



# Chain Valley Colliery Monthly Website Report – March 2023

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## 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 Environment Operations Act 1997*, to make monitoring data related to an Environment Protection Licence (EPL) publicly available;
- Conditions 8 & 11, Schedule 6, of 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 March 2023.

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                      | <a href="#">EPL 1770 March 2023</a>            |

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.

### 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

g/m<sup>2</sup>/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 **March 2023**

ALS Group - Dust Deposition Report **March 2023**

Development Consent SSD-5465 (as modified)

Environment Protection Licence (EPL) 1770 (Licence version date: 1 March 2023)

## Monitoring Results

### Water – Quality

Water quality results for March 2023 monthly surface water sampling at Chain Valley Colliery, Licensed Discharge Point (LDP 1) are presented below.

| March 2023              |                               |         |            |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|---------|------------|
| EPL                     | 1770                          |         |            |
| Licensee                | Great Southern Energy Pty Ltd |         |            |
| Premises                | Chain Valley Colliery         |         |            |
| Date Sampled            | 20-03-2023                    |         |            |
| Date Obtained           | 27-03-2023                    |         |            |
| Sampling Point          | LDP1                          |         |            |
| Parameter               | Units                         | Limit   | Result     |
| Biochem. Oxygen Demand  | mg/L                          | -       | 5          |
| Enterococcus            | col/100mL                     | -       | 16         |
| Faecal Coliforms        | CFU/100mL                     | 200     | <b>340</b> |
| pH                      | pH                            | 6.5-8.5 | 7.71       |
| Total Sus. Solids (TSS) | mg/L                          | 50      | <5         |
| Electrical Conductivity | µS/cm                         | -       | 29,300     |

There was one exceedance of water quality limits at CVC LDP 1. Faecal Coliform limits were exceeded in the LDP1 sample on 20 March 2023. Delta Coal undertook an investigation into the incident and implemented corrective actions. The exceedance was reported to the NSW EPA and NSW Department of Planning and Environment (DPE).

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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 March 2023.

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

| <b>Date (24 hour period)</b> | <b>LDP 1 Volume (kL)</b> | <b>Rainfall (mm)</b> |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| 01/03/2023                   | 6271.17                  | 0                    |
| 02/03/2023                   | 6273.9                   | 0                    |
| 03/03/2023                   | 6281.19                  | 0                    |
| 04/03/2023                   | 6365.07                  | 0                    |
| 05/03/2023                   | 6412.37                  | 0                    |
| 06/03/2023                   | 6405.92                  | 0                    |
| 07/03/2023                   | 6985.74                  | 0                    |
| 08/03/2023                   | 9671.89                  | 0.2                  |
| 09/03/2023                   | 9089.92                  | 0                    |
| 10/03/2023                   | 6726.53                  | 0                    |
| 11/03/2023                   | 7761.32                  | 0                    |
| 12/03/2023                   | 6933.57                  | 11.4                 |
| 13/03/2023                   | 6551.38                  | 4                    |
| 14/03/2023                   | 6281.21                  | 18.6                 |
| 15/03/2023                   | 8147.68                  | 1                    |
| 16/03/2023                   | 6647.94                  | 0                    |
| 17/03/2023                   | 4423.83                  | 0                    |
| 18/03/2023                   | 8349.61                  | 0                    |
| 19/03/2023                   | 4866.13                  | 0                    |
| 20/03/2023                   | 5398.61                  | 0.6                  |
| 21/03/2023                   | 8497.56                  | 0.2                  |
| 22/03/2023                   | 5740.64                  | 0                    |
| 23/03/2023                   | 6635.09                  | 46.4                 |
| 24/03/2023                   | 8911.72                  | 0                    |
| 25/03/2023                   | 4843.46                  | 12.6                 |
| 26/03/2023                   | 7946.13                  | 0                    |
| 27/03/2023                   | 6551.51                  | 12                   |
| 28/03/2023                   | 9302.84                  | 5.2                  |
| 29/03/2023                   | 4977.04                  | 3.4                  |
| 30/03/2023                   | 8179.22                  | 0.2                  |
| 31/03/2023                   | 4207.27                  | 0                    |

|         |      |      |
|---------|------|------|
| Average | 6827 | 3.7  |
| Minimum | 4207 | 0    |
| Maximum | 9671 | 46.4 |

