



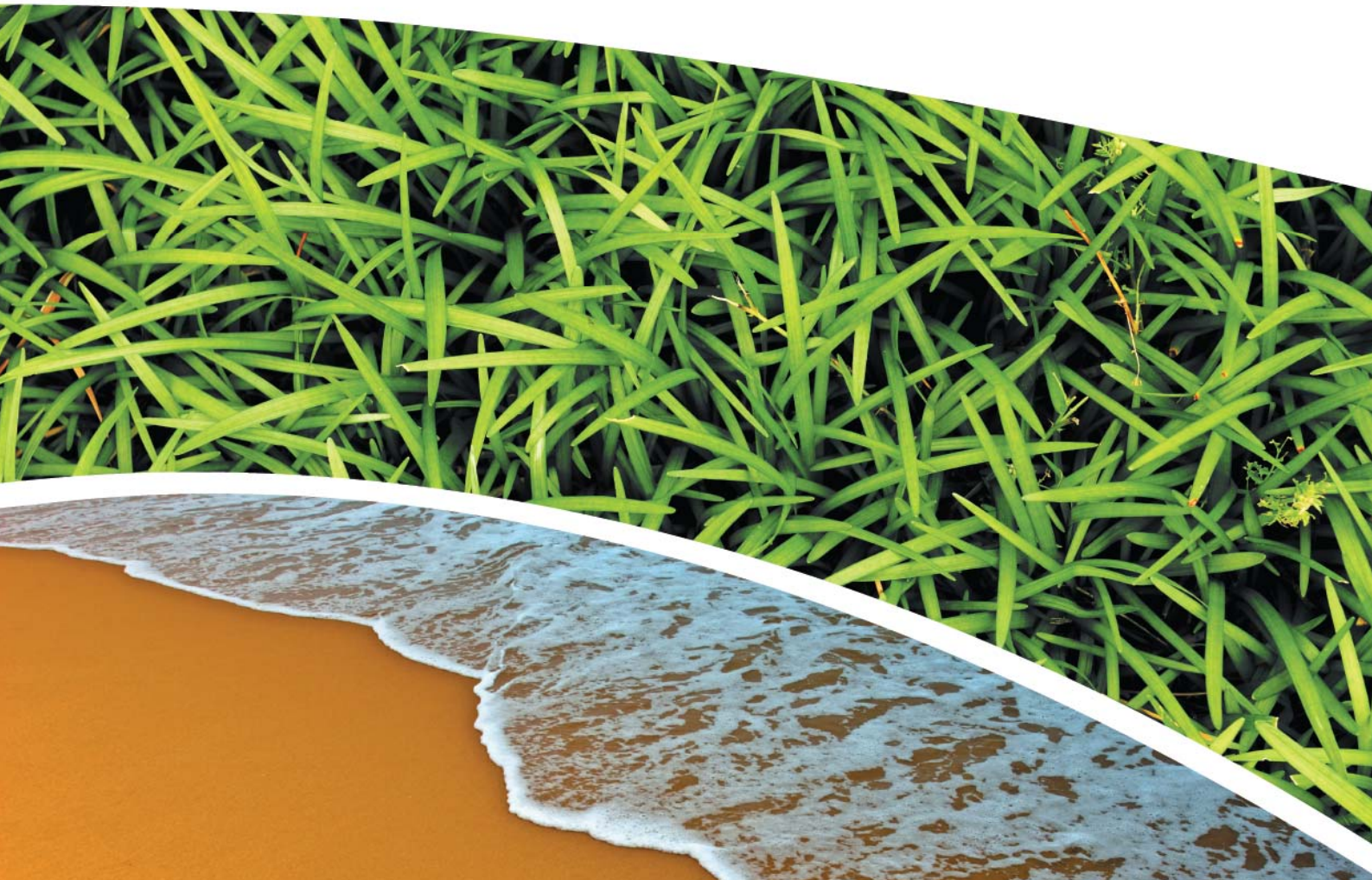
**GROUNDWATER, SURFACE WATER, DEPOSITIONAL DUST,  
HVAS AND METEOROLOGICAL MONITORING**

Prepared for Pine Dale Mine Community Consultative Committee

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**REPORT COMPILED FOR  
PINE DALE MINE COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE  
DETAILING GROUND WATER, DEPOSITIONAL DUST  
HVAS AND METEOROLOGICAL MONITORING  
JULY 2013**

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## 1 GENERAL COMMENTS

Job Number: 6880.

Date Samples Received: During the month of July 2013.

Samples received were sampled by RCA Laboratories – Environmental staff.

This report satisfies the requirements to monitor environmental parameters as presented in the Pine Dale Mine Environmental Protection Licence (EPL 4911). Additional site groundwater bore monitoring results are also presented in this report.

## 2 ANALYTICAL PROCEDURES

The analytical procedures used by RCA Laboratories – Environmental are based on established internationally recognised procedures such as APHA and Australian Standards. Analytical test methods are detailed in **Table 1**. When an external testing laboratory is used to obtain the analysis of samples which become a part of this report, then the details of that laboratory's official report will be attached in an Appendix.

**Table 1** Analytical Test Methods

ANALYSIS	METHOD	UNITS	ANALYSING LABORATORY	NATA / NON-NATA ANALYSIS
Determination of Suspended Particulate Matter	ENV-LAB003	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	RCA Laboratories – Environmental	NATA Analysis
Determination of Particulate Matter – Deposited Matter	ENV-LAB004	g/m <sup>2</sup> /month	RCA Laboratories – Environmental	NATA Analysis
pH	ENV-LAB006	pH	RCA Laboratories – Environmental	NATA Analysis
Conductivity	ENV-LAB010	µS/cm	RCA Laboratories – Environmental	NATA Analysis
Total Suspended Solids	ENV-LAB009	mg/L	RCA Laboratories – Environmental	NATA Analysis
Turbidity	ENV-LAB037	NTU	RCA Laboratories - Environmental	NATA Analysis
Oil and Grease	ENV-LAB022	mg/L	RCA Laboratories - Environmental	Non-NATA Analysis
Major Anions (Alkalinity, Cl, SO <sub>4</sub> )	ED037, ED041, ED045	mg/L	ALS	NATA Analysis
Major Cations (Ca, Mg, Na, K)	ED093	mg/L	ALS	NATA Analysis
Dissolved Metals	EG020F	mg/L	ALS	NATA Analysis

### 3 WATER ANALYSIS RESULTS

#### 3.1 GROUNDWATER

A total of 5 on-site groundwater samples were collected during the month of July 2013. No sample was collected from groundwater monitoring location P4 as the bore did not contain sufficient water to sample. Water quality analysis results are shown in **Table 2**.

**Table 2** *Groundwater Analysis Results*

ANALYSIS	UNITS	P2	P3	P6	P7	P7a
Sample Number		07136880019	07136880020	07136880010	07136880021	07136880022
Date Sampled	-	25/07/2013	25/07/2013	25/07/2013	25/07/2013	25/07/2013
Time Sampled	-	17:07	17:02	15:45	16:35	16:43
Standing Water Level	m	5.29	6.00	26.80	7.68	5.95
Standpipe Height	m	0.95	0.66	0.95	1.00	0.90
Relative Standing Water Level*	m	4.34	5.34	25.85	6.68	5.05
pH	pH unit	4.6	4.7	6.3	6.3	6.3
Conductivity	µS/cm	279	597	1140	746	881

**NOTES:** \*Depth relative to ground level (not standpipe height).

Groundwater monitoring locations are shown in **Appendix 1**.

### 3.2 EPA SURFACE WATER MONITORING

Routine quarterly surface waters were not scheduled to be monitored this month. Quarterly surface water monitoring is next scheduled to be undertaken in August 2013.

## 4 AIR QUALITY MONITORING RESULTS

### 4.1 HIGH VOLUME AIR SAMPLERS (HVAS)

HVAS at this facility conform to AS/NZS 3580.9.3:2003, AS/NZS 3580.9.6:2003 and AS/NZS 3580.1.1:2007.

HVAS Total Suspended Particulate analysis results are shown in **Table 3**;

PM<sub>10</sub> Suspended Particulate Matter results are shown in **Table 4**.

