

## Coal Mine Emergency Management Taskforce

Meeting # 12 – 6 May 2015

### MEETING OUTCOMES AND ACTIONS

#### Attendees:

Craig Lapsley (Chair)	EMC	Garry Wilkinson	GDF SUEZ	Natalie Staarks	EMV	Ross McGowan	DEDJTR
Peter Schmidt	EMV	Kevin Hayes	Worksafe	Nick Demetrios	AGL	Katrina Pizzi	LCC
Bill Johnstone	CFA	Lachlan Quick	EMV	Noel Ashford	GDF SUEZ	Steve Rieniets	AGL
Debbie Robson	EMV	Lance King	LCC	Rochelle Parker	DHHS	Tim Owen	DHHS
Emily Sanders	EPA	Mark Pearson	Energy Aust	Ron Methers	Energy Aust		

#### Guests:

Emma Fenby	DPC	Brian Hine	IM Team	Steve Gleeson	IM Team	Neil Comrie	IM Team
------------	-----	------------	---------	---------------	---------	-------------	---------

#### Apologies:

Anne Bignall	DEDJTR	John Sammons	DHHS	Sara Rhodes-Ward	LCC	Cathy Wilkinson	EPA
Brad Miller	Energy Aust	Rob Kelly	Worksafe	Tony Innocenzi	GDF SUEZ		



Item 2:	<p><b>Actions from Meeting #11 – 14 April 2015</b></p> <p><b>Actions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lessons learned from the fire season being incorporated for planning purposes at the mid year Municipal Fire Committee Planning meeting is currently being reviewed.</li> <li>• Community Connections Workshop organised for 6 May 2015 - 1730 -1930hrs at Morwell Bowling Club. Trusted network and Principal community leaders were invited.</li> <li>• Communication with agencies on evidence collection prior to 30 June 2015 to be actioned by TFD.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action: TFD &amp; Lance to discuss outcomes from Lessons learned</b></p> <p><b>Action: TFD to communicate with IM team and send letters to agencies to confirm their expectations and meeting firm timelines.</b></p>
Item 3:	<p><b>Communications group:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group Status is due to be reviewed ahead of the next series of reporting– will take direction from the Taskforce on next steps</li> <li>• Community connections workshop – 6 May 2015 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Taskforce achievements</b> - ensuring an understanding of work that has been achieved to date reflecting on the Taskforce Status 31 December 2014 report &amp; the EPA / EMV ‘Responding to the Morwell air monitoring equipment failure’ detection report.</li> <li>○ <b>Connection to the community</b> – how do we engage with the community – set some rules on how we do that.</li> <li>○ <b>Opportunity</b> – what do they want to be engaged about</li> </ul> </li> <li>• LCC paper community communication on framework assessment status. (Carry over from May meeting).</li> <li>• Inquiry Recommendations 11 &amp; 12 to now be managed by EMV</li> <li>• EPA Engagement Plan to be considered and incorporated in overall approach.</li> </ul>

<b>Item 4:</b>	<p><b>Premiers announcement 24 April 2015</b></p> <p><b>Funding to deliver on all 2014 Inquiry recommendations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See State Government budget paper 3, refer to pages 12 -15</li> </ul> <p><b>New Inquiry Terms of Reference</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Government committed to reopen the Inquiry in May 2015</li> <li>• Terms of Reference will be released May 2015</li> <li>• Government publicly announced the inquiry will cover <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ whether there has been an increase in deaths caused by the Hazelwood mine fire</li> <li>○ if there has been issues caused by the fire, what opportunities there may be to improve health.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Rehabilitations options for the 4 mines</li> <li>• The timelines will be in the Terms of Reference</li> <li>• Focusing on progress, positive engagement, what can we do better moving forward</li> </ul> <p><b>Action: Debbie to attach budget paper information</b></p> <p><b>Budget paper can be found at:</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.dtf.vic.gov.au/Publications/State-Budget-publications/2015-16-State-Budget/2015-16-Budget-Papers">http://www.dtf.vic.gov.au/Publications/State-Budget-publications/2015-16-State-Budget/2015-16-Budget-Papers</a></p> <p><b>Budget paper 3: Service delivery – pages 12-15</b></p>
<b>Item 5</b>	<p><b>DEDJTR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Licence conditions were varied on 22 January 2015</li> <li>• Risk Assessment and Management plan submission dates for the mines: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Hazelwood 30 June 2015</li> <li>○ Yallourn 31 August 2015</li> <li>○ Loy Yang 31 October 2015</li> </ul> </li> <li>• There is ongoing liaison with the licensees regarding risk assessment and management plans.</li> <li>• Legislation changes – Implementation of Risk Based work Plan</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Commencement date of amendments to legislation to bring in risk based work plans is to be brought forward to 31 December 2015 - <b>on track</b>.</li> <li>○ Amendment of regulations to be consistent with risk based work plan requirements – <b>on track</b></li> <li>○ Preparation of a regulatory impact statement – <b>on track</b></li> <li>• Working together: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Worksafe</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ MOU between Worksafe and DEDJTR has been written and signatures are being obtained</li> <li>▪ Two verifications (Worksafe lead) and three Audits (DEDJTR lead) have been undertaken together.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <b>EPA</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ MOU between EPA and DEDJTR has been written and signatures are being obtained</li> <li>▪ Joint audits for Dust have been undertaken at all three mines in Latrobe Valley.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Item 6</b>	<p><b>Mines, Agency and LCC updates and other business</b></p> <p><b>EMC</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need to use the timelines given by the Implementation Monitor team</li> <li>• Need to be practical over the next few months getting recommendations 11 &amp; 12 implemented.</li> <li>• Where do we need to be? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Suggestions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Review the Terms of Reference</li> <li>▪ Identify who needs to be at the table to review preparedness / Planning progress, identify gaps and rigorously exercise.</li> <li>▪ Table top discussions</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• Is there a need for an Industry ICC?</li> </ul> <p><b>Action: TFD to review the ToR</b></p> <p><b>Action: TFD &amp; CFA (Bill) to bring the right people together to get the operational layer discussed, identify gaps and scenarios</b></p>