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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<br>Totals FY2022-2023 |                         |                                  |
|--|-------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Date (month)                                     | GW Discharge (ML/Month) | GW Discharge (Cumulative ML YTD) |
| July 2022  | 225                     | 225                              |
| August 2022                                      | 204                     | 429                              |
| September 2022                                   | 222                     | 651                              |
| October 2022                                     | 220                     | 872                              |
| November 2022                                    | 223                     | 1,095                            |
| December 2022                                    | 215                     | 1,310                            |
| January 2023                                     | 206                     | 1,516                            |
| February 2023                                    | 194                     | 1,710                            |
| March 2023                                       | 221                     | 1,931                            |
| April 2023                                       |                         |                                  |
| May 2023   |                         |                                  |
| June 2023  |                         |                                  |

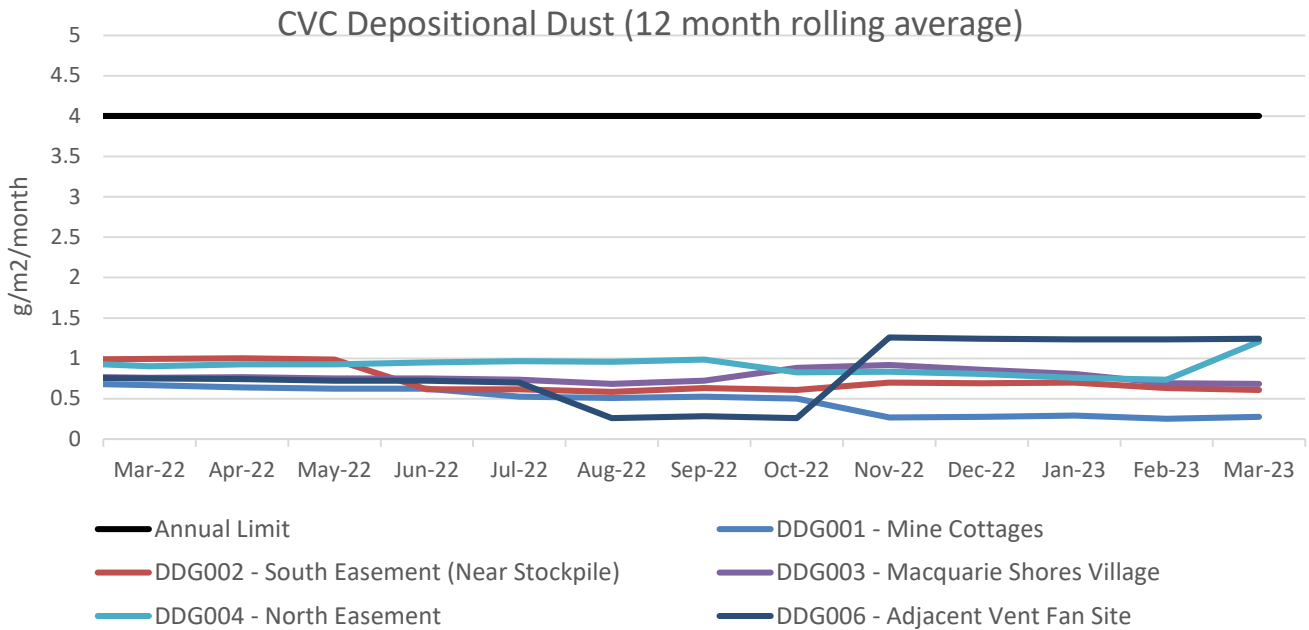
### Air Quality - Depositional Dust

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.