**Table 3** Total Suspended Particulates ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  0°C 101.3 kPa)

RUN DATE	TSP ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )	SAMPLE NUMBER	FILTER NUMBER	DATE FILTER OFF	TIME FILTER OFF	FIELD TECH	HOURS RUN
02-Jul-13	27	07136880043	8703060	03-Jul-13	10:40	Client	24.00
08-Jul-13	25	07136880045	8703062	09-Jul-13	13:08	Client	24.00
14-Jul-13	13	07136880047	8703064	16-Jul-13	10:35	Client	24.00
20-Jul-13	9	07136880049	8703066	23-Jul-13	13:35	Client	24.00
26-Jul-13	25	07136880051	8703024	30-Jul-13	10:10	Client	24.00

**Table 4** Suspended Particulate Matter PM<sub>10</sub> ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  0°C 101.3 kPa)

RUN DATE	PM <sub>10</sub> ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )	SAMPLE NUMBER	FILTER NUMBER	DATE FILTER OFF	TIME FILTER OFF	FIELD TECH	HOURS RUN
02-Jul-13	10	07136880044	8703061	03-Jul-13	10:40	Client	24.00
08-Jul-13	12	07136880046	8703063	09-Jul-13	13:08	Client	24.00
14-Jul-13	7	07136880048	8703065	16-Jul-13	10:35	Client	24.00
20-Jul-13	3	07136880050	8703067	23-Jul-13	13:35	Client	24.00
26-Jul-13	9	07136880052	8703025	30-Jul-13	10:10	Client	24.00

#### 4.1.1 Allowable TSP Limits

The EPA Annual Mean TSP allowable limit is  $90\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ . All TSP HVAS results recorded during this monitoring period are in compliance with consent conditions, as the *current rolling annual mean* (from August 2012 to July 2013) for the TSP unit is  $24.6\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ , which is well below the allowable limit of  $90\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ .

#### **4.1.2 Allowable PM<sub>10</sub> Limits**

The EPA 24h Maximum PM<sub>10</sub> allowable limit is 50µg/m<sup>3</sup>. The EPA Annual Mean PM<sub>10</sub> allowable limit is 30µg/m<sup>3</sup>. All PM<sub>10</sub> HVAS results recorded during this monitoring period conform to consent conditions, as the *current rolling annual mean* for the PM<sub>10</sub> unit is 11.3µg/m<sup>3</sup>, which is below the allowable limit of 30µg/m<sup>3</sup>. The 24 hour maximum allowable limit of 50µg/m<sup>3</sup> was not exceeded on any run day during the July 2013 monitoring period.

#### **4.1.3 Comments**

HVAS monitoring locations are shown in **Appendix 1**.

Graphical HVAS results presentations are shown in **Appendix 2**.

## 4.2 DEPOSITIONAL DUST

Depositional Dust Gauges at this facility conform to AS/NZS 3580.10.1:2003 and AS/NZS 3580.1.1:2007. Depositional Dust monitoring results are shown in **Table 5**.

**Table 5** *Depositional Dust Monitoring - Deposited Matter July 2013*

SAMPLE NO	DEPOSIT GAUGE	DATE SAMPLE STARTED	DATE SAMPLE COMPLETED	NO OF DAYS	NOTES	INSOLUBLE SOLIDS (g/m <sup>2</sup> /month)	ASH (g/m <sup>2</sup> /month)	COMBUSTIBLE MATTER (g/m <sup>2</sup> /month)
07136880033	D1	24/06/2013	25/07/2013	31	I	1.0	0.7	0.3
07136880034	D2	24/06/2013	25/07/2013	31	I	0.9	0.5	0.4
07136880035	D3	24/06/2013	25/07/2013	31	I	1.1	0.7	0.4
07136880036	D4	24/06/2013	25/07/2013	31	I	0.4	0.1	0.3
07136880037	D5	24/06/2013	25/07/2013	31	I	0.2	<0.1	0.2
07136880038	D6	24/06/2013	25/07/2013	31	BI	3.6	2.1	1.5

### 4.2.1 Glossary of Terms Used in Notes

- I Insects (e.g. ants, spiders)
- BI Bird droppings and Insects (e.g. ants, spiders)

### 4.2.2 Allowable Depositional Dust Limits

The EPA Long Term (Annual Average) Dust Limit is 4g/m<sup>2</sup> per month. All Depositional Dust results during this monitoring period are in compliance with consent conditions. The Annual Average for Dust Gauges D1, D2, D3, D4, D5 and D6 are all less than 1.0g/m<sup>2</sup> per month, which is below the allowable Annual Average Long Term Limit of 4g/m<sup>2</sup> per month.

Depositional Dust monitoring locations are shown in **Appendix 1**. Graphical Depositional Dust results are shown in **Appendix 2**.



## 5 BLASTING RESULTS

Blasting results for the month of July are shown in **Table 6**.

**Table 6** *Blasting Results- Airblast Overpressure (dB) and Ground Vibration (mm/sec)*

Date	<i>Park</i>		<i>Noon St.</i>		<i>Summer St.</i>	
	Overpressure (dB)	Vibration (mm/sec)	Overpressure (dB)	Vibration (mm/sec)	Overpressure (dB)	Vibration (mm/sec)
3/07/2013	96.9	0.4	99.4	0.41	NT	NT
11/07/2013	NT	NT	110.3	1.79	109.8	1.05
17/07/2013	NT	NT	112.6	1.64	107.1	1.44
26/07/2013	NT	NT	106.0	0.65	103.0	0.53
31/07/2013	NT	NT	99.0	0.42	100.0	0.40
<b>2012- 2013 Year to Date Information</b>						
Minimum	96.9	0.38	78.3	0.08	87.2	0.10
Average	96.9	0.38	104.9	1.01	106.1	1.16
Maximum	96.9	0.38	113.8	2.69	113.7	2.85
% > EPL 95% Compliance Criteria	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
% > EPL 100% Compliance Criteria	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

**Notes:** NT No Trigger. Blast monitoring unit was not triggered during the blast.

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### **5.1.1 Allowable Blasting Limits**

Conditions of EPL 4911 state that in relation to airblast overpressure levels a result of greater than 115dB must not be observed at any noise sensitive location for more than 5% of the total number of blasts over each annual reporting period. All blasts within the annual reporting period (100% of blasts) are not to exceed the compliance criteria of 120dB. Ground vibration peak velocity levels must not exceed 5mm/sec for 95% of blasts, whilst an intensity of 10mm/sec must not be exceeded by any blast during the reporting period. The reporting period runs as a rolling 12-month average from August 2012 to July 2013.

During July 2013, there were nil exceedances of the EPL conditions for both overpressure and vibration levels. In terms of the rolling annual average, no blasts have exceeded the 100% compliance conditions of 120dB and 10mm/sec for overpressure and vibration respectively. The overpressure and vibration criteria of 115dB and 5mm/sec, respectively, have not been exceeded for more than 5% of the blasts during the reporting period.

Graphical blasting results from overpressure and vibration are presented in **Appendix 2**.

## 6 NOISE MONITORING RESULTS

Routine quarterly noise monitoring was undertaken during this reporting period on 25 and 26 June 2013. Monitoring for the July quarter was undertaken one week early due to the availability of our acoustic technician on site. The quarterly noise surveys consist of three 15-minute attended noise assessments between the hours of 7:00am and 6:00pm at six locations as determined by the site's *Noise Management Plan* and EPL No.4911.

Quarterly noise monitoring results for the month of July is presented in **Table 7**. Noise monitoring results indicate the noise contribution from Pine Dale Mine was within the allowable noise limits nominated in EPL No. 4911.

Noise monitoring locations are provided in **Appendix 1**, with locations situated at each of the deposition dust gauge sites.

