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EPA monitoring progress at abattoir

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The Environment Protection Authority is monitoring progress by T&R to implement a series of environmental improvements at its Murray Bridge abattoir.

In past years, community complaints about odour, dust and noise from the facility, as well as moth fly infestation, have tended to increase in the summer months.

EPA Manager Industry Services Rob Lyons said the EPA is closely monitoring T&R's activities and working with them to assess alternative solutions.

"The abattoir is working towards meeting environmental expectations and has a program of improvements under way. The EPA has agreed to that program, which began more than two years ago and is expected to be completed over the next six months," Mr Lyons said.

Some of the improvements include:

- Treatment of abattoir wastewater to achieve a water quality suitable for irrigation
- Implementation of cleaner production measures to reduce wastewater volume and nutrient content
- Undertaking rotary hoeing and application of pesticide to reduce moth fly infestation
- Development of a more suitable treated wastewater irrigation site to reduce odour impacts
- Relocation of the holding pens further from the road verge to reduce dust, odour and noise

"The EPA is very aware of community concerns and we are working closely with T&R to monitor their improvements and assist them to meet their environmental obligations," Mr Lyons said.

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