| March 2023   |  |
|--|--|
| EPL  | 1770   |
| Limit  | 4g/m <sup>2</sup> /month / Annum<br>2g/m <sup>2</sup> /month increase from previous result |
| Sampling Date  | 03/02/2023 – 03/03/2023  |
| Site   | Insoluble Matter (g/m2/month)  |
| DDG001   | 0.4  |
| DDG002   | 0.4  |
| DDG003   | 0.3  |
| DDG004   | 6.2  |
| DDG006   | 0.4  |
| Notes:<br>For site locations refer to the Delta Coal Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas Management Plan.<br>Dust gauge contamination observed in DDG004. |  |

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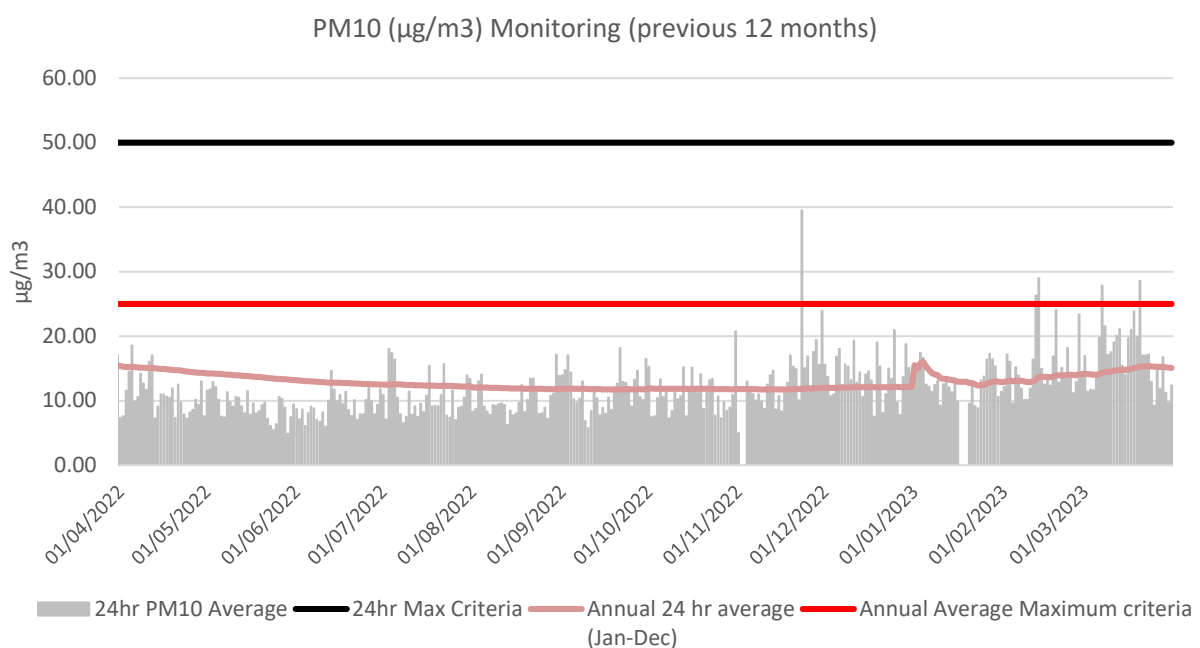
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A 12-month rolling average of depositional dust concentrations has been presented below. Dust Gauges DDG001, DDG002, DDG003 and DDG004 are located within a closer proximity to Chain Valley Colliery and DDG006 is positioned in a location representative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

## Air Quality – PM<sub>10</sub>

The 24hr PM<sub>10</sub> average from Delta Coal's Tapered Element Oscillating Microbalance (TEOM), located at the Mannering Park Sewage Treatment Plant, is presented below for the previous 12 months.





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Annual 24hr PM<sub>10</sub> average maximum criteria for March 2023 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 **100%** for the month of March 2023.