**Table 7** *Attended Noise Monitoring Results- July 2013*

Location	Date and Time	Daytime Noise Level recorded dB (LAeq 15 minute)	PDM Noise Contribution (LAeq 15 minute)	Daytime Noise Limit dB (LAeq 15 minute)
NM1 (EPL Ref No. 33)	25/06/2013 9:47	45.5	14.6	42
	25/06/2013 10:02	45.9	Nil	
	25/06/2013 10:17	45.2	Nil	
NM2 (EPL Ref No. 14)	24/06/2013 16:08	49.9	Nil	42
	24/06/2013 16:23	50.7	Nil	
	24/06/2013 16:38	50.1	Nil	
NM3 (EPL Ref No. 10)	24/06/2013 15:09	60.5	Nil	42
	24/06/2013 15:24	60.1	Nil	
	24/06/2013 15:39	58.8	Nil	
NM4 (EPL Ref No. 5)	24/06/2013 14:14	45.5	Nil	35
	24/06/2013 14:29	39.2	18.0	
	24/06/2013 14:44	39.1	22.3	
NM5 (EPL Ref No. 4)	24/06/2013 13:15	38.4	Nil	35
	24/06/2013 13:30	37.0	Nil	
	24/06/2013 13:45	40.7	Nil	
NM6 (EPL Ref No. 2)	24/06/2013 11:26	40.6	Nil	35
	24/06/2013 11:41	40.8	Nil	
	24/06/2013 11:56	42.1	Nil	

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## 7 OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Pine Dale Mine production rates in July 2013 were good, with no major issues recorded. There were 23 production days available with no weekend work undertaken. Overall, five blasts were shot throughout the month.

Relatively low rainfall was observed throughout the month, 18.2 mm total, which predominantly fell between the 15<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of July. Production material targets have largely been achieved this month, with coal tonnage slightly below target, whilst overburden was above forecast. In total 170,000 tonnes of overburden were excavated and 25,000 tonnes of coal delivered to Mt Piper Power Station.

## 8 SUMMARY

During the month of July 2013 all environmental monitoring constituents were found to be in compliance with EPL 4911.

Quarterly surface waters were not scheduled to be sampled this month. Surface water Quality monitoring is next scheduled to be undertaken in August 2013.

Rolling annual averages from both the TSP and PM<sub>10</sub> High Volume Air Samplers are currently well below the EPA Annual Mean TSP and PM<sub>10</sub> criterion of 90µg/m<sup>3</sup> and 30µg/m<sup>3</sup> respectively. There were zero exceedances of the PM<sub>10</sub> short term impact assessment criteria of 50µg/m<sup>3</sup> over twenty-four hours during July 2013.

Currently there are no depositional dust gauge results which are greater than the EPA Long Term (annual average) criteria of 4g/m<sup>2</sup>/month based upon a rolling average of the past 12 months.

During July there were nil exceedances of the blasting requirements documented in the Pine Dale Mine EPL. During the previous twelve month reporting period, there were nil non-conformance's based upon the 95% or 100% limits for either overpressure or vibration levels.

Quarterly noise monitoring was conducted this month, with results showing the noise contribution from Pine Dale Mine was well below daytime noise impact assessment criteria as specified in the site's EPL and Noise Management Plan (NMP) across all locations. Noise from the mine was only observed to be audible at two of the six monitoring locations.

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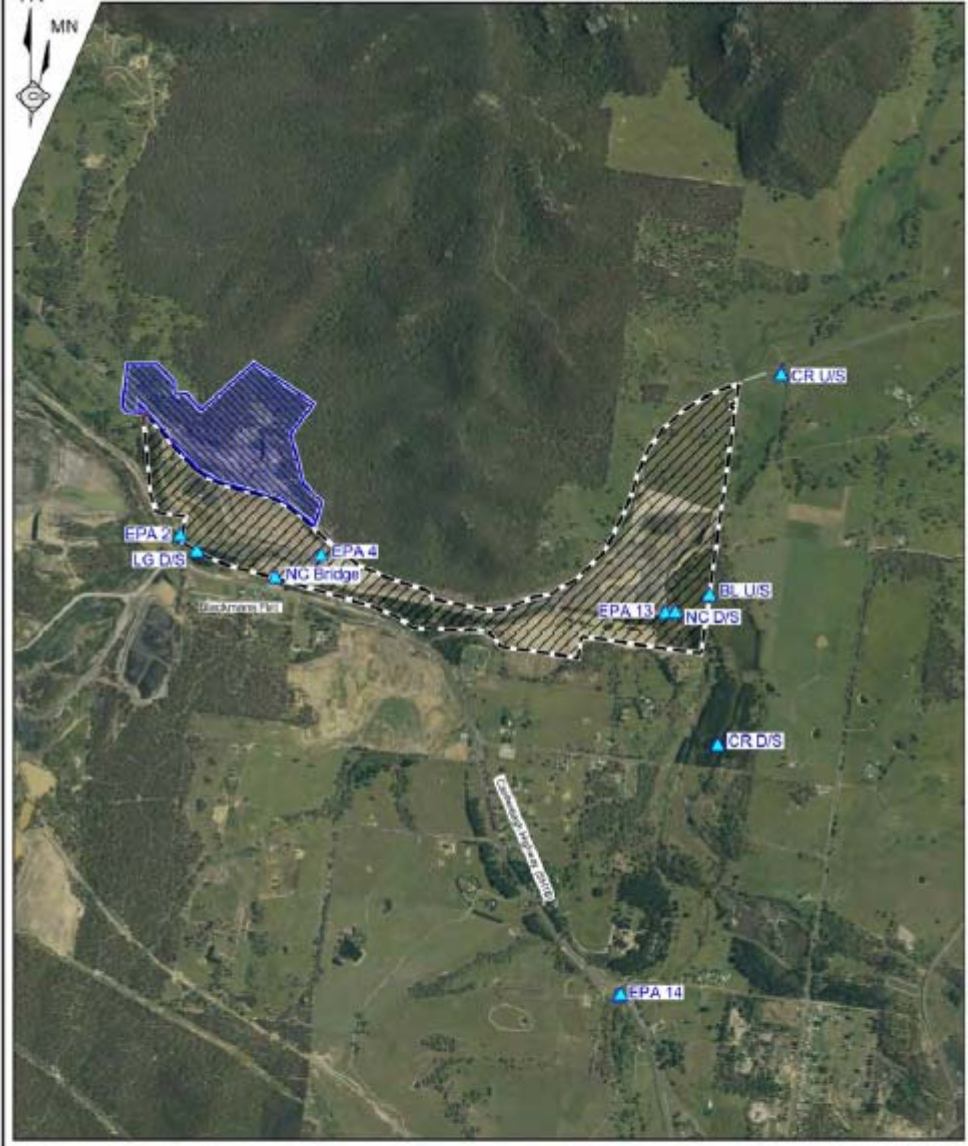


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# Appendix 1

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## Surface Water Groundwater and Air Quality Monitoring Locations

