedule 2, Condition B28 of SSD 10418.

6.1 PM₁₀ Results – 24 Hour Rolling Average

In accordance with the DA 92/97 and SSD 10418 limit of 50 µg/m³ for the 24-hour daily average, there were no elevated readings in August 2024. Real time PM₁₀ 24 hour daily average results for August 2024 are presented in **Table 6-1**.

Table 6-1: MPO Palas Fidas PM₁₀ Data – August 2024

Date	A-PF2/EPA ID 1	A-PF4	A-PF5/EPA ID 2	Muswellbrook NW	A-PF2, A-PF4, A-PF5 24 Hour Average Limit (µg/m ³)
	24-hour Average Result				
1/08/2024	-	19	19	15.6	50
2/08/2024	-	22	19	16.4	50
3/08/2024	-	18	15	13.1	50
4/08/2024	-	18	17	16.2	50
5/08/2024	-	22	15	19.9	50
6/08/2024	-	13	9	10.7	50
7/08/2024	-	14	13	11.9	50
8/08/2024	-	17	21	14.9	50
9/08/2024	-	16	13	15.4	50
10/08/2024	-	19	17	16.4	50
11/08/2024	-	20	16	13.7	50
12/08/2024	-	15	14	10.7	50
13/08/2024	-	13	15	10	50
14/08/2024	-	12	11	7.6	50
15/08/2024	-	11	10	7.7	50
16/08/2024	-	11	12	8.7	50
17/08/2024	-	7		10.3	50
18/08/2024	-	7	7	11.8	50
19/08/2024	-	13	20	15.1	50

20/08/2024	-	15	16	15.6	50
21/08/2024	-	16	14	22.8	50
22/08/2024	-	10	8	16.7	50
23/08/2024	-	16	19	23.1	50
24/08/2024	-	12	10	14.6	50
25/08/2024	-	13	11	22.5	50
26/08/2024	-	10	10	14.4	50
27/08/2024	-	8	7	7.6	50
28/08/2024	-	10	10	23.6	50
29/08/2024	-	13	11	18	50
30/08/2024	-	16	13	18.5	50
31/08/2024	-	13	12	39.3	50

Notes:

Results in **bold** indicate elevated readings during adverse weather conditions.

Results with "-" indicate dates where data was affected by maintenance or servicing (scheduled and unscheduled)

Figure 6-1 below shows the results of real-time PM₁₀ 24 hour daily average results at MPO air quality monitoring sites August 2024.