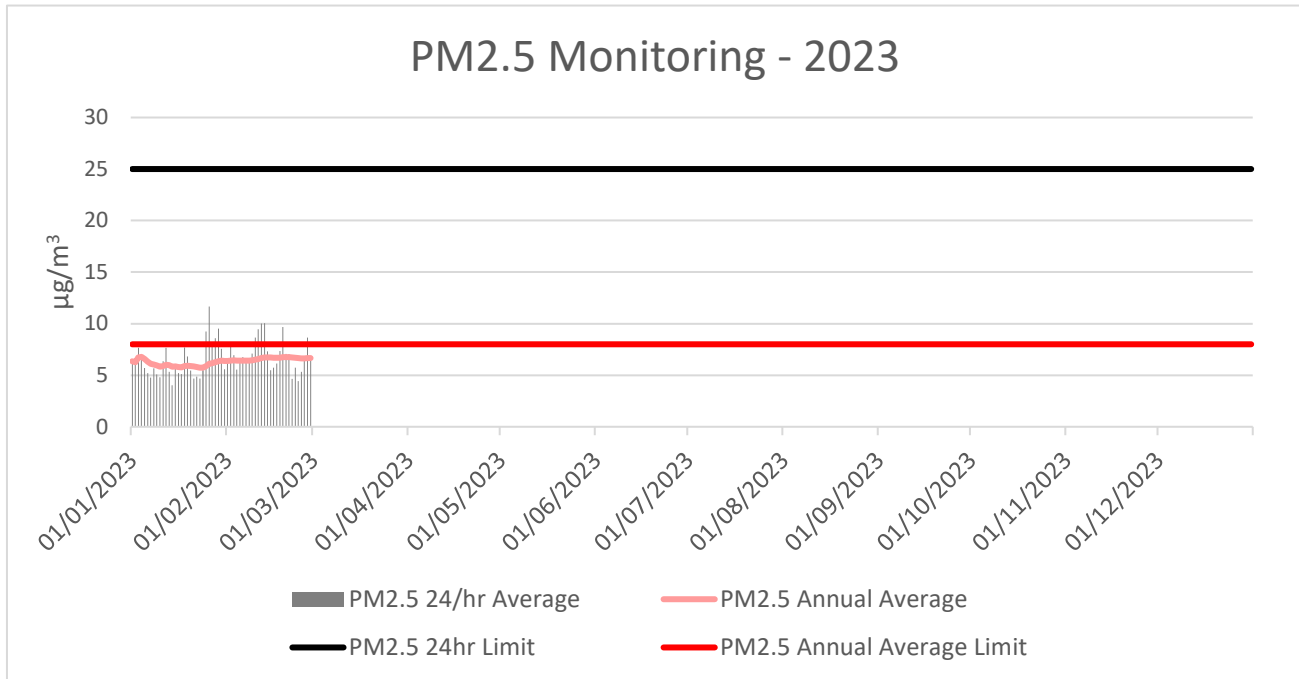
| Variable      | March | Total | Valid |
|---------------|-------|-------|-------|
| A/C Temp      | 100%  | 8928  | 8928  |
| A1            | 100%  | 8928  | 8928  |
| A1_Scaled     | 100%  | 8928  | 8928  |
| Bypass Flow   | 100%  | 8928  | 8927  |
| Cap Temp      | 100%  | 8928  | 8927  |
| Case Temp     | 100%  | 8928  | 8927  |
| Config        | 100%  | 8928  | 8928  |
| Dew Point     | 100%  | 8928  | 8927  |
| Dig-In        | 100%  | 8928  | 8928  |
| Dig-Latch     | 100%  | 8928  | 8928  |
| ESN           | 100%  | 8928  | 8928  |
| Filter Freq   | 100%  | 8928  | 8927  |
| Filter Load   | 100%  | 8928  | 8927  |
| Humidity      | 100%  | 8928  | 8927  |
| MC            | 100%  | 8928  | 8927  |
| MC 12Hr       | 100%  | 8928  | 8927  |
| MC 1Hr        | 100%  | 8928  | 8927  |
| MC 24Hr       | 100%  | 8928  | 8927  |
| MC 30min      | 100%  | 8928  | 8927  |
| MC 8Hr        | 100%  | 8928  | 8927  |
| MC Total      | 100%  | 8928  | 8927  |
| Mobile Signal | 100%  | 8928  | 8928  |
| Noise         | 100%  | 8928  | 8927  |
| PM10 Flow     | 100%  | 8928  | 8927  |
| Pressure      | 100%  | 8928  | 8927  |
| Site          | 0.0%  | 8928  | 0     |
| Temperature   | 100%  | 8928  | 8927  |
| Tube Temp     | 100%  | 8928  | 8927  |
| Vac Pressure  | 100%  | 8928  | 8927  |
| Volts         | 100%  | 8928  | 8928  |