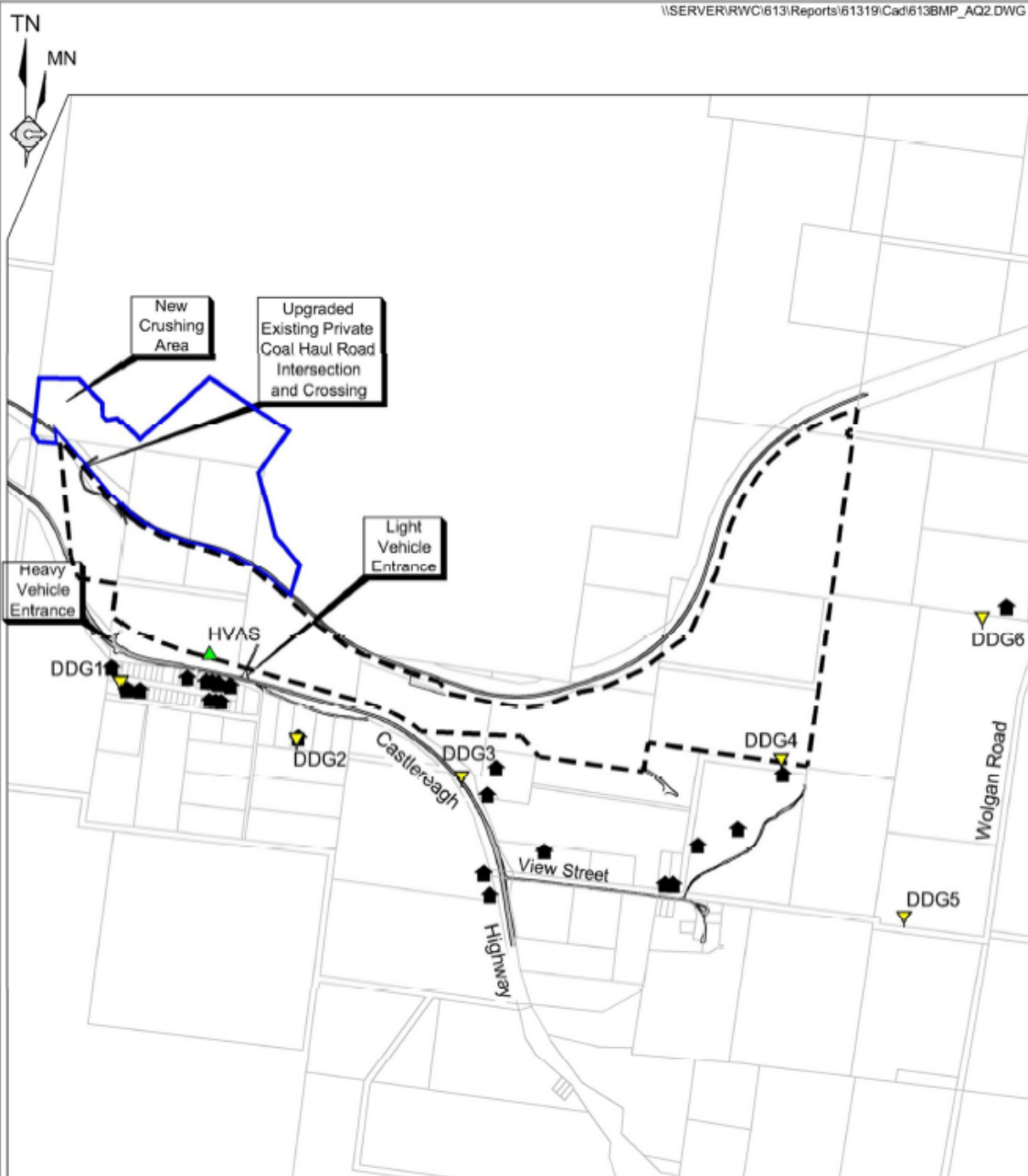


REFERENCE  
Pine Dale Coal Mine  
Yarraboldy Extension  
EPA 14 Surface Water Monitoring Location

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Aerial Photo Source: Dept. of Lands (Bathurst) - Date of Photography: September 2009

Figure WM5  
SURFACE WATER  
MONITORING LOCATIONS





- REFERENCE
- Pine Dale Coal Mine
  - Yarraboldy Extension
  - Cadastral Boundary
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  - DDG1 ▾ Air Quality Monitoring Location (Deposited Dust)
  - HVAS ▲ Air Quality Monitoring Location (High Volume Sampling)

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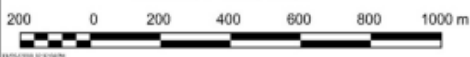


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AIR QUALITY MONITORING  
LOCATIONS

