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Boral Cement Berrima - POELA Act 2011 Monitoring Data

New Berrima, NSW - Environmental Protection Licence No. 1698

Record updated on: 08 September 2017

1. Stack emission monitoring (Standard Fuels)

1.1 Continuous Monitoring

Solid Particles Concentration (milligrams per cubic metre)

Licence limit: 95 milligrams per cubic metre; based on 24 hours averaging period

Date published	08/02/17	08/03/17	08/04/17	08/05/17	08/06/17	08/07/17
Date	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17
1	29.3	0.0	18.8	14.8	13.2	14.4
2	26.2	10.7	16.5	16.9	13.0	10.3
3	22.5	23.9	15.6	16.4	25.1	11.1
4	23.2	43.8	12.8	14.8	19.7	11.0
5	24.6	25.0	17.8	12.9	12.0	18.8
6	22.8	35.9	14.6	15.6	8.3	13.8
7	26.2	34.9	14.7	0.0	8.1	17.6
8	10.2	31.0	13.6	17.0	7.0	20.7
9	3.7	23.5	16.1	17.2	9.6	19.4
10	0.0	21.0	17.6	16.0	8.0	19.5
11	0.0	19.7	14.5	13.0	7.3	9.5
12	0.0	21.1	16.5	14.7	8.1	9.1
13	0.0	20.2	19.4	14.0	9.2	12.1
14	0.0	19.7	16.3	11.6	8.5	14.5
15	0.0	22.2	13.7	9.8	8.0	15.0
16	0.0	15.6	14.8	13.0	40.1	34.6
17	0.0	14.3	14.3	9.0	12.3	0.0
18	0.0	24.8	16.2	11.4	7.5	8.2
19	0.0	38.4	25.6	9.3	9.6	11.0
20	0.0	24.4	42.2	12.5	5.1	12.2
21	0.0	27.1	31.9	11.9	11.7	7.4
22	0.0	14.9	18.9	9.2	14.8	10.6
23	0.0	26.4	20.3	8.4	12.5	12.3
24	0.0	16.5	13.2	10.6	13.5	13.3
25	0.0	14.7	12.0	12.2	14.3	12.2
26	0.0	17.7	12.5	12.2	13.9	11.0
27	0.0	14.4	20.1	12.8	15.2	9.9
28	0.0	16.8	17.3	13.7	19.5	17.5
29	0.0	X	14.9	15.1	16.2	17.2
30	0.0	X	17.7	13.3	14.0	14.7
31	0.0	X	15.1	x	21.9	X



Date published	08/08/17	08/09/17				
Date	Jul-17	Aug-17				
1	13.3	7.7				
2	9.1	8.3				
3	12.0	14.8				
4	9.9	21.4				
5	10.3	11.6				
6	11.6	17.2				
7	11.7	31.3				
8	7.4	18.5				
9	11.4	20.5				
10	9.2	18.3				
11	0.0	23.3				
12	9.3	22.1				
13	10.3	33.2				
14	10.7	28.0				
15	12.7	35.6				
16	11.8	76.4				
17	11.9	30.5				
18	20.3	19.0				
19	23.0	12.5				
20	19.3	20.1				
21	26.8	16.1				
22	27.3	10.8				
23	24.2	13.3				
24	39.6	15.5				
25	14.3	18.6				
26	8.5	19.0				
27	9.2	18.8				
28	9.7	12.2				
29	9.3	13.4				
30	9.6	26.4				
31	12	23				

Compliance Summary: The cement plant is compliant with the Licence limits

Note: “0” emissions means that the kiln is not operating.



1.2 Annual Stack Monitoring

2015-16: Date of stack testing: 19/07 to 05/08/2016; Report received: 13/09/2016;
Date published: 08/10/2016

Assessable Parameter (milligrams per cubic metre)	Licence Limit	2015-16
Emission Source: Kiln No 6 Stack (EPA Identification No. 2)		
Cadmium	0.1	<0.0003
Mercury	0.1	0.014
Nitrogen Oxides	1000	830
Solid Particles	95	21
Hazardous Substances	1.0	0.049
Emission Source: Cement Mill No 6 Stack (EPA Identification No. 4)		
Solid Particles 'Duct A'	100	2.2
Solid Particles 'Duct B'	100	4
Emission Source: Kiln No 6 Cooler Stack (EPA Identification No. 5)		
Solid Particles	100	2.3
Emission Source: Cement Mill No 7 Stack (EPA Identification No. 10)		
Solid Particles	20	2.7

Compliance summary: The cement plant is compliant with the Licence limits.

2. Ambient air/dust monitoring

2.1 Dust Deposition Gauges: Total Insoluble Matter (grams per square metre per month)

This test measures the levels of the coarse dust (generated mostly from unsealed roads, raw material handling, open stockpiles, etc.). It is a measure of dust *nuisance* (dust on cars, washing, window panes) in the immediate vicinity of the source, as the heavy dust settles quickly and doesn't travel far. It is not an indication of potential health problems as it doesn't penetrate into the respiratory system due to a large size of dust particles.

Licence limit: Not specified.

The NSW State guideline of 4 g/m²/month (presented as 12-month rolling average) was adopted.

Note: Dust Gauges 4 and 6 were removed, and Dust Gauges 5 and 7 relocated closer to the boundary in December 2012.



