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1 | INTRODUCTION

This report has been compiled to provide a monthly summary of environmental monitoring results for Hunter Valley Operations (HVO). This report includes all monitoring data collected for the period 1 – 31 April 2024 (the 'Reporting Period').

2 | AIR QUALITY

2.1 | METEOROLOGICAL MONITORING

HVO maintains two meteorological stations: 'HVO Corporate' and 'Cheshunt' (refer to **Figure 4**).

2.1.1 | RAINFALL

Rainfall recorded at the HVO Corporate weather station during the period is summarised in **Table 1**. The 2022, 2023 and 2024 trends are shown in **Figure 1**.

Table 1 - Rainfall data for the reporting period

| 2024 | Monthly Rainfall (mm) | Cumulative Rainfall (mm) |
|-------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| April | 114.8 | 270.0 |

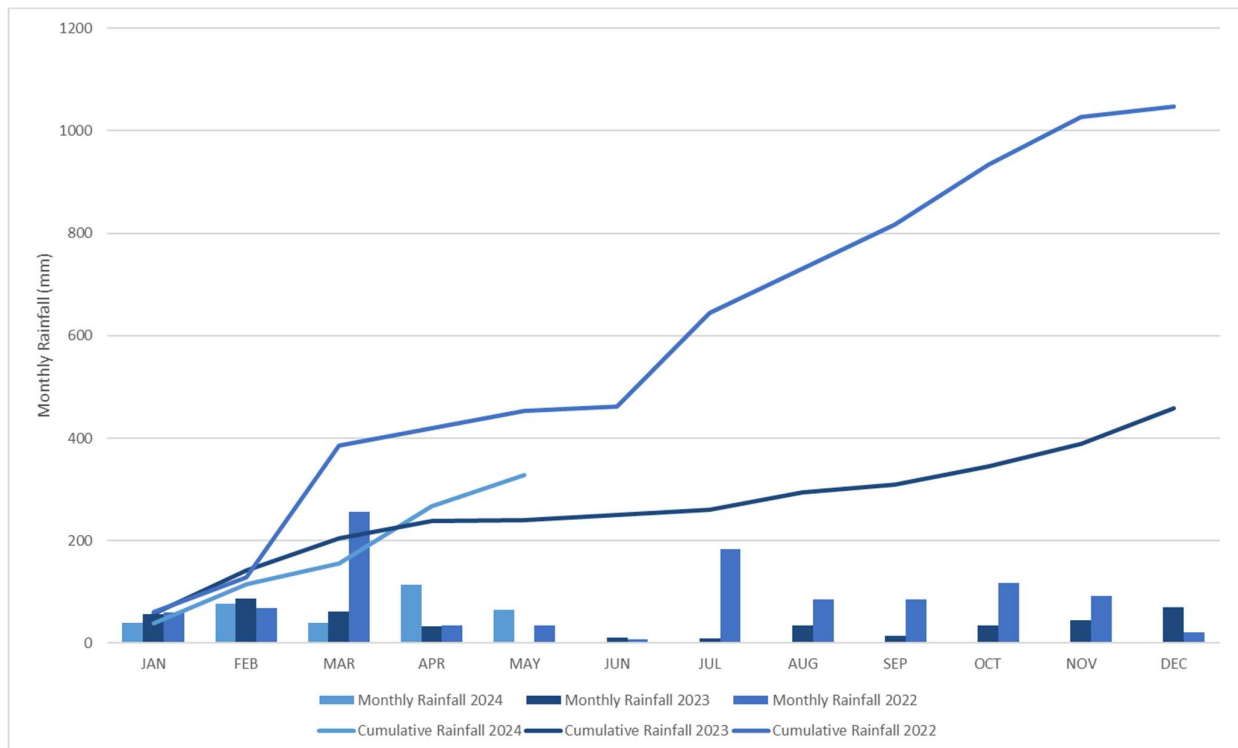


Figure 1 - Rainfall Summary 2024

2.1.2 | WIND SPEED AND DIRECTION

Figures 2 and 3 wind roses show wind speeds and directions during the reporting period at HVO Corporate and Cheshunt meteorological stations respectively. South easterly and west north westerly winds were prevailing at HVO Corporate, whilst south easterly and north westerly winds were prevailing at HVO Cheshunt.