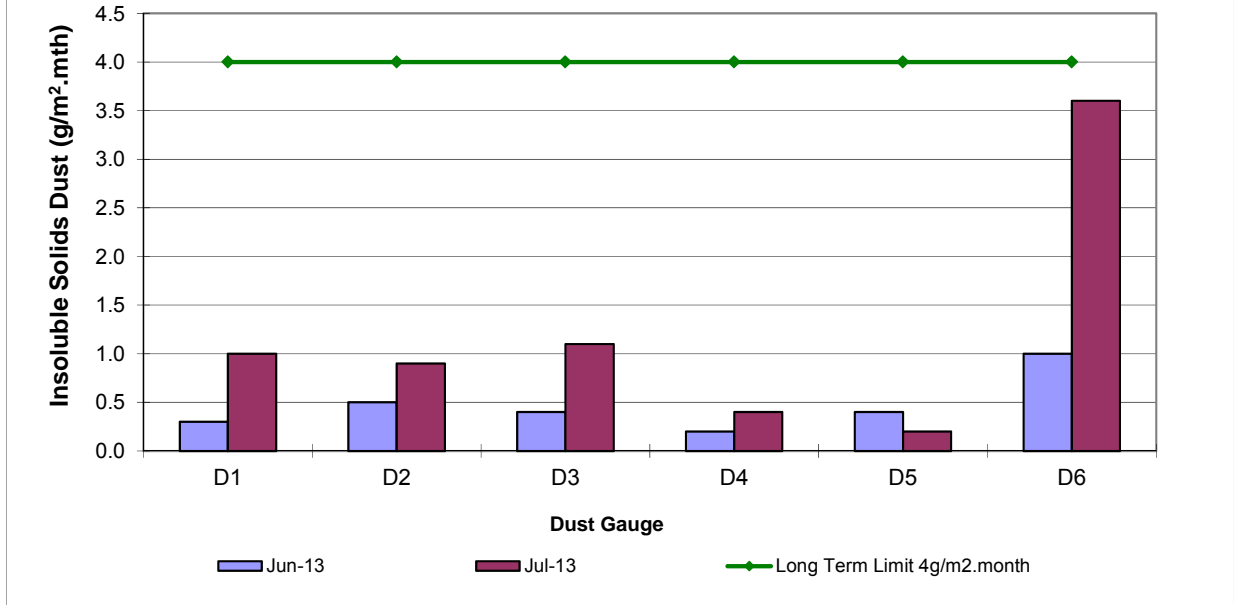


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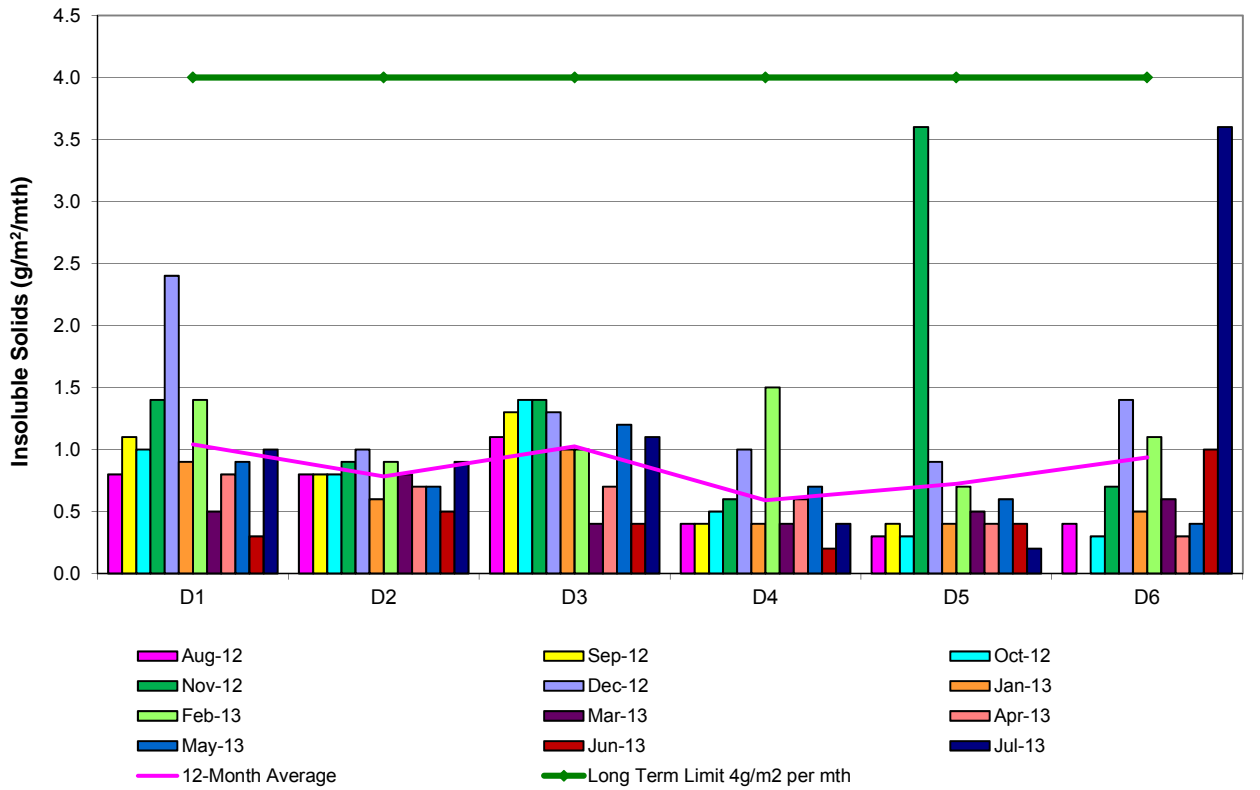
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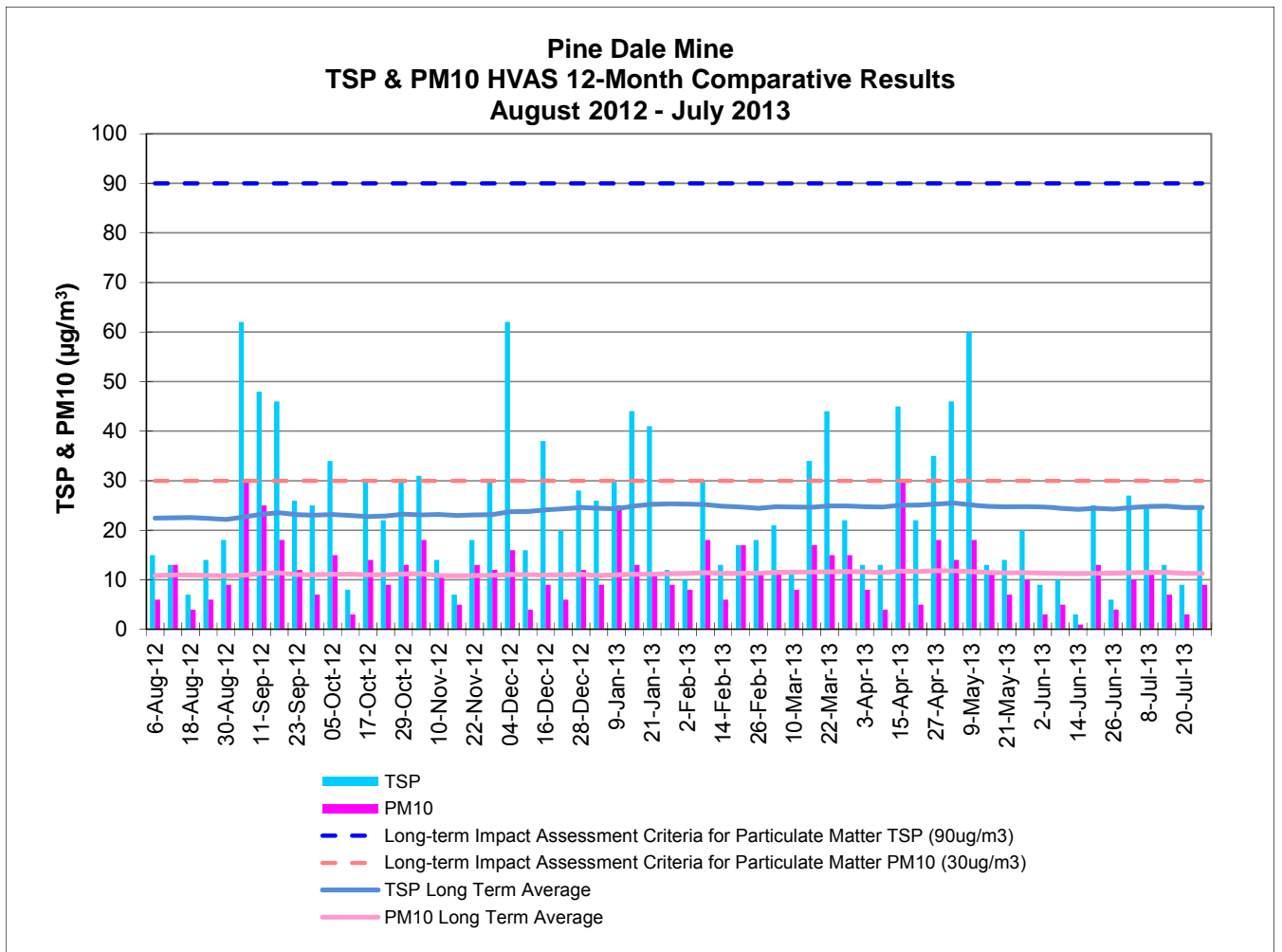
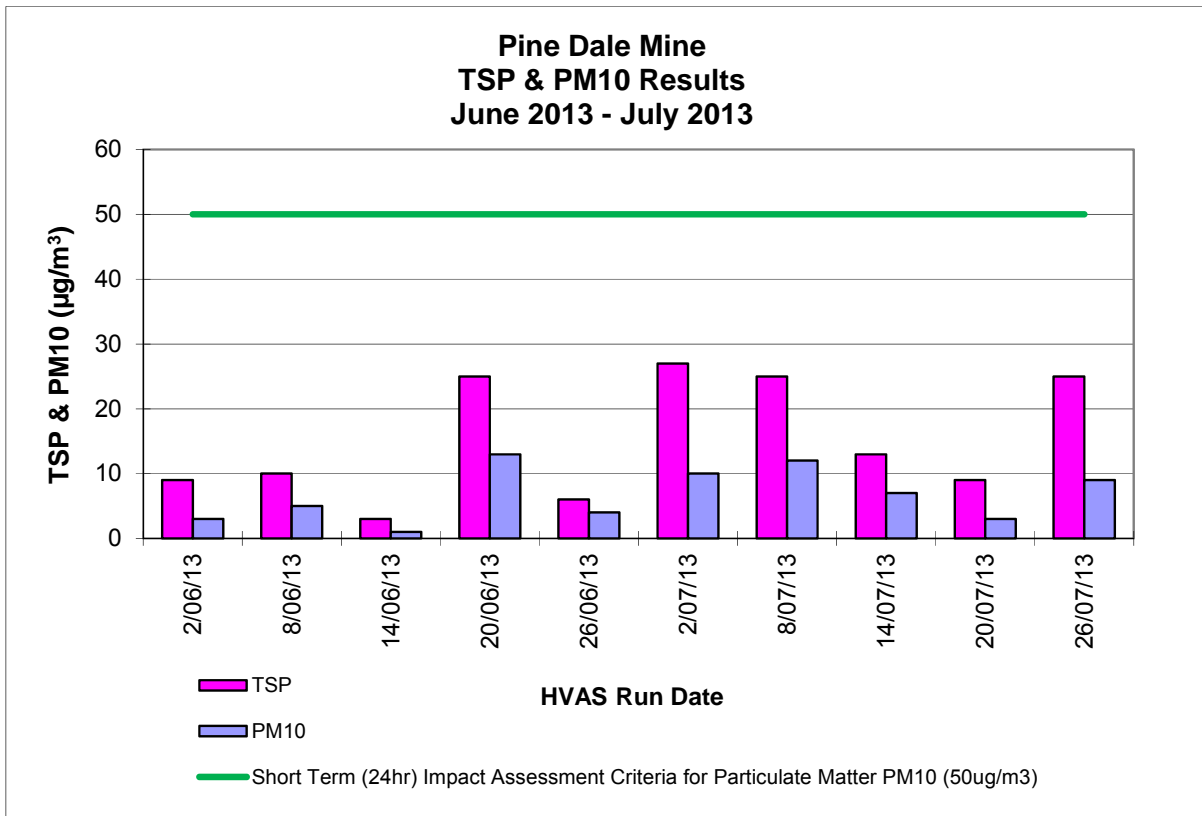
Depositional Dust, HVAS and Blast Result Graphs