	Dust Deposition Gauges (grams per square metre per month as 12-month rolling average)						
	1	2	3	5	7	8	9
January 2017 Report received: 18/01/17 Date published: 08/02/17	0.7	0.3	2.4	1.0	0.7	1.1	1.3
February 2017 Report received: 20/02/17 Date published: 08/03/17	0.6	0.4	2.3	1.0	0.8	1.0	1.2
March 2017 Report received: 20/03/17 Date published: 08/04/17	0.7	0.5	2.5	1.1	0.8	0.8	1.4
April 2017 Report received: 20/04/17 Date published: 08/05/17	0.6	0.5	2.5	1.0	0.7	0.8	1.3
May 2017 Report received: 01/06/17 Date published: 08/06/17	0.5	0.5	2.5	1.0	0.6	0.8	1.3
June 2017 Report received: 19/06/17 Date published: 08/07/17	0.6	0.5	2.3	0.9	0.6	1.2	1.4
July 2017 Report received: 14/07/17 Date published: 08/08/17	0.6	0.6	2.3	0.9	0.6	1.2	1.4
August 2017 Report received: 23/08/17 Date published: 08/09/17	0.6	0.6	2.2	0.9	0.6	1.1	1.4

Compliance Summary: The cement plant is compliant with the adopted State guideline value.

2.2 High Volume Air Sampling: Total Suspended Particulates (TSP) and PM₁₀

This test measures the levels of the fine dust suspended in the air (generated mostly from stack emissions). It is a measure of potential *health effects* (irritation of the respiratory track) as the small particles can penetrate into the airways and the lungs. Fine dust can persist in the atmosphere for days or even months before it settles and can travel some distance.

Licence limits: Not specified.

The following guideline values were adopted:

- TSP: 90 micrograms per cubic metre (annual rolling average) - NSW State guideline
- PM₁₀: 60 micrograms per cubic metre (daily average) with 7 exceedances allowed per annum - Southern Highlands regional guideline

Sampling	Report	Date	Parameter (micrograms per cubic metre)
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Date	received	published	TSP (annual rolling average)	PM ₁₀ (24-hr average)
1/12/16	20/01/17	08/02/17	52.2	39.2
7/12/16			52.2	12.4
13/12/16			53.0	45.3
19/12/16			52.7	13.1
25/12/16			52.8	10.2
31/12/16			53.3	16.0
06/01/17	10/02/17	08/03/17	53.1	1.6
12/01/17			52.5	10.3
18/01/17			54.4	60.2
24/01/17			56.0	47.7
30/01/17			57.7	46.9
05/02/17	17/03/17	08/04/17	59.6	53.3
11/02/17			61.2	54.3
17/02/17			61.7	25.8
23/02/17			62.0	28.1
1/03/17	26/04/17	08/05/17	61.9	8.2
7/03/17			62.0	8.0
13/03/17			61.9	19.9
19/03/17			62.1	4.3
25/03/17			60.9	8.9
31/03/17			60.3	4.5
06/04/17	18/05/17	08/06/17	60.0	7.9
12/04/17			59.5	2.0
18/04/17			59.5	9.4
24/04/17			59.8	9.8
30/04/17			59.2	5.8
6/5/17	19/6/17	08/07/17	58.7	51.8
12/5/17			57.5	17.6
18/5/17			55.0	4.5
24/5/17			53.7	22.2
30/5/17			53.5	23.8
5/06/17	28/7/17	08/08/17	54.2	11.8
11/06/17			53.0	1.6
17/06/17			52.6	1.5
23/06/17			50.7	55.2
29/06/17			50.6	10.3
05/07/17	15/8/17	08/09/17	52.7	49.8
11/07/17			53.6	21
17/07/17			52.8	6.4
23/07/17			55.2	45.5
29/07/17			53.5	9.2

Compliance Summary: The plant is compliant with the adopted guideline values.

3. Water monitoring

Runoff water from the cement works and surrounding agricultural land is captured in various storage dams on site and used as process water. In heavy rain, excess stormwater from the dam called “Lake Quality” is allowed to overflow into the Wingecarribee River. The quality of that water



is required by the licence to be monitored once per overflow event. The licence specifies the parameters to be monitored, but does not specify any limits for these parameters.

Licence limits: Not specified.

The NSW State guidelines: Typical discharge limits are as follows:

Biological Oxygen Demand: 20 milligrams per litre

pH: 6.5-8.5

Oil and Grease: 10 milligrams per litre

Total Suspended Solids: 30-50 milligrams per litre

Sampling Date	Report received	Date published	Biological Oxygen Demand (milligrams per litre)	pH	Oil and Grease (milligrams per litre)	Total Suspended Solids (milligrams per litre)
04/02/16	11/02/16	08/03/16	<2	8.4	<5	38
06/06/16	14/06/16	08/07/16	<2	9.8	<5	85
07/07/16	17/07/16	08/08/16	<2	8.5	<5	32
26/08/16	02/09/16	08/09/16	<2	8.5	<5	14
05/09/16	13/09/16	08/10/16	2	8.9	<5	33
12/09/16	19/09/16	08/10/16	<2	8.5	<5	11
24/10/16	31/10/16	08/11/16	3	7.3	<5	7
07/02/17	16/02/17	08/03/17	3	8.7	<5	50
17/03/17	24/03/17	08/04/17	<2	8.5	<5	34

Compliance summary: Lake Quality’s overflow generally meets the typical NSW discharge criteria. Occasionally, an exceedance of pH may occur in the overflow due to alkaline nature of raw materials and products handled on site.

4. Noise monitoring

The Annual Noise Monitoring Reports by Hatch Consultants are being uploaded to the Berrima webpage in their entirety. In the Summary and Conclusions of each Annual Report, Hatch confirms that Berrima Cement Works “is in compliance with its licence conditions for noise”.

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