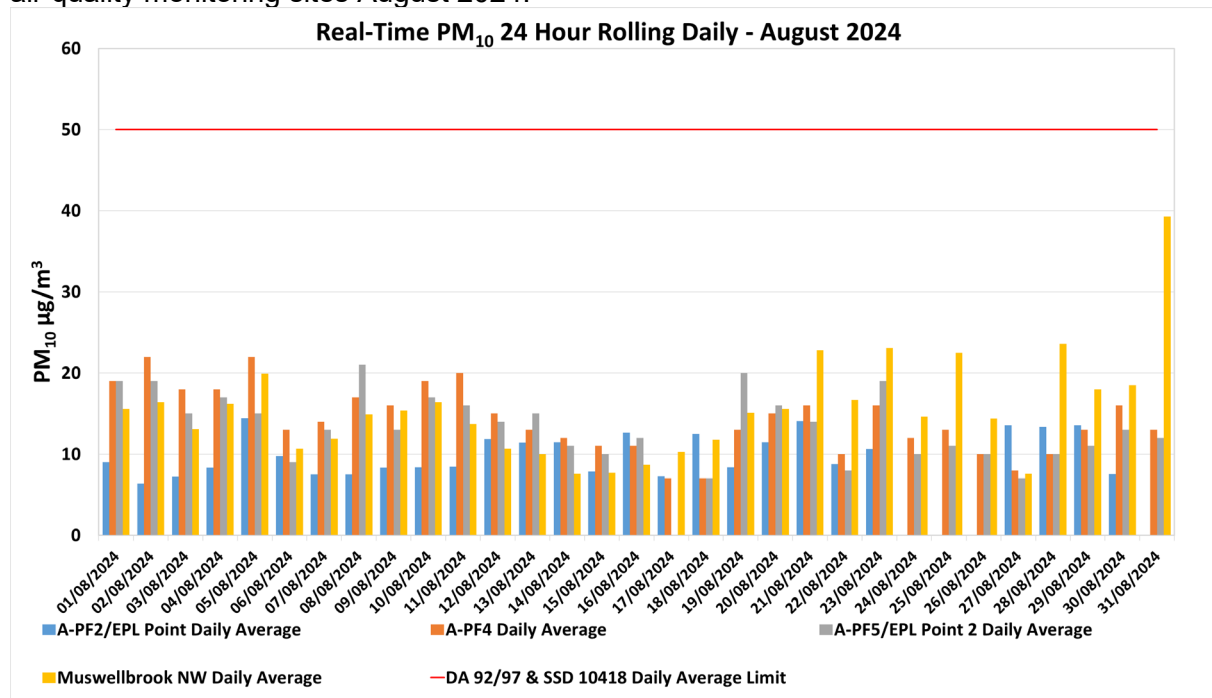


Figure 6-1: Real-time PM₁₀ 24 Daily Average Results for August 2024.

6.2 PM₁₀ Results – Annual Rolling Average

There was no exceedance of the PM₁₀ annual rolling average reported at MPO during August 2024. Real time PM₁₀ annual rolling averages during the reporting period are presented in **Figure 6-2** below.

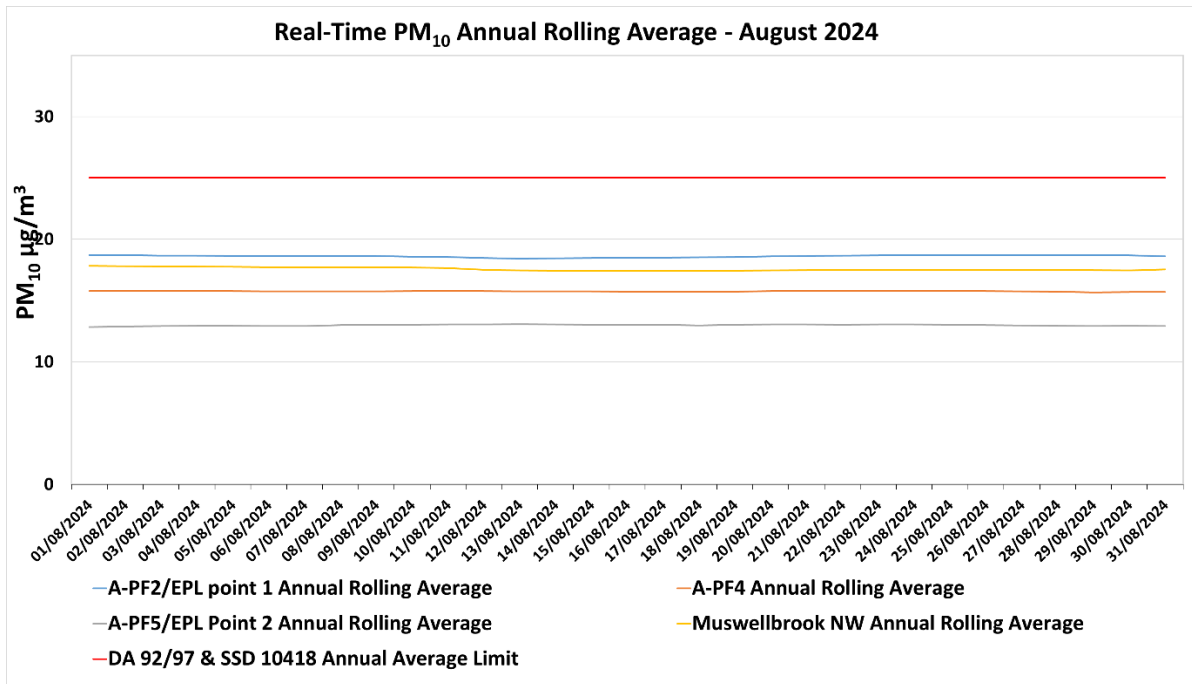


Figure 6-2: Real-time PM₁₀ Annual Rolling Average Results for August 2024.