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June 2013 - July 2013**

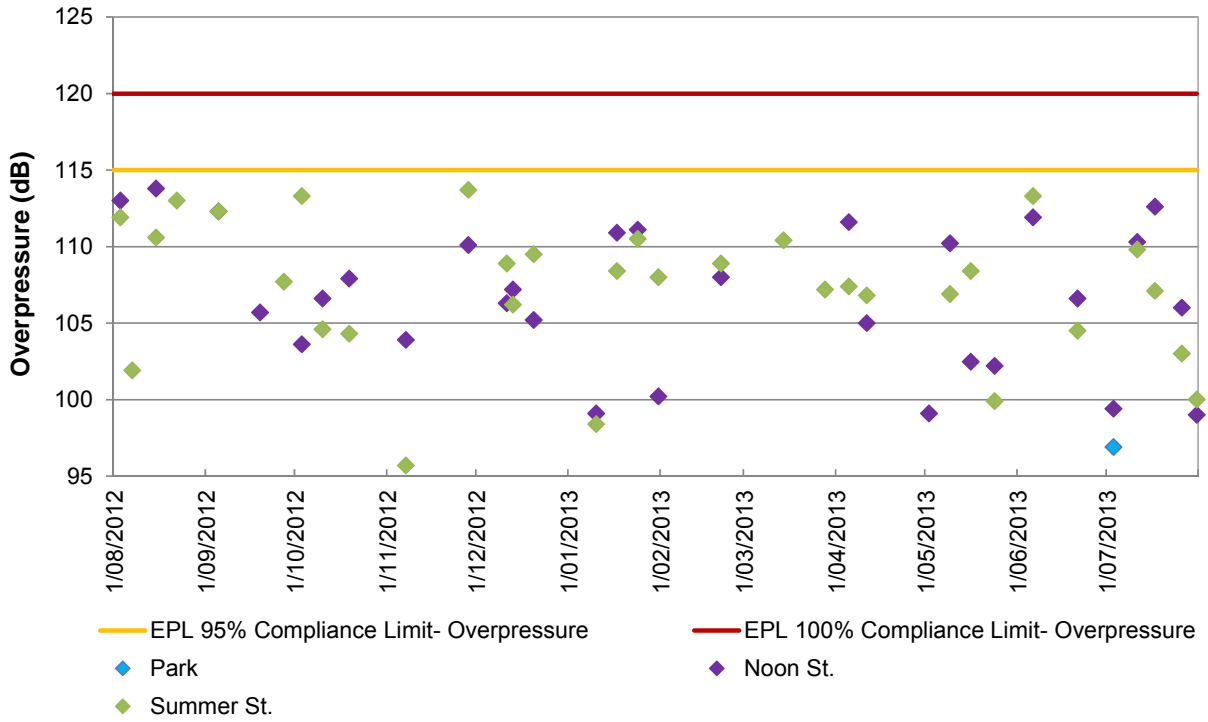


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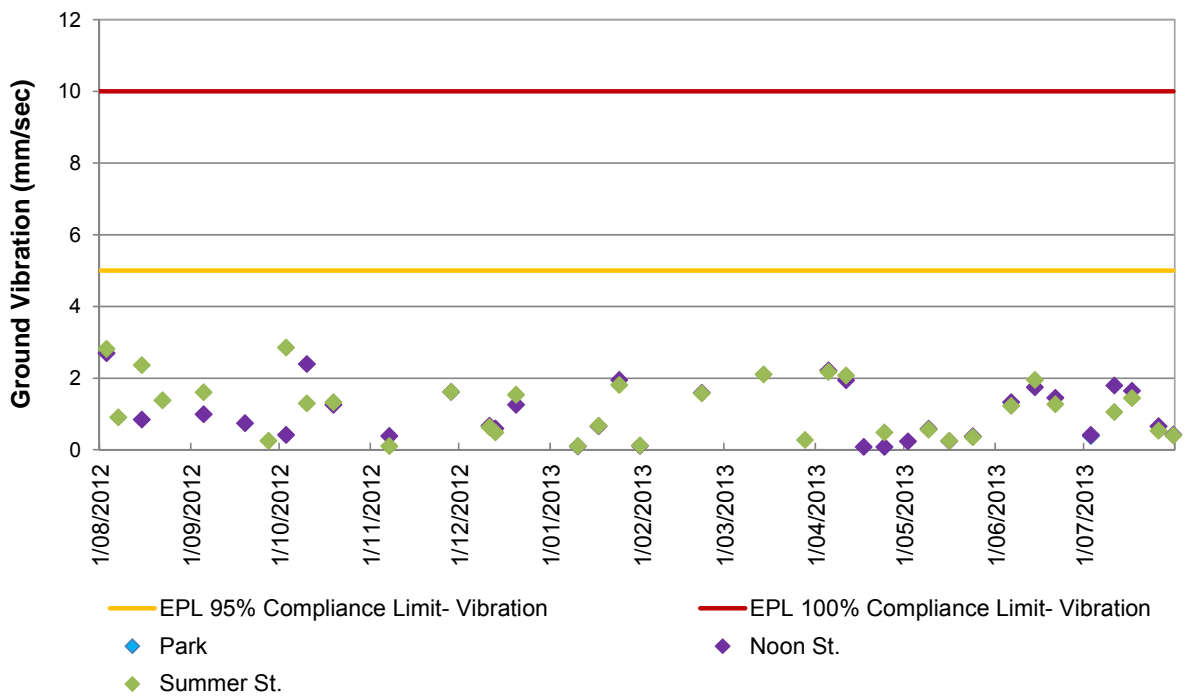




