

Community Consultative Committee - Tuesday 28 May, 2024

Location: Video Conference via Microsoft Teams

Date: 28.05.2024 Meeting Start Time: 4:35pm

Attendees: SBI upper management, EPA, City of Casey, RBG, Committee Members

MINUTES

- 1. Attendance and Apologies
- 2. Welcome to Country
- 3. Endorsement of previous minutes
 - a. Endorsed and seconded.

4. EXISTING ACTION ITEMS - OPEN:

- SBI investigating options for a neutral chair [OPEN, by SBI]
- Flora and Fauna Assessment Report awaiting endorsement from Council prior to submission to EPA [PENDING, by Council]
- Revisit the CCC Engagement Plan [OPEN, by SBI]
- Dust analysis findings to be published Won't be published in entirety but will publish key findings [OPEN, by SBI]
- Weed control can commence under existing flora and fauna plan to be actioned [OPEN, by SBI]

5. OPERATIONAL UPDATE - SBI

- a. H2S scrubbers and flare
 - o Hazardous area inspector attended site.
 - o EPA development licence amendment application and ESV approval and signoff remain pending.
 - o In the interim Organics are preparing to mobilise to site to begin commissioning.
 - o EPA advise a likely further 2 weeks, from the initial end May ETA, for approval, given the permissionings officer is on annual leave for a week.

b. Odour Reports

- SBI generated graph showing odour survey outcomes conducted by SBI, against EPA informed reporting incidences. The graph has been updated to include instances when SBI concur with EPA on offsite odour.
- o SBI observed landfill odour during offsite inspections with EPA attributing the flare as the odour source, as confirmed upon shut down of flare and repeat odour observation 15-20 mins post shut down reporting zero landfill odour, by both EPA and SBI.
- The operation of the existing flare remains operational in accordance with the SBI LFG Management Protocol, which sees the flare shut down when wind conditions are insufficient for optimal dispersion of emissions.
- o Recent wind forecasts see the flare shut down more often than not, at close of business.
- Noise Assessment issued to EPA Monday 27 May 2024
 - Risk of harm considered low given noise emission less than or similar to prevailing ambient noise in the area; and
 - Operating times limited to the day period.
- Dust sampling and analysis April 2024, report issued to EPA 28 May 2024
 - Inhalable Dust Concentration at 3 locations below Worksafe Australia exposure limits
 - Crystalline Silica Concentration at 3 locations all under APAC guideline limit



Community Consultative Committee - Tuesday 28 May, 2024

- The sampling event was conducted when all key dust generating activities were fully operational, with the three days prior having received no rain.
- c. Remains Unchanged:
 - o Cell 2 construction continues.
 - o Odour reports to SBI remain on hold by EPA.
 - No significant change to operational procedures and/or processes

6. REGULATORY UPDATE re EPA

- a. EPA site visits:
 - i. 7 May 2024 re: IMPN-00006443 re leachate tank headspace
 - ii. 21 May 2024 re: IMPN-00006050 re RMMP
 - iii. 24 May 2024 re: Offsite Odour Survey, SBI met EPA offsite.
- b. Remains Unchanged:
 - i. Development Licence Amendment Application Status
 - ii. Application for Exemption from a development licence status
- c. IMPN-00006443 REVOKED 23/05/2024 "compliance has been achieved"
- d. IMPN-00006050, update as issued by EPA 28/05/2024
- e. Compliance advice from EPA re: Dust and Noise, update as issued by EPA 28/05/2024

For further details please view on EPA website <u>here</u>.

7. COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

a. Rabbit Action Alliance with several stakeholders is being established to implement collaborative eradication strategies for optimal outcomes.

8. COMMUNITY QUESTIONS

Given the content of several community raised questions presented by CCC members, SBI has updated the FAQ's on the SBI Website to address these items for the greater audience.

For further information in this regard please follow this link to our FAQ page.

- Q What is Council's position in allowing a business to continue to operate if it is continually, for more than 2 years in breach of its permitted use?
- A Awaiting response from City of Casey
- Q How can the City of Casey allow the construction of Cell 2 when Cell 1 has not been managed to stop odour?
- A Awaiting response from City of Casey
- Q What other tools does EPA have to bring about a resolution to the odour issues being experienced by residents?
- A Resolution of the matter is in progress and all the tools available to the EPA are being used. These can be viewed in the compliance and enforcement policy located here. [Response by EPA]
- **Q** RBGC asked the question if anyone had experienced a tremor recently that their admin office had felt, and confirmed that SBI were not blasting? (omitted from earlier version)
- A No one else experienced this, SBI do not blast.



Community Consultative Committee - Tuesday 28 May, 2024

9. **MEETING CLOSE:** 5:16pm

10. **NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, 25 June 2024, CONFIRMED