

# Chain Valley Colliery Monthly Website Report – May 2024

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#### **Summary**

Environmental monitoring results are presented in this report for monitoring undertaken during the period of May 2024.

#### Introduction

Great Southern Energy Pty Ltd (trading as Delta Coal) operates the Chain Valley Colliery, an underground coal mine at the southern end of Lake Macquarie.

Chain Valley Colliery operates under the following regulatory instruments:

- Section 66(6) of the *Protection of the Environmental Operations Act 1997*, to make monitoring data related to an Environment Protection Licence (EPL) publicly available;
- Development Consent SSD-5465 (as modified), issued under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 to provide details of monitoring results and environmental performance;
- An Environment Protection Licence (EPL 1770) issued under the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997*; and
- A Water Access Licence (WAL41508), Aquifer (Sydney Basin North Coast Groundwater Source) for 4,443 unit shares (megalitres).

The above development consent and licences require various monitoring and reporting requirements to be undertaken by Delta Coal for Chain Valley Colliery.

This report provides environmental monitoring data from Chain Valley Colliery for the month of May 2024.

Details of the Chain Valley Colliery EPL 1770 are provided below.

| Chain Valley Colliery Information |  |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|--|
| Premises name                     | Chain Valley Colliery                          |  |
| Address                           | Construction Road, Chain Valley Bay, NSW, 2259 |  |
| Licensee                          | Great Southern Energy Pty Ltd                  |  |
| EPL#                              | 1770   |  |
| EPL location                      | EPL 1770 – October 2023                        |  |

The overall purpose of this monthly report is to keep stakeholders informed of the environmental monitoring results at Chain Valley Colliery and maintain a transparent and accountable reporting system.

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#### Scope

This report presents the results from the various environmental monitoring programs undertaken for Chain Valley Colliery. Results are presented monthly with annual data and averages.

Where applicable, the results of the monitoring programs are compared with the relevant criteria (from the EPL or Development Consent) to assess compliance. Monitoring results presented in this report include:

- Water quality;
- Water volume;
- Air Quality Depositional Dust
- Air Quality PM<sub>10</sub>
- Air Quality PM<sub>2.5</sub>; and
- Meteorological data.

#### **Definitions**

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g/m²/month – grams per square metre per month;
kL – kilolitre;
ML – megalitre;
mg/L – milligrams per litre;
TSS – total suspended solids;
μg/L – micrograms per litre; and
μS/cm – microSiemens per centimetre.
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#### References

ALS Group - Monthly Water Monitoring Results May 2024

ALS Group - Dust Deposition Report May 2024

Development Consent SSD-5465 (as modified)

Environment Protection Licence (EPL) 1770 (Licence version date: 24 October 2023)

#### **Monitoring Results**

| Water – Quality |
|-----------------|
|-----------------|

Water quality results for May 2024 monthly surface water sampling at Chain Valley Colliery, Licensed Discharge Point (LDP 1) are presented below.

|                         | May 2024              |            |        |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|------------|--------|
| EPL                     | 1770                  |            |        |
| Licensee                | Great Southern Ener   | gy Pty Ltd |        |
| Premises                | Chain Valley Colliery | ,          |        |
| Date Sampled            | 20-05-2024            |            |        |
| Date Obtained           | 27-05-2024            |            |        |
| Sampling Point          | LDP 1                 |            |        |
| Parameter               | Units                 | Limit      | Result |
| Biochem. Oxygen Demand  | mg/L                  | -          | <2     |
| Enterococcus            | col/100mL             | -          | 3      |
| Faecal Coliforms        | CFU/100mL             | 200        | 71     |
| pH                      | рН                    | 6.5-8.5    | 7.78   |
| Total Sus. Solids (TSS) | mg/L                  | 50         | 5      |
| Electrical Conductivity | μS/cm                 | -          | 31600  |

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Water – Volume

Monthly water volumes discharged from the site are summarised below. There was no exceedance of volumetric discharge recorded at CVC for the period of May 2024.