**Pine Dale Mine  
Blasting- Airblast Overpressure  
August 2012 to July 2013 Comparable Data**



**Pine Dale Mine  
Blasting- Ground Vibration  
August 2012 to July 2013 Comparable Data**

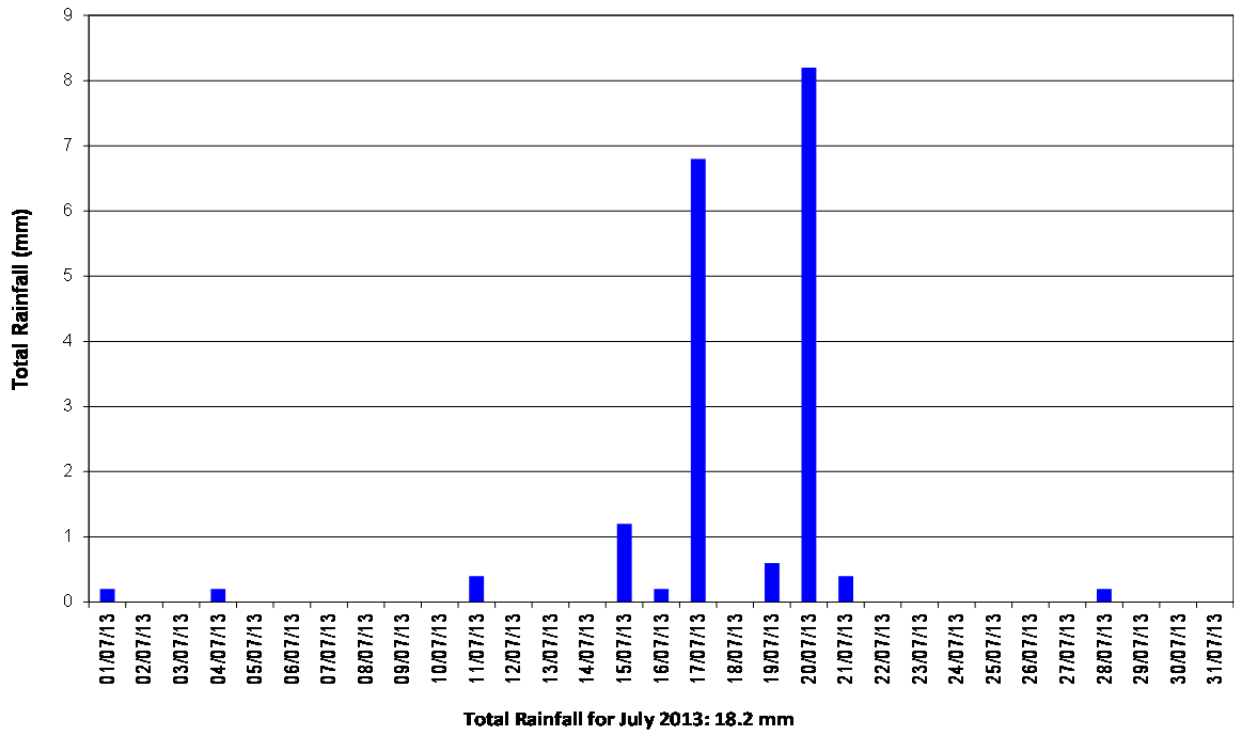


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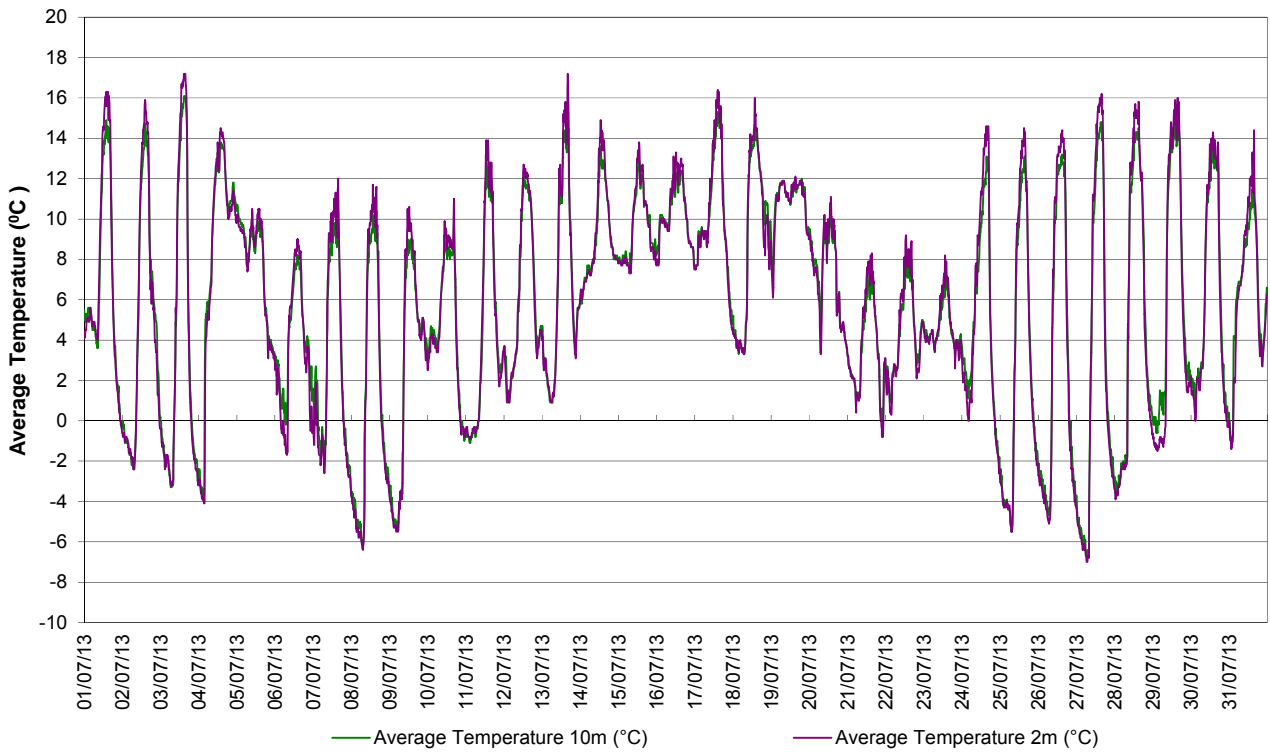
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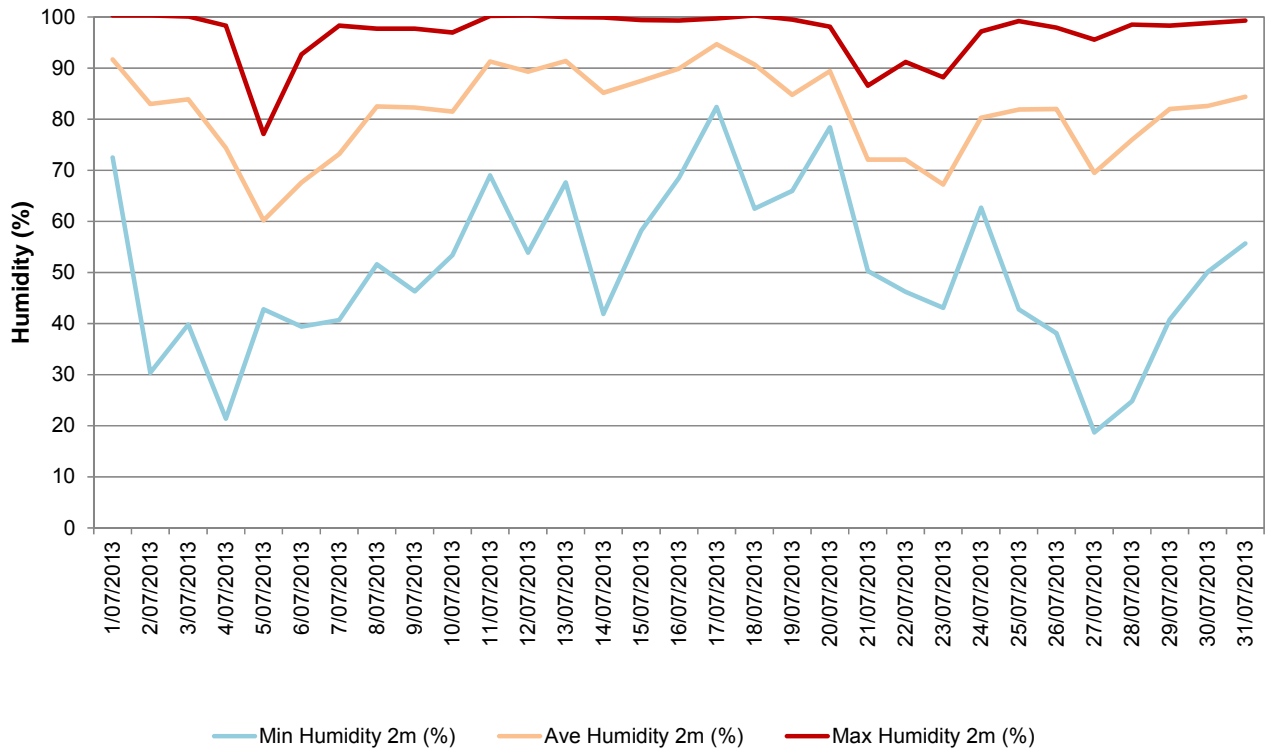
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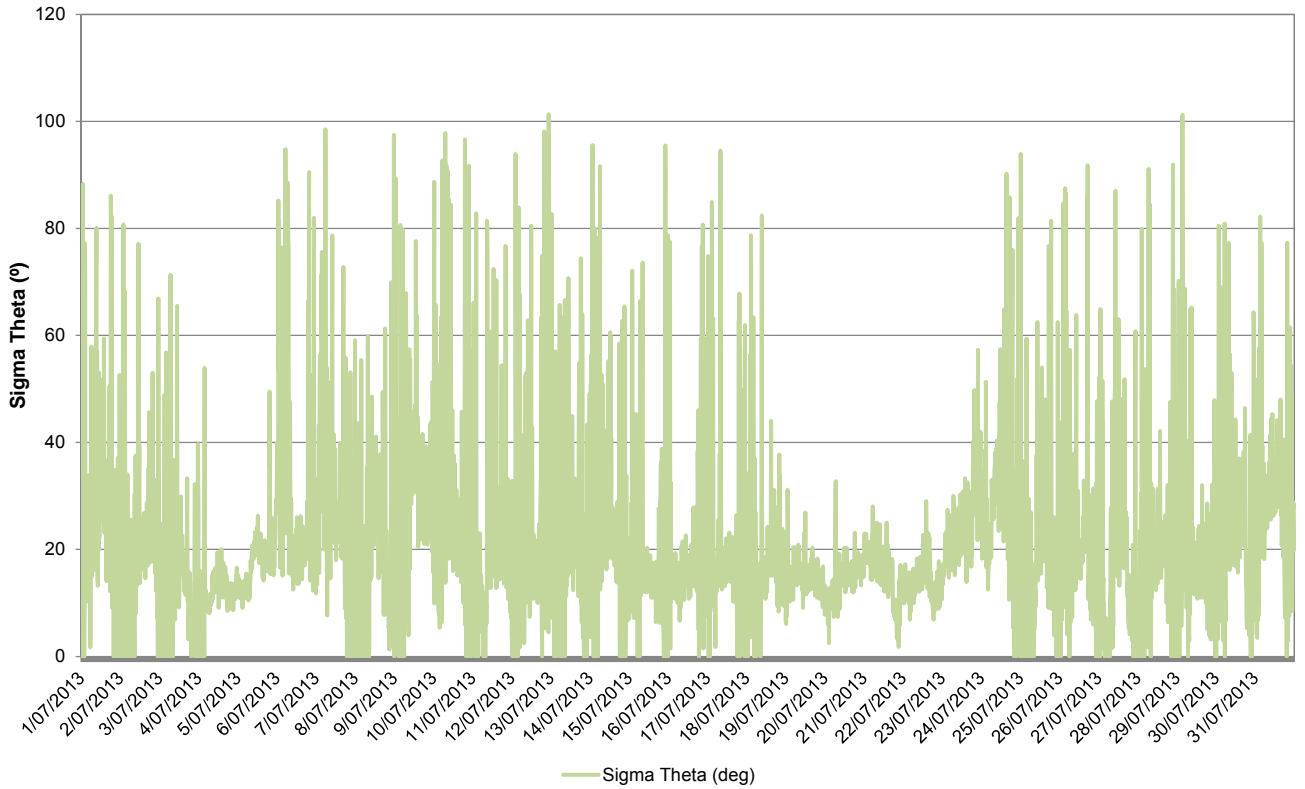