6.3 PM_{2.5} Results – 24 Hour Daily Average

There was no exceedance of the PM_{2.5} annual rolling average reported at MPO during August 2024. Real time PM_{2.5} 24 hour rolling average results for August 2024 are presented in **Table 6-2**.

Table 6-2: MPO Palas Fidas PM_{2.5} Data – August 2024

Date	A-PF2/EPA ID 1	A-PF4	A-PF5/EPA ID 2	A-PF2, A-PF4, A-PF5 24 Hour Average Limit (µg/m ³)
	24-hour Average Result			
1/08/2024	3	4	5	25
2/08/2024	4	4	6	25
3/08/2024	4	5	4	25
4/08/2024	5	5	5	25
5/08/2024	8	6	5	25
6/08/2024	4	4	5	25
7/08/2024	4	5	5	25
8/08/2024	6	7	7	25
9/08/2024	4	5	5	25
10/08/2024	3	3	7	25
11/08/2024	3	4	8	25
12/08/2024	-	4	7	25
13/08/2024	4	3	6	25
14/08/2024	3	3	5	25
15/08/2024	3	-	5	25
16/08/2024	3	-	6	25

17/08/2024	3	2	-	25
18/08/2024	4	4	3	25
19/08/2024	3	3	6	25
20/08/2024	4	4	7	25
21/08/2024	5	5	7	25
22/08/2024	4	5	3	25
23/08/2024	4	5	5	25
24/08/2024	4	5	4	25
25/08/2024	5	7	6	25
26/08/2024	4	4	4	
27/08/2024	5	5	3	25
28/08/2024	3	3	4	
29/08/2024	3	3	4	25
30/08/2024	4	6	4	25
31/08/2024	5	6	4	25

Notes:

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Results with "-" indicate dates where data was affected by maintenance or servicing (scheduled and unscheduled)

Real time PM_{2.5} 24-hour average results for August 2024 are presented in **Figure 6-3** below.

