



PORT AUGUSTA

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Financial Assurance

On 1 October 2019 the EPA licence was transferred from Cu-River Mining Australia to Cu-River Port Australia Pty Ltd.

As a condition of the EPA licence Cu-River is required to provide a financial assurance of \$2.4m to the EPA in the form of a bank guarantee. This was provided to the EPA on 1 October 2019.

The purpose of the financial assurance is to secure funds for ongoing rehabilitation of the site in the event that the licensee is unable to meet its licence obligations.

The EPA has met with Cu-River multiple times in regards to their responsibilities under the licence.



From left to right: Sophie Martin (EPA), Kerry Mudge and Zheng Li (CU-River), Peter Dolan (EPA)

The EPA has continued to undertake inspections of the site throughout the year, to monitor rehabilitation progress and ensure the required actions are being undertaken in accordance with the site Closure Plan and Dust Management Plan.

The Bureau of Meteorology has advised that this summer is likely to be drier than average for most of southern Australia, with above average daytime temperatures also expected. As such it is anticipated that Port Augusta and other regional areas will experience dusty conditions at times over the upcoming summer.

As required by its Dust Management Plan, Cu-River will be required to closely monitor weather conditions over the summer, and implement specific actions at the site to minimise dust, particularly when strong winds are forecast from the South.

Science Alive! is happening in Port Augusta for the eighth consecutive year. The much loved event will be held again at the **Central Oval Sporting Complex, 10am-3pm Sunday 20 October 2019.**

EPA staff will have a display at Science Alive so please come and say hello! You can come and measure how loud your voice is, test your sense of smell and try out virtual reality headsets to explore under the sea without getting wet.

Dust management and closure plans have been updated

Cu-River has submitted updated versions of the Closure and Post-Closure Plan and [Dust Management Plan](#), to outline ongoing rehabilitation and dust mitigation actions that will be implemented at the site over the coming years. These documents are currently being reviewed by the EPA to ensure that appropriate actions will be taken to mitigate dust impacts through the upcoming summer.

Dust suppression actions

Application of dust suppressant across the former ash dam commenced on 7 October 2019. Dust suppressant was also applied this time last year, and proved effective in minimising the amount of dust raised from the site.

In recent weeks Cu-River has also undertaken additional surface roughening of the site, to help reduce dust lift-off.



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