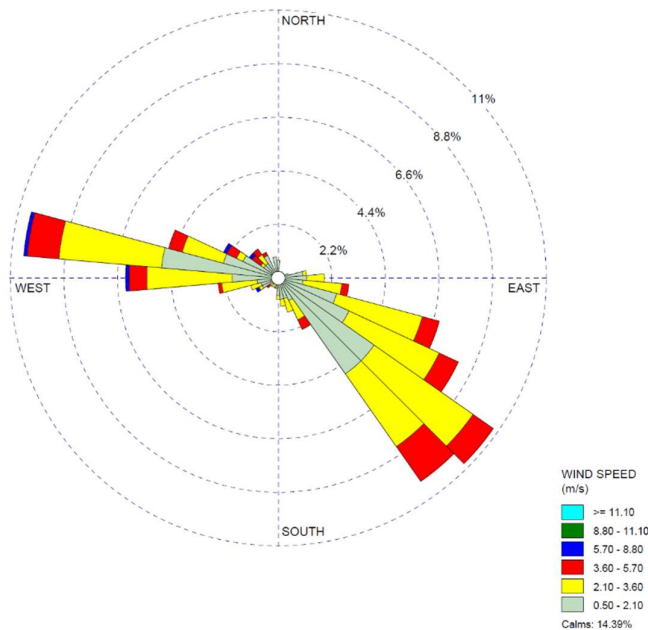


Figure 2 – HVO Corporate Wind Rose for the Reporting Period

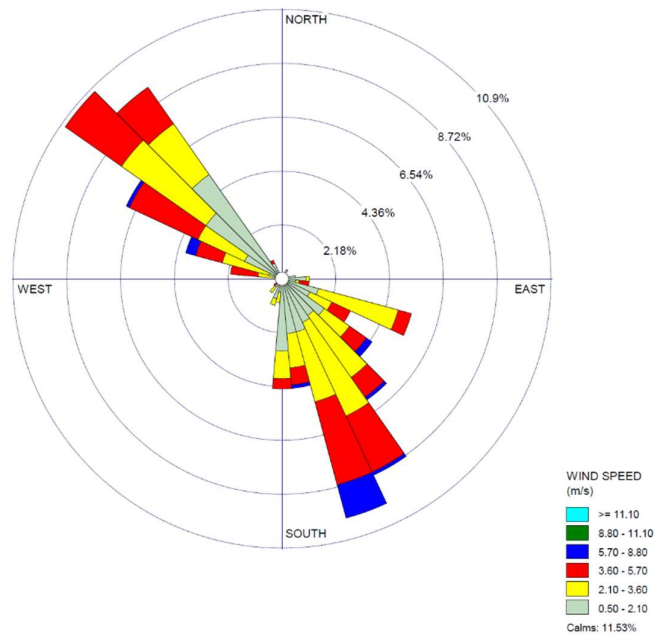


Figure 3 – HVO Cheshunt Wind Rose for the Reporting Period

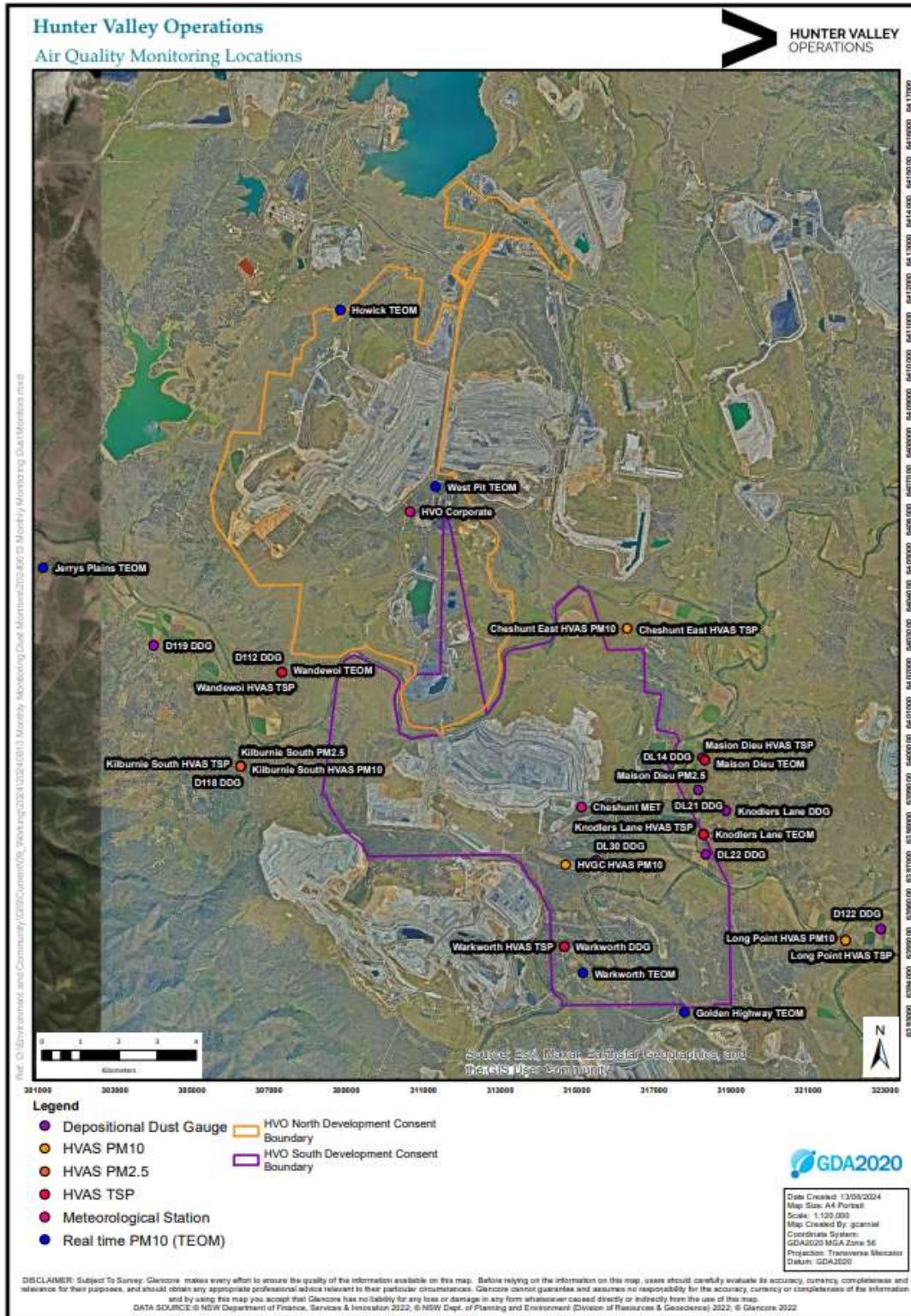


Figure 4 – Air Quality Monitoring Location Plan

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2.2 | DEPOSITIONAL DUST

HVO operates and maintains a network of depositional dust gauges situated on private and mine owned land surrounding HVO to monitor regional air quality.

Figure 5 displays year-to-date (YTD) insoluble solids results from depositional dust gauges during the reporting period compared against the annual impact assessment criteria. Any monthly results deemed to be contaminated (due to presence of bird droppings, insects, etc.) are not displayed. An assessment of HVO's contribution against the long-term impact assessment criteria will be provided in the 2024 Annual Review.