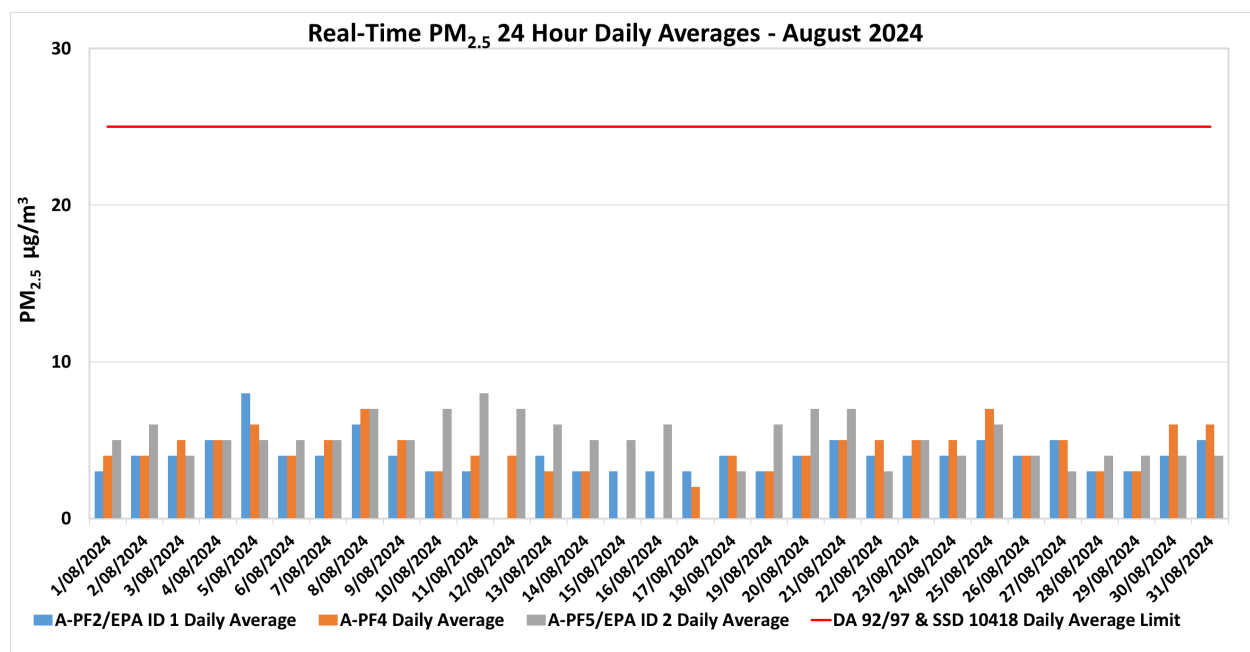


Figure 6-3: Real-time PM_{2.5} 24 hour Daily Average Results for August 2024.

6.4 PM_{2.5} Results - Annual Rolling Average

There was no exceedance of the PM_{2.5} annual rolling average reported at MPO during August 2024. Real time PM_{2.5} annual rolling averages during the reporting period are presented in **Figure 6-4** below.

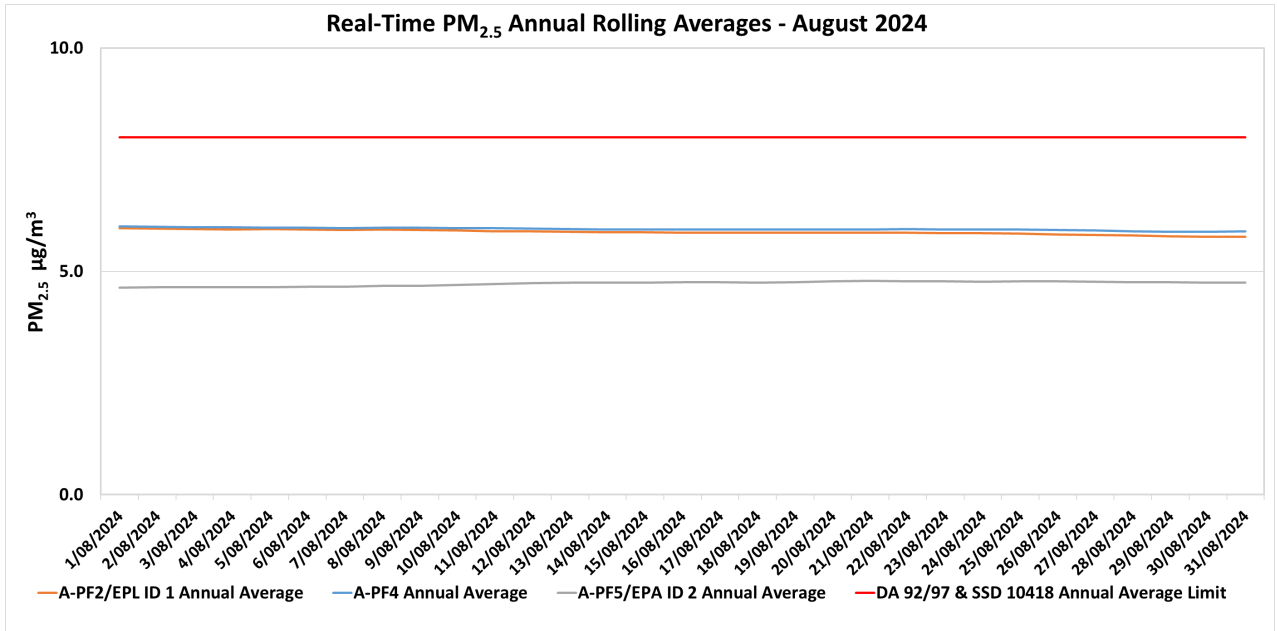


Figure 6-4: Real-time PM_{2.5} Annual Rolling Average Results for August 2024.

7. Surface Water Monitoring

7.1 Methodology

Surface water quality is monitored at 14 sites monthly, with additional monitoring conducted if triggered by a rain event. A more comprehensive suite of analysis is performed at these sites on a quarterly basis.

7.2 Assessment Criteria

Surface waters were assessed as per the [MPO Water Management Plan](#) (MACH Energy, 2024) in accordance with site specific trigger values that have been developed using the [ANZECC](#) (2000) guidelines for sites that contain a minimum of two years of monthly data. Sites with insufficient data are assessed on default trigger values adopted from ANZECC (2000) guidelines.