**to be tested including agencies****Taskforce**

- Joined Standardisation Committee (CGEIG Sub Committee)
- Partaking in joint mines Risk Analysis process workshops.
- Presentation on Taskforce status and achievements delivered to CFA Operations Conference. Nick Demetrious (AGL) delivered presentation at same conference.

**CFA**

- Works being done on the development of the Brown Coal fire fighter training package
- Video training packages Statewide.
- Aircraft contract has ended. Monitoring to start approximately October.

**DHHS (Health)**

- Holding consultations with stakeholders on 8 May around establishing a Latrobe health conservation zone & establish a co advocate.

**LCC**

- Putting together the Hazardous materials release sub plan
- Risk assessment came up high, looking at forming a sub committee with EPA & CFA

**LCC (Community Resilience team)**

- CRC is still in place, looking at transitioning from a recovery committee to a resilience committee
- Running a pilot project for the community, information from the community with the goal of producing a Emergency Plan targeting the community of Morwell, south of Commercial Rd and west of Hazelwood Rd.

**EPA**

- About to launch into some significant Community consultation in relation to 12months of monitoring post Hazelwood Mine fire. Results are in and are now asking community for input.
- Recently launched a Social network Analysis, largely led by DHHS around communicating with the community. Need to ensure it aligns with the Community Connection workshops.
- Some significant deliverables are concluding in the next couple of months.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concluded 12mths of testing showing no lasting impacts on air, water or land as a result of the fire. Still need to validate it with the community and go through a few more steps. The 3 monthly data around that is on the EPA website.</li> <li>• Postponed the Smoke monitoring exercise around testing the rapid response, due to the other issues in March. Looking at a Statewide exercise in time to be prepared for the next fire season.</li> <li>• Talking to 'Voices of the Valley' re communicating with the community</li> <li>• Winding up the pilot Citizen science project</li> <li>• Reviewing rapid response protocol</li> <li>• Completed inspections of each of the mines to look for dust mitigation issues.</li> </ul> <p><b>AGL</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CAFS truck should be here next week followed by 2 weeks of training and then brought online. Keen to do a public launch thereafter.</li> <li>• Several million dollars have been allocated to areas of improvements.</li> <li>• An old hotspot is being monitored.</li> </ul> <p><b>GDF SUEZ</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Positive outcomes with the Implementation Monitor team visit. Almost at the conclusion of the affirmations and recommendations implementation.</li> <li>• Next phase is giving the community the confidence the mines have taken serious steps to ensure the mines capability and preparedness to approach the upcoming fire seasons.</li> </ul> <p><b>Energy Australia</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Business as usual</li> </ul> <p><b>Worksafe</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Business as usual</li> </ul>
<b>Item 7</b>	<p><b>Other business</b></p> <p><b>Implementation Monitoring team</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have made 3 visits GDF SUEZ and are pleased with progress that has been made. and also the responsiveness to the approach in providing evidence meeting the action items.</li> <li>• Need to ensure the evidence provided relates to the recommendations / action items</li> </ul>

- There are firm timelines to be formally advised.
- Overall observation has been very pleasing.
- There is still work in the interagency space to meet the expectations of the inquiry.
- Final evidence report due mid July.
- Notify team if unexpected obstacles arise or if there is a better way of doing something is identified.
- 1<sup>st</sup> report to Government due 31 October 2015.

**Action: TFD and Steve Gleeson to clarify work to be undertaken**

**Next Meeting: 0930 – 1100 – 9 June 2015 - CFA 23 Hazelwood Rd Morwell**