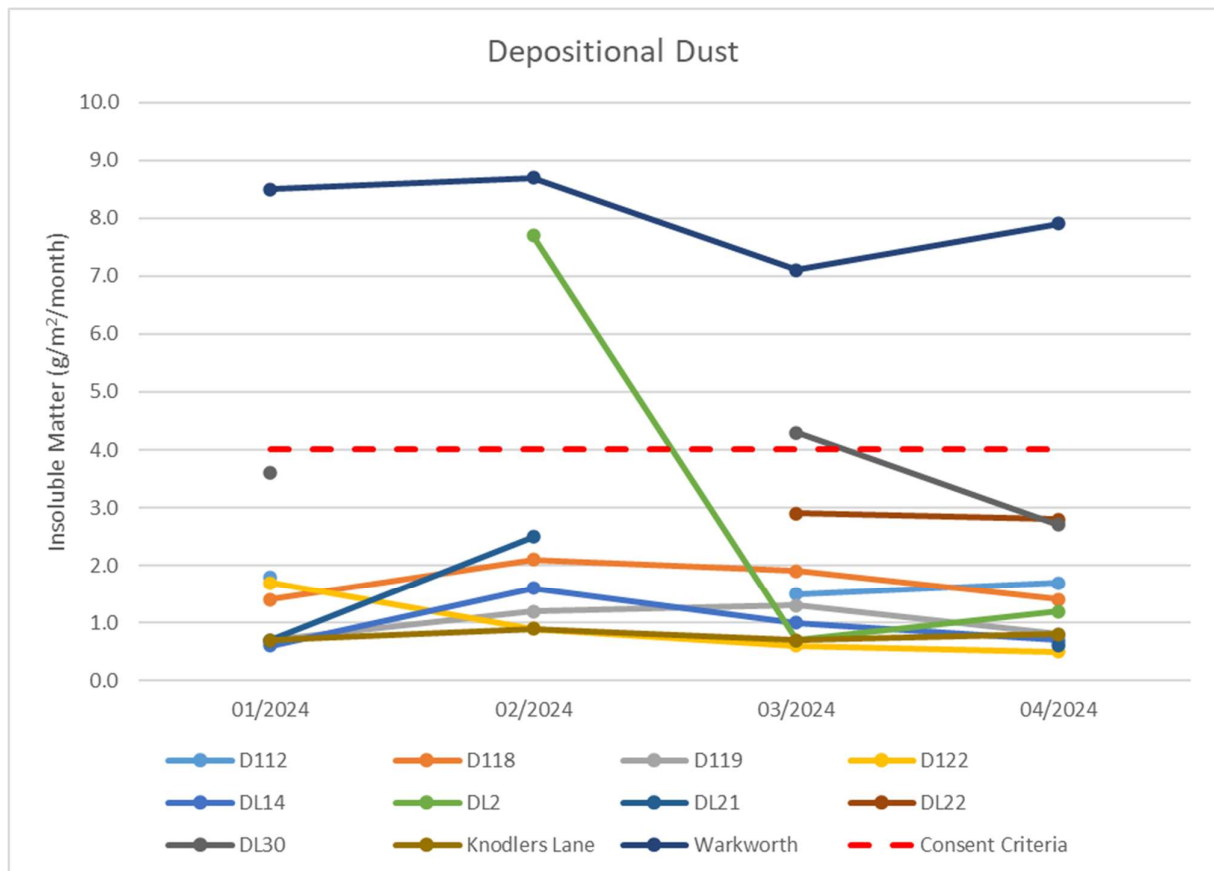


Figure 5 – YTD Depositional Dust Results as at end of the Reporting Period

2.3 | SUSPENDED PARTICLES

Suspended particles are measured by a network of High Volume Air Samplers (HVAS) measuring Total Suspended Particulates (TSP) and Particulate Matter <10µm (PM₁₀). The Kilburnie South and Maison Dieu HVAS also monitor Particulate Matter <2.5µm (PM_{2.5}). The location of these monitors is presented in **Figure 4**. Each HVAS runs for 24-hours on a six-day cycle.

2.3.1 | HVAS PM₁₀ RESULTS

2.3.1.1 | PERFORMANCE AGAINST SHORT TERM IMPACT ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Figure 6 shows individual PM₁₀ results at each monitoring station against the short-term impact assessment criteria of 50µg/m³ for the reporting period. All monitors were below the short-term impact assessment criteria during the reporting period.