7.3 Results

Surface water monitoring was conducted by AECOM on 22 August 2024. Laboratory analysis was performed by ALS NATA accredited laboratory. Monthly monitoring results for pH, EC, TSS and Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) are presented in **Table 7-1**.

Table 7-1 – MPO Monthly Surface Water Monitoring Results – 22 August 2024

Station	pH	Electrical Conductivity (EC) (µs/cm) ¹	Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) (mg/L)	Total Suspended Solids (TSS) (mg/L)
W1	8.2	530	320	10
W2	8.2	550	330	23
W3	8.2	560	340	26
W4	7.9	1250	740	27
W5	*	*	*	*
W6A	8.2	550	330	23
W9	*	*	*	*
W11	8.3	2750	1400	<5
W12	8.2	3850	2000	10
W13	8.3	5300	3000	13
W14	*	*	*	*
W15	8.1	560	300	39
W16	8.2	8100	4600	14
W17	8.2	560	310	29

Note: Results in **bold** indicate exceedances of adopted assessment criteria.

*Dry or insufficient water to sample.

¹ Results have been rounded in accordance with the In-house method Q4AN(EV)-332-WI2 (EC).

During the 22 August 2024 monitoring event, three (3) sites were dry. Sites W11, W12, W13, W15, W16 and W17 were above the respective pH trigger levels. Sites W2, W6A, W13, W15 and W16 were above the respective EC trigger levels.

An investigation is triggered if elevated measurements occur for three consecutive sampling events in accordance MPO Water Management Plan (MACH Energy, 2022).

8. Groundwater Monitoring

Quarterly groundwater monitoring was conducted between 1, 7 and 8 of August 2024. Water level results for the groundwater bores are presented in **Table 8-1**. The quarterly pH and EC results are presented in **Table 8-2** and **Table 8-3**, respectively.

Table 8-1 - MPO Quarterly Groundwater Water Level Results

Monitoring Location/ ID	Water Level Trigger Range		Aug 2024 Water Level (DTW)	May 2024 Water Level (DTW)	Feb 2023 Water Level (DTW)	Triggered (Yes/No)
	80 th Percentile (DTW)	Trigger				
WRA1L	-	>± 0.5m	3.75	4.07	3.30	
WRA1U	-	>± 0.5m	*	*	*	
WRA6L	-	>± 0.5m	0.80	0.88	1.24	
WRA6U	-	>± 0.5m	1.74	1.83	2.05	
MPBH1	9.71	10.70	9.73	9.99	9.90	No
MPBH2	12.20	13.59	12.07	12.00	14.20	No
MPBH3b	13.04	Dry (or 14.0m)	12.18	12.28	12.18	No
MPBH4	-	>± 0.5m	12.09	12.19	12.15	
MPBH5	-	>± 0.5m	*	*	*	
MPBH1-C	-	>± 0.5m	9.83	10.16	10.08	
MPBH1-HR	-	>± 0.5m	38.93	22.48	25.59	
MPBH2-C	-	>± 0.5m	12.36	12.29	12.10	
MPBH2-HR	-	>± 0.5m	12.34	12.2	12.05	
MPBH4-C	-	>± 0.5m	11.66	11.74	11.67	
MPBH4-HR	-	>± 0.5m	50.83	50.66	50.68	
MPBH5-C	-	>± 0.5m	12.30	11.62	11.41	
MPBH5-HR	-	>± 0.5m	11.95	11.82	11.61	
MPBH6	-	>± 0.5m	10.04	10.22	10.14	
MPBH6-C	-	>± 0.5m	11.82	11.86	11.72	
MPBH6-HR	-	>± 0.5m	10.95	11.18	11.11	
MPBH7	10.10	>± 0.5m	5.31	6.55	6.45	No
MPBH7-C	-	>± 0.5m	15.62	15.84	17.13	
3500C500L	-	>± 0.5m	26.53	25.78	25.44	
3500C500S	-	>± 0.5m	25.41	26.23	25.78	
4500F000	-	>± 0.5m	22.53	22.63	22.45	
5000D000-R**	-	>± 0.5m	139.19	139.02	138.77	
5500D000	-	>± 0.5m	41.45	40.89	40.26	
6500F500L	-	>± 0.5m	50.66	51.12	53.36	
6500F500M	-	>± 0.5m	51.64	51.90	53.83	
6500F500U	-	>± 0.5m	32.22	30.25	30.24	
6500F625	-	>± 0.5m	15.93	15.78	15.50	