| EPL                    | 1770                          |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Licensee               | Great Southern Energy Pty Ltd |
| Premises               | Chain Valley Colliery         |
| Date Sampled           | Daily                         |
| Date Reported          | Refer report date             |
| Discharge volume limit | 12,161 kilolitres per day     |
| Sampling Point         | 1                             |

| Date (24 hour period) | LDP 1 Volume (kL) | Rainfall (mm) |
|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| 01/05/2024            | 5723              | 53.6          |
| 02/05/2024            | 5257              | 2.6           |
| 03/05/2024            | 9581              | 10.8          |
| 04/05/2024            | 4284              | 20.4          |
| 05/05/2024            | 9541              | 47            |
| 06/05/2024            | 11545             | 44.8          |
| 07/05/2024            | 8570              | 0             |
| 08/05/2024            | 8974              | 7.2           |
| 09/05/2024            | 3883              | 0.4           |
| 10/05/2024            | 9731              | 3             |
| 11/05/2024            | 3748              | 20.4          |
| 12/05/2024            | 7292              | 3.4           |
| 13/05/2024            | 10783             | 2             |
| 14/05/2024            | 5413              | 0.2           |
| 15/05/2024            | 6894              | 0.2           |
| 16/05/2024            | 3592              | 0             |
| 17/05/2024            | 5562              | 0             |
| 18/05/2024            | 11230             | 28.6          |
| 19/05/2024            | 7006              | 0             |
| 20/05/2024            | 4506              | 6.2           |
| 21/05/2024            | 7187              | 6.2           |
| 22/05/2024            | 7045              | 0.2           |
| 23/05/2024            | 4247              | 0             |
| 24/05/2024            | 2863              | 0             |
| 25/05/2024            | 9190              | 0             |
| 26/05/2024            | 4571              | 0.2           |
| 27/05/2024            | 1869              | 0             |
| 28/05/2024            | 8893              | 0.2           |
| 29/05/2024            | 6332              | 0             |
| 30/05/2024            | 2546              | 0.2           |
| 31/05/2024            | 3855              | 5             |
| Average               | 6507              | 8             |
| Minimum               | 1869              | 0             |
| Maximum               | 11545             | 54            |

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Water – Groundwater Discharge

Groundwater discharged from underground workings to the CVC sedimentation ponds within the surface operational area has been detailed below. Chain Valley Colliery operates Water Access License (WAL 41508) permitting the extraction of 4,443 megalitres per water year (financial year calendar) with a roll-over entitlement up to a maximum of 8,886 megalitres.

| CVC Groundwater to Surface Totals FY2023-2024 |                         |                                  |  |
|---|-------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| Date (month)                                  | GW Discharge (ML/Month) | GW Discharge (Cumulative ML YTD) |  |
| July 2023                                     | 200                     | 200                              |  |
| August 2023                                   | 212                     | 412                              |  |
| September 2023                                | 197                     | 610                              |  |
| October 2023                                  | 205                     | 815                              |  |
| November 2023                                 | 197                     | 1013                             |  |
| December 2023                                 | 207                     | 1220                             |  |
| January 2024                                  | 196                     | 1416                             |  |
| February 2024                                 | 171                     | 1588                             |  |
| March 2024                                    | 174                     | 1762                             |  |
| April 2024                                    | 174                     | 1936                             |  |
| May 2024                                      | 189                     | 2125                             |  |
| June 2024                                     |                         |                                  |  |

Air Quality - Depositional Dust

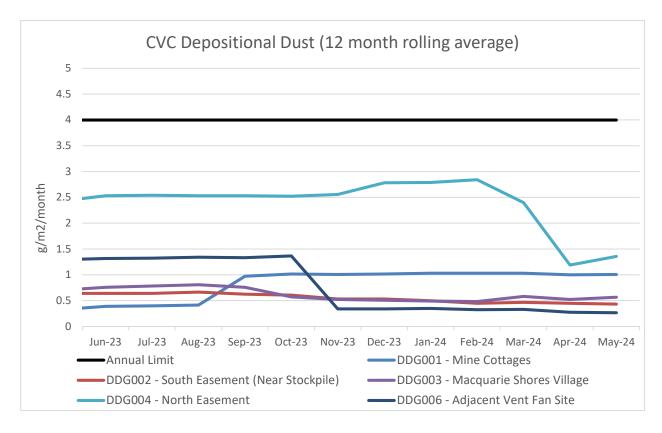
Monthly depositional dust results are shown below. Dust deposition gauges were sampled and analysed in accordance with the development consent, Delta Coal Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas Management Plan, and relevant Australian Standards.