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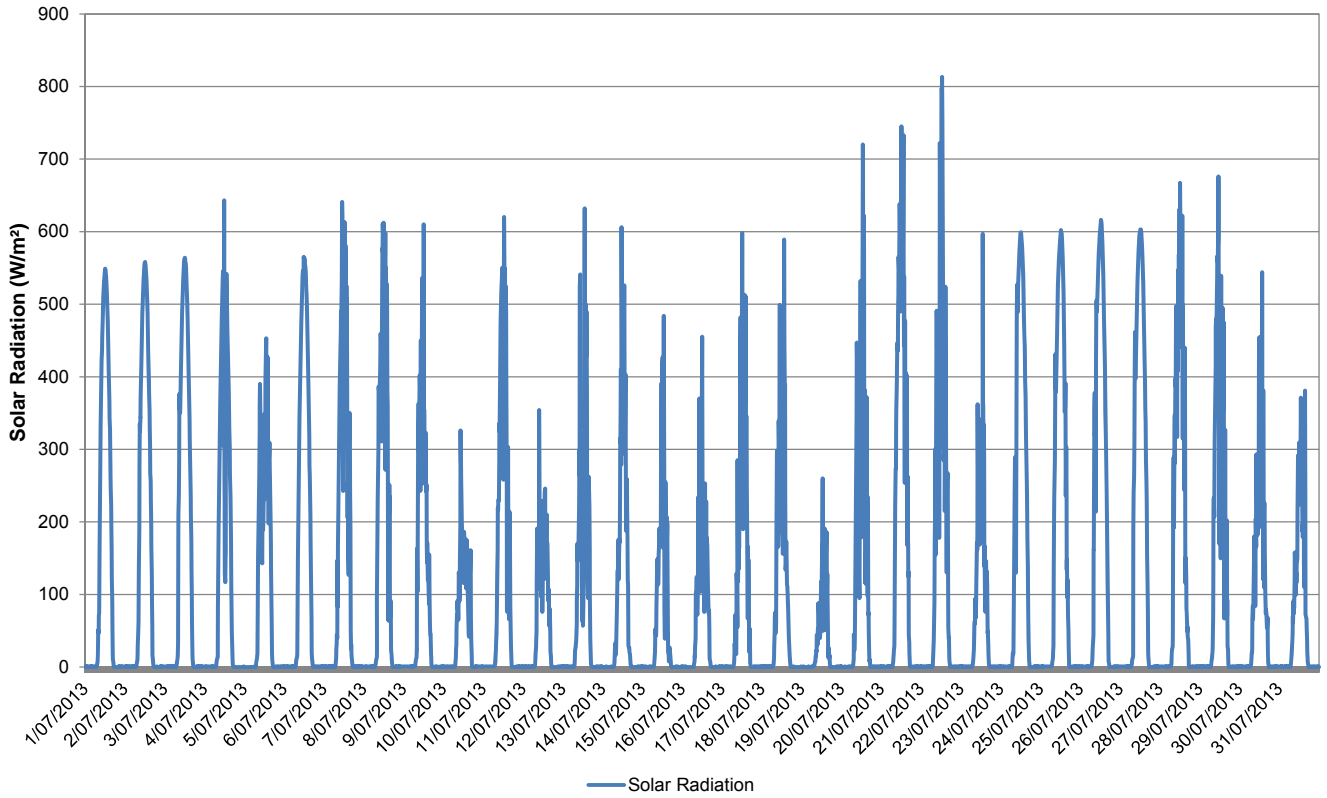
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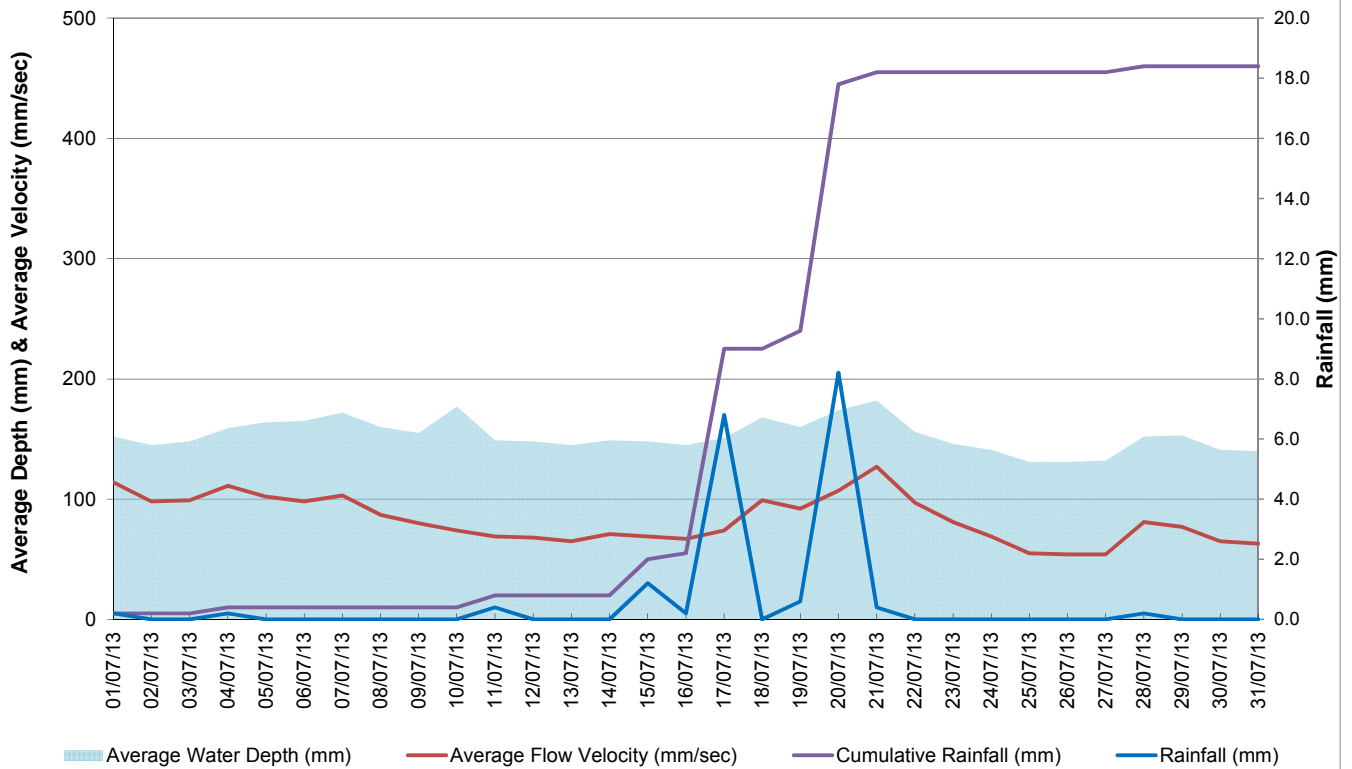
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**Blackmans Flat NSW**  
**Average Solar Radiation- Period: 1/07/2013 to 31/07/2013**



**Neubecks Creek - Blackmans Flat NSW**  
**Average Depth & Velocity vs. Rainfall- Period: 1/07/2013 to 31/07/2013**





# Blackman's Flat Windrose

1/07/2013 to 31/07/2013