Monitoring Location/ ID	Water Level Trigger Range		Aug 2024 Water Level (DTW)	May 2024 Water Level (DTW)	Feb 2023 Water Level (DTW)	Triggered (Yes/No)
	80 th Percentile (DTW)	Trigger				
Melody	-	>± 0.5m	12.81	13.09	13.07	
7500F000	-	>± 0.5m	36.11	35.91	36.00	

* Dry/insufficient water to sample

** New site

An investigation is triggered when the water levels in any alluvial bore falls below the trigger level. Results shown in bold indicate that the bore has exceeded the adopted assessment criterion for changes in standing water level of >± 0.5m from the previous measurement.

Table 8-2 - MPO Quarterly Groundwater pH Results

Monitoring Location/ ID	pH Trigger Range		Aug 2024 pH	May 2024 pH	Feb 2024 pH	Triggered (Yes/No)
	Lower	Upper				
WRA1L	6.0	8.5	7.2	7.1	7.1	No
WRA1U			*	*	*	No
WRA6L			7.0	6.9	7.0	No
WRA6U			6.7	6.8	6.9	No
MPBH1			7.1	6.9	6.7	No
MPBH2			7.0	6.9	6.9	No
MPBH3b			7.8	7.4	7.8	No
MPBH4			6.9	7.1	6.9	No
MPBH5			*	*	*	No
MPBH1-C			7.9	8.6	8.5	No
MPBH1-HR			8.1	7.8	8.0	No
MPBH2-C			8.2	10.7	11.1	No
MPBH2-HR			7.9	7.5	8.5	No
MPBH4-C			8.0	7.9	7.8	No
MPBH4-HR			7.3	7.3	7.3	No
MPBH5-C			9.3	10.3	9.7	Yes
MPBH5-HR			7.6	7.6	7.5	No
MPBH6			7.1	7.1	7.1	No
MPBH6-C			7.1	7.7	7.1	No
MPBH6-HR			7.3	7.4	7.3	No
MPBH7			7.0	7.0	7.0	No
MPBH7-C			7.1	7.0	7.1	No
3500C500L			7.6	7.6	7.5	No
3500C500S			6.9	6.9	6.9	No
4500F000			6.8	6.8	6.8	No
5000D000-R			7.5	7.5	7.5	No
5500D000			7.0	7.0	6.9	No
6500F500L			7.2	7.2	7.1	No
6500F500M			7.3	7.3	7.2	No
6500F500U			6.8	6.7	6.6	No
6500F625	7.0	6.9	7.0	No		
Melody	6.9	6.9	6.9	No		
7500F000	7.8	7.8	7.7	No		

* Dry/insufficient water to sample

An investigation is triggered when pH values are recorded outside the baseline range (20th – 80th percentile). Results shown in **bold** are outside of this range.

Table 8-3 - MPO Quarterly Groundwater EC Results

Monitoring Location/ ID	Maximum Beneficial Use Trigger	Aug 2024 EC ¹	May 2024 EC ¹	Feb 2024 EC ¹	Triggered (Yes/No)
WRA1L	7800	3200	3750	3550	No
WRA1U	-	*	*	*	-
WRA6L	7800	6000	6850	6150	No
WRA6U	22000	8950	8950	8500	No
MPBH1	800	620	800	640	No
MPBH2	930	1200	1300	1250	Yes
MPBH3b	7800	5500	5650	5700	No
MPBH4	-	5550	5550	5050	-
MPBH5	-	*	*	*	-
MPBH1-C	-	820	790	1400	-
MPBH1-HR	-	1500	1500	1600	-
MPBH2-C	-	1050	1300	1750	-
MPBH2-HR	-	1350	1250	1100	-
MPBH4-C	-	4850	4950	5100	-
MPBH4-HR	-	5700	5750	5700	-
MPBH5-C	-	760	1400	610	-
MPBH5-HR	-	840	800	850	-
MPBH6	-	1200	1250	1100	-
MPBH6-C	-	2800	3200	5500	-
MPBH6-HR	-	3600	6150	4950	-
MPBH7	-	10600	10900	11200	-
MPBH7-C	-	10800	10800	10400	-
3500C500L	7800	3810	3750	4200	No
3500C500S	7800	12200	12000	12000	Yes
4500F000	22000	8150	8650	8450	No
5000D000-R	-	4400	4400	4400	-
5500D000	7800	4400	4200	4400	No
6500F500L	7800	2450	2600	2850	No
6500F500M	7800	2450	2500	2900	No
6500F500U	7800	4850	5550	5400	No
6500F625	7800	3850	3600	4050	No
Melody	-	5400	5600	5450	-
7500F000	7800	6250	6450	6300	No