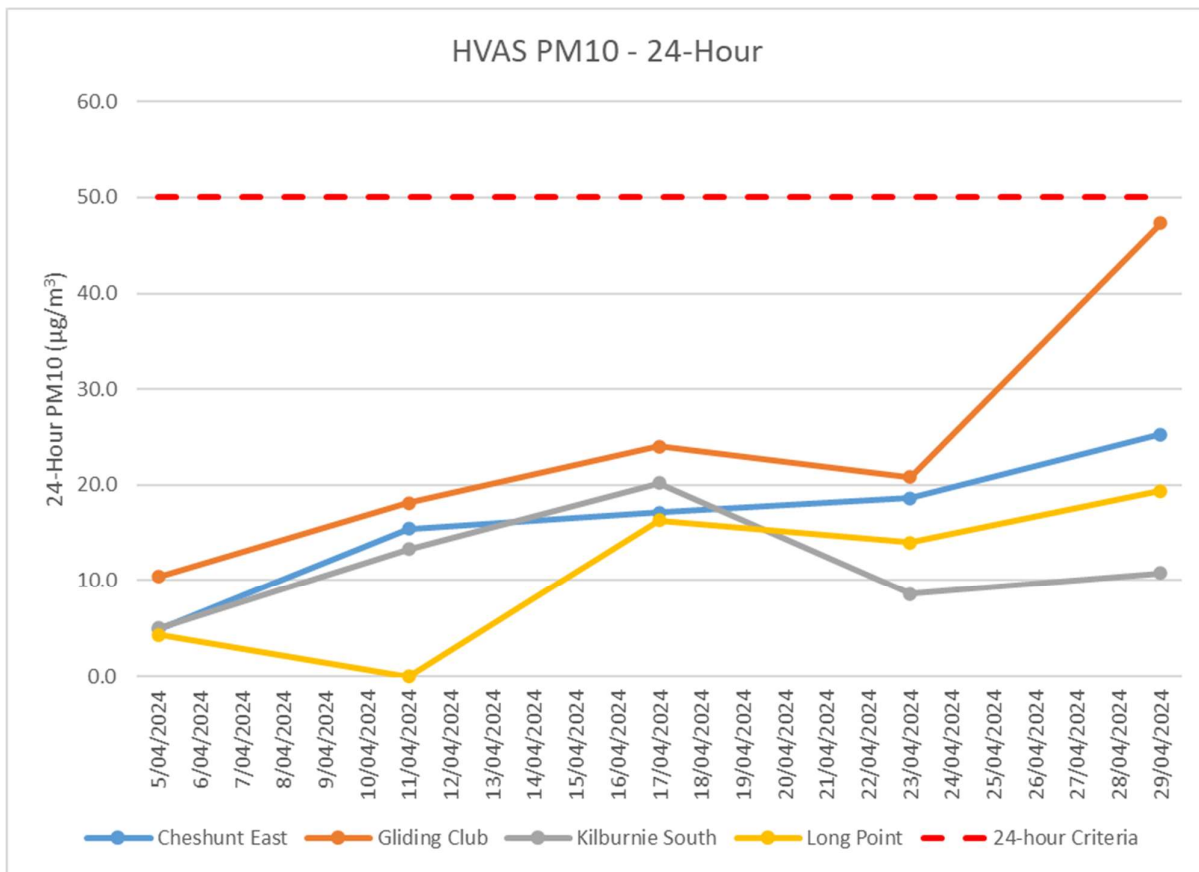


Figure 6 – Individual PM₁₀ Results for the Reporting Period



2.3.1.2 | PERFORMANCE AGAINST LONG TERM IMPACT ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Figure 7 shows the year-to-date annual average PM10 results. The Gliding Club, Kilburnie South and Long Point monitors annual averages reported results greater than the relevant (South) long term impact assessment criteria during the reporting period. All other monitors were below the relevant (North) long term impact assessment criteria during the reporting period.

