Coal Mine Emergency Management Taskforce

Meeting # 10 – 10 March 2015 – Teleconference

MEETING OUTCOMES AND ACTIONS

Attendees:

Craig Lapsley (Chair)	EMC	Nick Demetrios	AGL	Emily Sanders	EPA	Noel Ashford	GDF SUEZ
Peter Schmidt	EMV	Rob Kelly	Worksafe	Sara Rhodes-Ward	LCC	Brad Miller	Energy Aust
Lachlan Quick	EMV	Steve Rieniets	AGL	Mark Potter	CFA	Tony Innocenzi	GDF SUEZ
John Schauble	EMV	Lance King	LCC	Bill Johnstone	CFA	Anne Bignall	DEDJTR
Kevin Hayes	Worksafe	Ben Driscoll	Energy Aust	Kylie White	DEDJTR	Ross McGowan	DEDJTR

Guests:

Steve Gleeson	DPC	Brian Hine	DPC

Apologies:

Mark Pearson	Energy Aust	Debbie Robson	EMV	Chris Buckingham	EPA	Ron Mether	Energy Aust

Item 2:	Actions from Teleconference 30 January 2015						
	Actions:						
	 All actions as identified in last minutes have been completed Recap on Ministers visit on 6 Feb 2015 and appreciation passed on to all who were able to attend. Meetings with the mines. LCC and CFA to collect evidence for IM report completed, thanks for support with this. 						
Item 3:	Communications group:						
	 Campaign Briefs completed for CO, EPA Rapid Air Monitoring and Health. Community Recovery Group to be engaged for input and to have some ownership of end products for community engagement/education. EPA to also work with CRC to capture experience and lessons learned from community perspective re: Air monitoring. Community Day 22 March 2015, all Taskforce members being formally invited by organising committee. Opportunities to be taken on the day to recruit new members to community groups. Hazelwood (GDF SUEZ) Information Day on 17 February well received with good information on progress and plans being provided. Updates also provided by Taskforce and CFA. Recognised need/opportunity to extend broader concept to provide wider community updates. Recognition for the need to hold a broad Community Briefing on status around April 2015. Emphasised it has not been timely to undertake in the past but recognise forthcoming requirement. Action: Progression of arrangements for broad community briefing, to be conducted April 2015 or thereabouts, for all to be involved 						
Item 4:	Taskforce Status Report 31 December 2014 • Circulation:						

- o Opportunities for broader circulation of report raised
- o CFA have now provided to all Brigades in District 27 model via attachment with letter to Captains.

• Evidence Collection:

- o Completed with solid input by mines, LCC, CFA, and Agencies, appreciated.
- o Arrangement for GDF SUEZ to provide directly to IM with relevant provision by IM to Taskforce for records and appropriate follow up.

Future Reports Timing:

- o Further reports to be provided
 - End June 2015
 - End of September 2015, pre season 2015/16 report.
 - End December 2015, this may be dependent upon Taskforce tenure to be reviewed at that time.

• Feedback:

Action: Feedback requested from Stakeholders on report content, layout and further improvement suggestions by next meeting.

Item 5

Information Monitor – Meeting attended and addressed by Brian Hine and Steve Gleeson from office of IM

- Background of IM office provided by Brain Hine with membership experience and work arrangements discussed.
- Independent reporting body.
- Interested in related activities that supports overall outcomes.
- First report due 18 March 2015.
- Final call will be made in mid June for July report.
- Next years possible pre and post season timeframe to be confirmed.
- Have made visit to GDF SUEZ and would appreciate opportunity to visit other mine sites.

	Also visiting Agencies and has viewed EPA's new air monitoring gear.
	Full Work Plan to be important in capturing the advantages of change and ongoing improvement.
	IM responsible for reporting on all recommendations and Affirmations split between IM and IGEM.
Item 6	Summer Preparedness
	Air Monitoring Equipment Fault 9 March 2015 and Hot Spot Yallourn Mine
	Issue of reported high readings being provided due to equipment fault and community/media ramifications discussed.
	Action: EMC to have review conducted to include data analyses, monitoring of equipment and communications. Panel to include EPA, EMV and an Independent.
	Action: LCC to provide paper on framework for community communication including practical assessment to be completed. This is to be workshopped to measure suitability and success.
	Action: LCC and Mines – Lessons learned from the fire season to be recognised and captured for discussion at mid year Municipal Fire Committee Planning meeting for inclusion in future planning as appropriate.
Item 7	Surf Coast Taskforce Update
	 Alcoa continuing to review Latrobe Valley outcomes and initiatives being implemented to ascertain suitability for introduction at Anglesea site.
	Report to be provided to Taskforce on outcomes and finding/amendments from Risk Analysis review.
	Planned to conduct Surf Coast meeting April 2015.
Item 8	Mines, Agency and LCC Updates and Other Business
	CFA

- Significant body of work to operationalise CO and smoke protocols.
- Project structure required.
- Chief Officers to be advised of the requirement to prioritise this work.

Action: EMC to emphasis importance of this work with Chief Officers
Action: Ongoing FLIR flight arrangements to be confirmed – CFA, EMV

Worksafe

- System Safety works continuing with DEDJTR
- MOU nearing completion
- Site verification drawing some conclusions and planning underway for Yallourn visit.

EPA

- Issues relating to failure of air monitoring equipment in Morwell South being dealt with.
- Joint planning underway with DELWP regarding proposed fuel reduction, burning and smoke management issues.

AGL Loy Yang

- Full scale exercise planned for 25 March
- CAFS unit being delivered shortly
- Work Plan being progressed.

GDF SUEZ Hazelwood

- Successful information Day 17 February and thanks to Taskforce and CFA for involvement and support.
- Preparing IM report.

DEDJTR

Action: To provide briefing on Mine Licensing Structure at next meeting.

Action: Taskforce to allocate time in future meeting for various briefings.

LCC

• Issue raised relating to burn approvals within 70km radius of LaTrobe Valley and required sign off of the Chief Fire Officer of DELWP.

Action: EMC to discuss matter with DELWP Chief Officer

Energy Australia Yallourn

• Update provided regarding current hotspot and actions undertaken for successful management thereof.

Taskforce

Advised this will be last meeting in current venue as site going to auction Taskforce seeking new location from which to operate.

Next Meeting: 0930 – 1100 - 14 April 2015 - CFA 23 Hazelwood Rd Morwell