* Dry/insufficient water to sample

- Indicates no trigger limit identified

An investigation is triggered when EC values recorded exceed the beneficial use quality range (as described in the GWMP) for three successive monitoring rounds. Results outside this range are shown in bold.

¹ Results have been rounded in accordance with the In-house method Q4AN(EV)-332-WI2 (EC).

During the August 2024 monitoring event, sites WRA1U and MPBH5 were dry, and six (6) sites had changes in standing water level of greater than $\pm 0.5\text{m}$ from the previous measurement. All monitoring locations were within the pH trigger limits except sites MPBH7-C, MPBH2-C and MPBH5-C. MPBH5-C has been outside the limits for three consecutive monitoring events. All monitoring locations were below the respective EC triggers limits except sites 3500C500S and MPBH2. Both sites have been outside the limits for three consecutive monitoring events.

An investigation is triggered if elevated measurements occur for three consecutive sampling events in accordance MPO Water Management Plan (MACH Energy, 2022). The next quarterly ground water monitoring event is scheduled for November 2024.

9. Noise Monitoring

Attended noise monitoring was undertaken during the night period of 22/23 August 2024 at eight (8) monitoring locations as per the [MPO Noise Management Plan](#) (MACH Energy, 2021) in accordance with DA 92/97, SSD 10418 and EPL 20850.

9.1 Results

The results for nighttime attended noise monitoring for noise generated by MPO in August 2024 against noise criteria is shown in **Table 9-1**; **Table 9-2**; and **Table 9-3**.

Table 9-1 – $L_{A1,1\text{min}}$ Generated by MPO: Attended Night Monitoring – 22/23 August 2024

Location	Start Date and Time	MPO Only $L_{A1,1\text{min}}$ dB ^{2,4}	Criterion dB	Wind Speed m/s	Criterion Applies ¹	Stability Class	Exceedance dB ³
N-AT1	22/08/2024 23:08	IA	45	1.2	Yes	F	No
N-AT2	22/08/2024 22:40	25	45	1.6	Yes	D	No
N-AT3	22/08/2024 23:14	IA	45	2.0	Yes	E	No
N-AT4	22/08/2024 22:12	32	45	1.2	Yes	E	No
N-AT5	22/08/2024 22:39	27	45	1.4	Yes	D	No
N-AT6	23/08/2024 00:13	IA	45	1.4	Yes	D	No
N-AT7	22/08/2024 22:02	IA	45	1.3	Yes	F	No
N-AT8	22/08/2024 23:47	38	45	1.3	Yes	D	NA ⁶

Notes:

- As per Condition L2.3 of EPL 20850, noise emission limits do not apply during wind speeds greater than 3m/s at 10m above ground level, or stability category F temperature inversion conditions and wind speeds greater than 2m/s at 10m above ground level, or stability category G temperature inversion conditions.
- Estimated or measured $L_{A1,1\text{minute}}$ attributed to MPO.
- NA in exceedance column means meteorological conditions outside those specified in Condition L2.3 of EPL 20850 and thus criterion is not applicable.
- IA = inaudible; and
- Bold results indicate exceedance of criteria.
- This is not a compliance monitoring location.