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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 February 2023. The 12-month rolling average PM<sub>2.5</sub> value on 28 February 2023 was 6.67 µg/m<sup>3</sup>. PM<sub>2.5</sub> data availability in February 2023 was 99%. The 2023 year to date PM<sub>2.5</sub> data availability is 99.4%. It is noted that due to the validation of PM<sub>2.5</sub> results, there is a one-month delay in publishing PM<sub>2.5</sub> results, however, real-time alarms remain active to ensure mitigation responses to elevated results can be applied when necessary.

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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 2023 |   |          |          |
|---------------------------|---|----------|----------|
| Licensee                  | Great Southern Energy Pty Ltd             |          |          |
| Location                  | Mannering Colliery Meteorological station |          |          |
| Date published            | Refer report date                         |          |          |
| Date sampled              | Daily                                     |          |          |
| Date obtained             | 14 April 2023                             |          |          |
| Month                     | Total Rainfall/Month (mm)                 | Min Temp | Max Temp |
| Jan-23                    | 112                                       | 14.4     | 31.7     |
| Feb-23                    | 91  | 12.6     | 33.2     |
| Mar-23                    | 116                                       | 9.4      | 38.7     |

| Variable         | March | Total | Valid |
|------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Baro (Corrected) | 98.4% | 2976  | 2927  |
| 10m Temp         | 98.4% | 2976  | 2927  |
| 2m Temp          | 98.4% | 2976  | 2927  |
| A1               | 98.4% | 2976  | 2927  |
| A1_Scaled        | 98.4% | 2976  | 2927  |
| Assumed Temp     | 98.4% | 2976  | 2927  |
| Barometric       | 98.4% | 2976  | 2927  |
| Config           | 98.4% | 2976  | 2927  |
| Daily Evap       | 98.4% | 2976  | 2927  |
| Daily Rain       | 98.4% | 2976  | 2927  |
| Delta T          | 98.4% | 2976  | 2927  |
| Dew Point        | 98.4% | 2976  | 2927  |
| Dig-In           | 98.4% | 2976  | 2927  |
| Dig-Latch        | 98.4% | 2976  | 2927  |
| ESN              | 98.4% | 2976  | 2927  |
| FDI              | 98.4% | 2976  | 2927  |
| Heat Index       | 98.4% | 2976  | 2927  |
| Humidity         | 98.4% | 2976  | 2927  |
| Mobile Signal    | 98.4% | 2976  | 2927  |
| Rain             | 98.4% | 2976  | 2927  |
| Raw Evap         | 98.4% | 2976  | 2927  |
| S Class          | 98.4% | 2976  | 2927  |
| Scalar WS        | 98.4% | 2976  | 2927  |
| Sigma            | 98.4% | 2976  | 2927  |
| Site             | 0.0%  | 2976  | 0     |
| Solar Radiation  | 98.4% | 2976  | 2927  |
| Vector WD        | 98.4% | 2976  | 2927  |
| Vector WS        | 98.4% | 2976  | 2927  |
| Volts            | 98.4% | 2976  | 2927  |
| Wind Chill       | 98.4% | 2976  | 2927  |
| Wind Direction   | 98.4% | 2976  | 2927  |
| Wind Speed       | 98.4% | 2976  | 2927  |
| WS Avg           | 98.4% | 2976  | 2927  |
| WS Gust          | 98.4% | 2976  | 2927  |