

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND INFRASTRUCTURE
MONTHLY AUDITING AND COMPLIANCE ACTIVITIES REPORT

July 2011

SINGLETON OFFICE

ACTIVITY TYPE	MONTHLY TOTAL	2011-12 TOTAL
Audits	0	0
Inspections	11	11
Meetings	12	12
Surveillances	12	12
<i>Subtotal compliance monitoring</i>	35	35
Negotiated outcomes	0	0
Advisory letters	8	8
Warning letters	3	3
Enforceable undertakings	0	0
Notices to produce information and records	0	0
Draft orders	0	0
Orders	0	0
Penalty Notices	0	0
Court Orders	0	0
Prosecutions	0	0
<i>Subtotal enforcement</i>	11	11
Complaints received	16	16

HEAD OFFICE

Audits	0	0
Inspections	5	5
Meetings	3	3
<i>Subtotal compliance monitoring</i>	8	8
Negotiated outcomes	0	0
Advisory letters	2	2
Warning letters	0	0
Enforceable undertakings	0	0
Notices to produce information and records	0	0
Draft orders	0	0
Orders	0	0
Penalty Notices	1	1
Court Orders	0	0
Prosecution	0	0
<i>Subtotal enforcement</i>	3	3

JINDABYNE OFFICE

Audits	0	0
Inspections	2	2
Meetings	0	0

<i>Subtotal compliance monitoring</i>	2	2
Negotiated outcomes	0	0
Advisory letters	0	0
Warning letters	0	0
Enforceable undertakings	0	0
Notices to produce information and records	0	0
Draft orders	0	0
Orders	0	0
Penalty Notices	0	0
Court Orders	0	0
Prosecutions	0	0
<i>Subtotal enforcement</i>	0	0
TOTAL ACTIONS		
Compliance monitoring	45	45
Enforcement	14	14

SINGLETON OFFICE - KEY ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN

- During early to mid July the Hunter Valley was hit with some very windy conditions. This resulted in the generation of dust over a wide area, some of which could be seen coming from local coal mines. To ensure all was being done to minimise dust generation from Hunter mines, the Singleton compliance officers undertook extensive dust surveillance across 15 mines. This included 12 separate surveillance visits (making more than 50 individual mine observations) and a further 5 on-site dust inspections. These figures represent the highest level of mine surveillance undertaken in any month since the office opened in October last year. The officers found that most mines had taken action by shutting equipment down or moving it lower into the pit away from the strongest of the wind. Others ceased or changed operations following the Department's visit.
- The Singleton compliance officers are continuing to carry out surveillance of dust generated by mines in all dry weather conditions resulting in an observable reduction in machinery-generated dust from Hunter Valley mines over the last year.
- Singleton compliance officers held 3 meetings with local residents and community groups during July to discuss the availability of independent review processes to ascertain impacts from local mines.

BRIDGE ST OFFICE - KEY ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN

- A site inspection was undertaken of northern headland area of the Barangaroo site to investigate a pile of soil and sandstone blocks which had recently been established. It was found that the area was being used as a small prototype to trial various configurations of sandstone facing for the proposed sea wall and that this activity was acceptable under the current approval regime for the site.
- A follow-up inspection was undertaken of the Smart Skip materials recycling facility at Silverwater where a waste truck was found to be parked on the local road in the vicinity of the site. As this constitutes a breach of the facility's project approval, a penalty notice in the sum of \$3000 was issued to the operator on 15 July.
- The Department commissioned an independent geotechnical expert to investigate the stability of a significant stockpile of excavated material and an associated dry rock

retaining wall at the Illawarra International Health Precinct construction site at Penrose, near Dapto. The expert's report verified two reports previously provided by the proponent indicating the stockpile and retaining wall were stable. Since the end of July, this issue has progressed significantly and further actions taken by the Department will be reported in the August compliance report. Please also see Departmental media statements given on this issue which have been published on the Department's website.

JINDABYNE OFFICE – KEY ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN

- Two building compliance inspections were undertaken at Thredbo where works had commenced without development consent. In each case, the sites have been made safe and ongoing negotiations are taking place. Further works will be required to address these issues.