| May 2024                                   |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|--|
| EPL  | 1770   |  |  |
| Limit                                      | 4g/m <sup>2</sup> /month / Annum<br>2g/m <sup>2</sup> /month increase from previous result |  |  |
| Sampling Date                              | 04/04/2024-3/05/2024   |  |  |
| Site                                       | Insoluble Matter (g/m2/month)  |  |  |
| DDG001                                     | 0.3  |  |  |
| DDG002                                     | 0.2  |  |  |
| DDG003                                     | 0.7  |  |  |
| DDG004                                     | 2.9  |  |  |
| DDG006                                     | 0.1  |  |  |
| Notes:                                     |  |  |  |
| For site locations refer to the Delta Coal | Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas Management Plan.  |  |  |

During the monitoring peroid, the result for DD004 exceeded the  $2g/m^2$  /month increase from the previous result. The result was  $2.9 \, 2g/m^2$  against the previous result of  $0.5 \, 2g/m^2$ . The investigation found that the

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powerline easement adjacent to the monitor had been slashed during the monitoring period. The 12 month rolling average result remains within the limit.

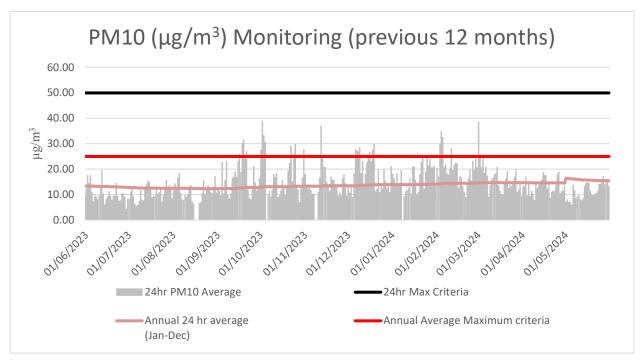


A 12-month rolling average of depositional dust concentrations has been presented below. Dust Gauges DDG001, DDG002, DDG003 and DDG004 are located within a closer proximity to Chain Valley Colliery and DDG006 is positioned in a location representative of the Chain Valley Colliery ventilation fan site at Summerland Point.

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Air Quality - PM<sub>10</sub>

The 24hr  $PM_{10}$  average from Delta Coal's Tapered Element Osciliating Microbalance (TEOM), located at the Mannering Park Sewage Treatment Plant, is presented below for the previous 12 months.



Annual 24hr  $PM_{10}$  average maximum criteria for May 2024 was below the annual average maximum criteria limit. A summary of data availability for Delta Coal's TEOM is presented below for the reporting period. Delta Coals TEOM had a data availability of 98% for the month of May 2024.

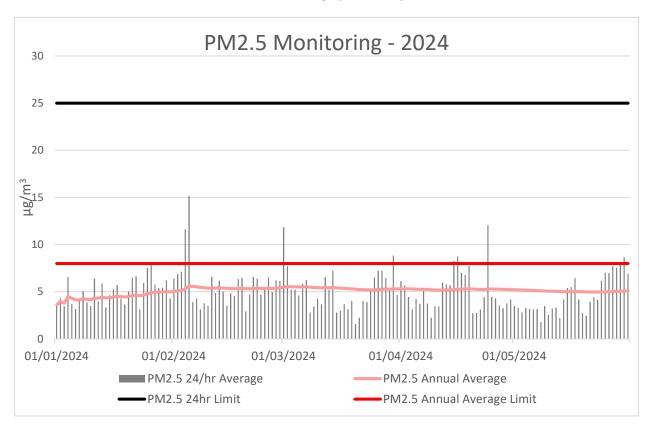
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| Variable         | May   | Total | Valid |
|------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| A/C Temp         | 99.9% | 8928  | 8918  |
| A1_Scaled        | 99.9% | 8928  | 8918  |
| Band             | 99.9% | 8928  | 8918  |
| Bypass Flow      | 99.9% | 8928  | 8917  |
| Cap Temp         | 99.9% | 8928  | 8918  |
| Case Temp        | 99.9% | 8928  | 8917  |
| Config           | 99.9% | 8928  | 8918  |
| <b>Dew Point</b> | 99.9% | 8928  | 8918  |
| Dig-In           | 99.9% | 8928  | 8918  |
| Dig-Latch        | 99.9% | 8928  | 8918  |
| ESN              | 99.9% | 8928  | 8918  |
| Filter Freq      | 99.9% | 8928  | 8918  |
| Filter Load      | 99.9% | 8928  | 8918  |
| Humidity         | 99.9% | 8928  | 8918  |
| MC               | 99.9% | 8928  | 8918  |
| MC 12Hr          | 99.9% | 8928  | 8918  |
| MC 1Hr           | 99.9% | 8928  | 8918  |
| MC 24Hr          | 99.9% | 8928  | 8918  |
| MC 30min         | 99.9% | 8928  | 8918  |
| MC 8Hr           | 99.9% | 8928  | 8918  |
| MC Total         | 99.9% | 8928  | 8918  |
| Mobile Signal    | 99.9% | 8928  | 8918  |
| Noise            | 99.9% | 8928  | 8918  |
| PM10 Flow        | 99.9% | 8928  | 8917  |
| Pressure         | 99.9% | 8928  | 8918  |
| Site             | 0.0%  | 8928  | 0     |
| Temperature      | 99.9% | 8928  | 8918  |
| Tube Temp        | 99.9% | 8928  | 8917  |
| Vac Pressure     | 99.9% | 8928  | 8918  |
| Volts            | 99.9% | 8928  | 8918  |