An assessment of HVO's contribution against the long-term impact assessment criteria will be provided in the 2024 Annual Review.

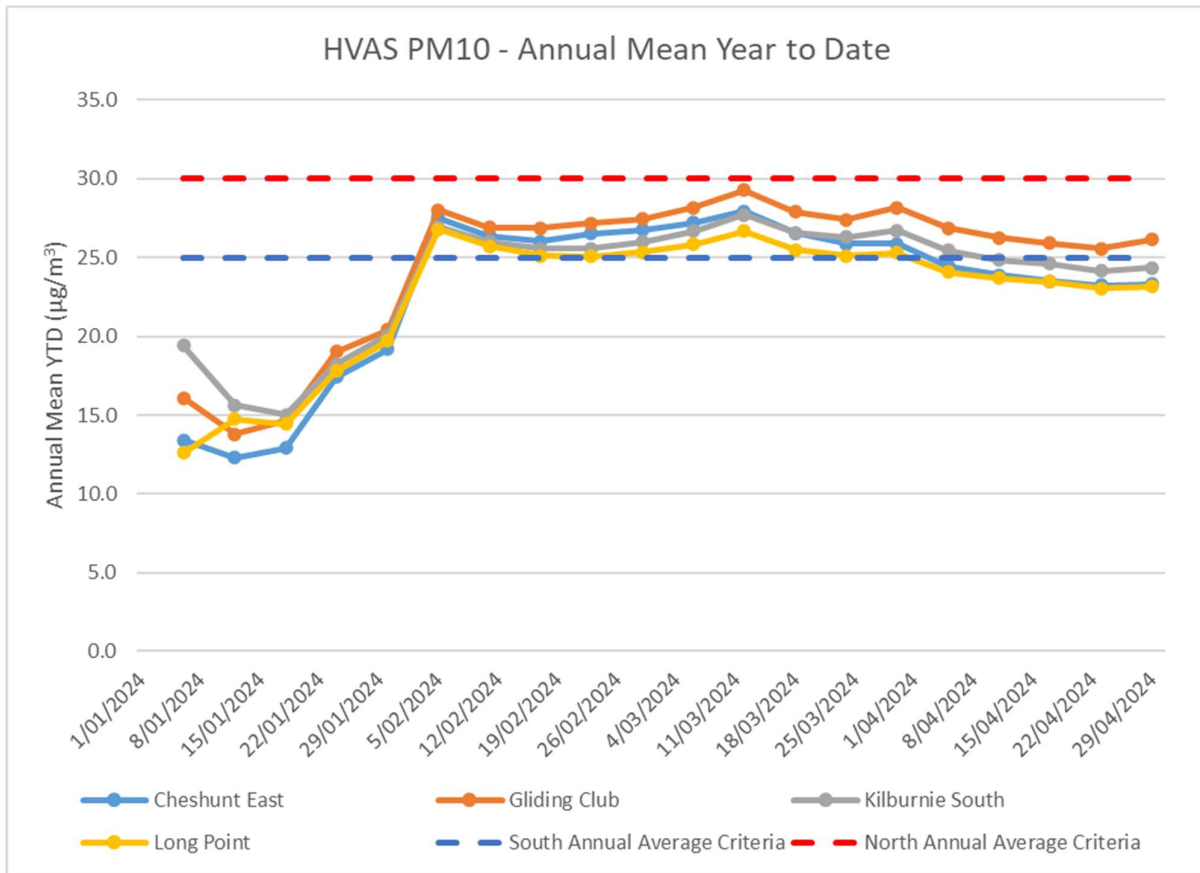


Figure 7 – Year to Date Average PM10 as at end of the Reporting Period

2.3.2 | HVAS PM_{2.5} RESULTS

HVO monitors PM_{2.5} at two HVAS locations, Kilburnie South and Maison Dieu.

2.3.2.1 | HVAS PM_{2.5} RESULTS

Figure 8 shows individual PM_{2.5} results at each monitoring station against the HVO South short-term impact assessment criteria of 25µg/m³ for the reporting period. Both monitors were below the relevant short-term impact assessment criteria during the reporting period.