Table 9-2 – L_{Aeq,15min} Generated by MPO: Attended Night Monitoring – 22/23 August 2024

Location	Start Date and Time	MPO Only L _{A1,1min} dB ^{2,4}	Criterion dB	Wind Speed m/s	Criterion Applies ¹	Stability Class	Exceedance dB ³
N-AT1	22/08/2024 23:08	IA	37	1.2	Yes	F	No
N-AT2	22/08/2024 22:40	23	35	1.6	Yes	D	No
N-AT3	22/08/2024 23:14	IA	40	2.0	Yes	E	No
N-AT4	22/08/2024 22:12	28	38	1.2	Yes	E	No
N-AT5	22/08/2024 22:39	23	37	1.4	Yes	D	No
N-AT6	23/08/2024 00:13	IA	35	1.4	Yes	D	No
N-AT7	22/08/2024 22:02	IA	37	1.3	Yes	F	No
N-AT8	22/08/2024 23:47	34	NA ⁵	1.3	Yes	D	NA ⁵

Notes:

- As per Condition L2.3 of EPL 20850, noise emission limits do not apply during wind speeds greater than 3m/s at 10m above ground level, or stability category F temperature inversion conditions and wind speeds greater than 2m/s at 10m above ground level, or stability category G temperature inversion conditions.
- Estimated or measured L_{Aeq,15minute} attributed to MPO.
- IA = inaudible; and
- Bold results indicate exceedance of criteria.
- This is not a compliance monitoring location.

Table 9-3 – L_{Aeq, period} Cumulative Noise: Attended Night Monitoring – 22/23 August 2024

Location	Start Date and Time	Cumulative Noise Criterion L _{Aeq} dB	Measured Mining Only L _{Aeq, period} dB ^{1,2,3}	Exceedance dB
N-AT1	22/08/2024 23:08	40	IA	No
N-AT2	22/08/2024 22:40	40	23	No
N-AT3	22/08/2024 23:14	40	IA	No
N-AT4	22/08/2024 22:12	40	28	No
N-AT5	22/08/2024 22:39	40	23	No
N-AT6	23/08/2024 00:13	40	IA	No
N-AT7	22/08/2024 22:02	40	IA	No
N-AT8	22/08/2024 23:47	NA ⁴	34	NA ⁴

Notes:

- These are the results for MPO and all other mining sources. 15-minute measurements have been assumed to apply across the entire night period as a conservative measure and to represent "worst case" results; and
- Cumulative noise refers to two or more noise sources. If only one other source of mining is audible, or if MPO is inaudible, the measured cumulative noise defined here is 'Nil'.
- NA in exceedance column means criterion was not applicable due to atmospheric conditions.
- This is not a compliance monitoring location.

The purpose of the noise monitoring is to quantify and describe the existing acoustic environment around the mining operation and compare results with relevant limits as per the *MPO Noise Management Plan* (MACH Energy, 2021).

10. Blast Monitoring

There were nine (9) blast events during August (a total of 58 blasts YTD). Results for August 2024 are presented in **Table 10-1**. All blast results during this monitoring period were below the criteria stated in Schedule 3, Condition 10 of DA 92/97, Schedule 2; Condition B12 of SSD 10418; and L5 of EPL 20850.

Table 10-1 – MPO Blast Monitoring Results - August 2024

Day & Date Fired	Time Fired	BVOC Vibration (mm/s)	BVOC Overpressure (dBL)	BVO2 Vibration (mm/s)	BVO2 Overpressure (dBL)	Blast Fume Compliant
Thursday 01/08/2024	14:02	0.180	92.3	0.140	91.9	N
Friday 02/08/2024	10:28	0.730	98.7	0.790	105.6	N
Monday 05/08/2024	13:07	0.300	100.6	0.200	94.1	N
Thursday 08/08/2024	12:57	0.910	104.2	1.530	109.2	N
Wednesday 14/08/2024	13:52	1.520	101.1	0.920	102.6	N
Tuesday 20/08/2024	13:08	0.640	101.3	0.760	105.3	N
Tuesday 22/08/2024	13:13	0.760	98.7	0.470	98.2	N
Monday 26/08/2024	13:56	0.270	100.8	0.240	91.6	N
Thursday 29/08/2024	13:13	01.140	100.8	0.220	101.6	N

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