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Air Quality - PM2.5

Delta Coal utilises PM<sub>2.5</sub> data obtained from Delta Electricity owned and operated beta attenuation monitor (BAM). The PM<sub>2.5</sub> monitor is located on Tingley Road, Wyee.



There were no exceedances of the PM<sub>2.5</sub> daily average limit in May 2024. The 12-month rolling average PM<sub>2.5</sub> value on 31 May was 5.1  $\mu$ g/m³. PM<sub>2.5</sub> data availability in May was 100%. The 2024 year to date PM<sub>2.5</sub> data availability is 100%.

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Weather Data

A summary of weather data recorded by a meteorological monitoring station at the adjacent Mannering Colliery is presented below for the year to date. (EPA ID no. 26).

| Monthly Weather Data 2024 |   |          |          |  |
|---------------------------|---|----------|----------|--|
| Licensee                  | Great Southern Energy Pty Ltd             |          |          |  |
| Location                  | Mannering Colliery Meteorological station |          |          |  |
| Date published            | Refer report date                         |          |          |  |
| Date sampled              | Daily                                     |          |          |  |
| Date obtained             | 11 June 2024                              |          |          |  |
| Month                     | Total Rainfall/Month (mm)                 | Min Temp | Max Temp |  |
| Jan-24                    | 53.6                                      | 13.8     | 40.9     |  |
| Feb-24                    | 163                                       | 16.4     | 39       |  |
| Mar-24                    | 18.6                                      | 13.3     | 33.8     |  |
| Apr-24                    | 362                                       | 13.2     | 17.9     |  |
| May-24                    | 263                                       | 12.1     | 16.6     |  |

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| Variable          | May  | Total | Valid |
|-------------------|------|-------|-------|
| Baro (Corrected)  | 100% | 2976  | 2976  |
| 10m Temp          | 100% | 2976  | 2976  |
| 2m Temp           | 100% | 2976  | 2976  |
| A1                | 100% | 2976  | 2976  |
| A1_Scaled         | 100% | 2976  | 2976  |
| Assumed Temp      | 100% | 2976  | 2976  |
| Barometric        | 100% | 2976  | 2976  |
| Config            | 100% | 2976  | 2976  |
| Daily Evap        | 100% | 2976  | 2976  |
| <b>Daily Rain</b> | 100% | 2976  | 2976  |
| Delta T           | 100% | 2976  | 2976  |
| <b>Dew Point</b>  | 100% | 2976  | 2976  |
| Dig-In            | 100% | 2976  | 2976  |
| Dig-Latch         | 100% | 2976  | 2976  |
| ESN               | 100% | 2976  | 2976  |
| FDI               | 100% | 2976  | 2976  |
| Heat Index        | 100% | 2976  | 2976  |
| Humidity          | 100% | 2976  | 2976  |
| Mobile Signal     | 100% | 2976  | 2976  |
| Rain              | 100% | 2976  | 2976  |
| Raw Evap          | 100% | 2976  | 2976  |
| S Class           | 100% | 2976  | 2976  |
| Scalar WS         | 100% | 2976  | 2976  |
| Sigma             | 100% | 2976  | 2976  |
| Site              | 0.0% | 2976  | 0     |
| Solar Radiation   | 100% | 2976  | 2976  |
| Vector WD         | 100% | 2976  | 2976  |
| Vector WS         | 100% | 2976  | 2976  |
| Volts             | 100% | 2976  | 2976  |
| Wind Chill        | 100% | 2976  | 2976  |
| Wind Direction    | 100% | 2976  | 2976  |
| Wind Speed        | 100% | 2976  | 2976  |
| WS Avg            | 100% | 2976  | 2976  |
| WS Gust           | 100% | 2976  | 2976  |