An assessment of HVO’s contribution against the long-term impact assessment criteria will be provided in the 2024 Annual Review.

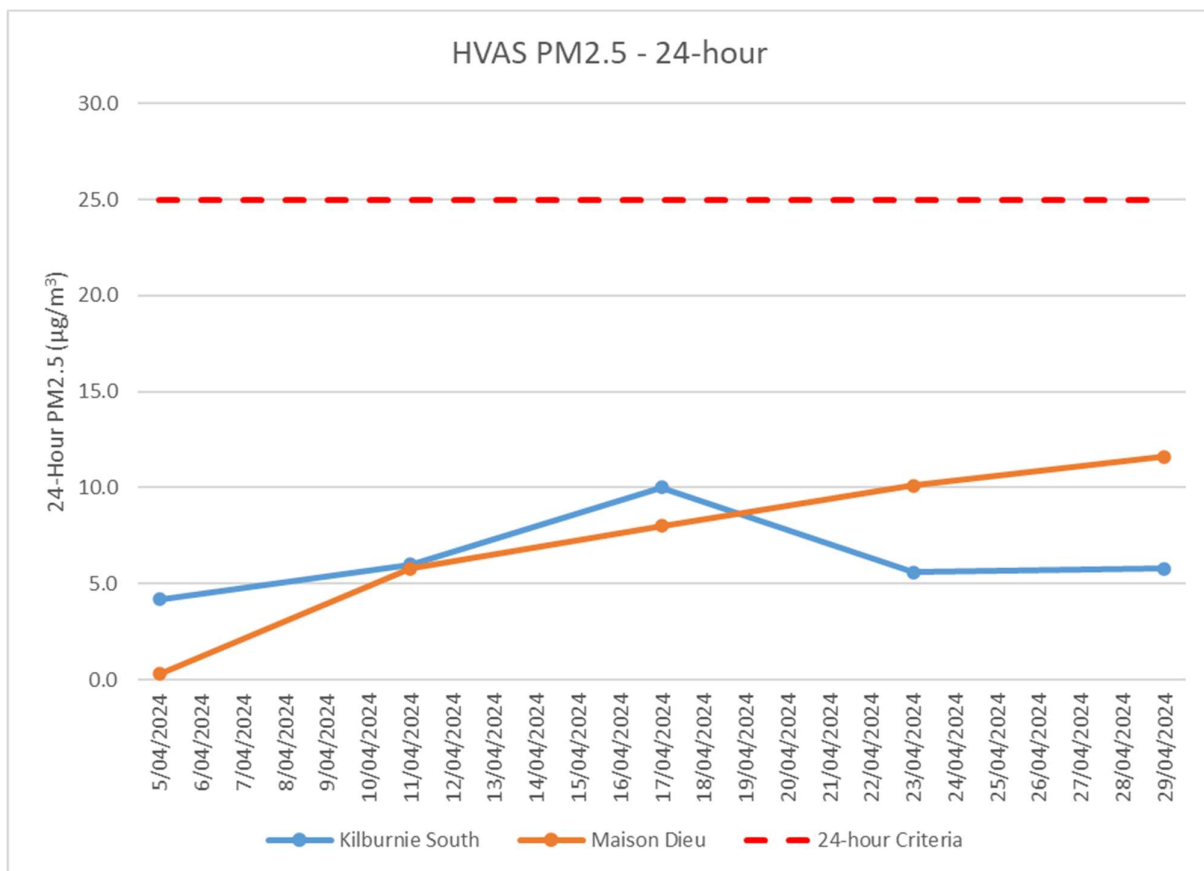


Figure 8 - Results for the Reporting Period

2.3.2.2 | PERFORMANCE AGAINST LONG TERM IMPACT ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Figure 9 shows the year-to-date annual average PM_{2.5} results. During the reporting period, the Knodlers Lane and Warkworth monitors annual average year to date results were both above the PM_{2.5} Annual Rolling Mean criteria of 8µg/m³.

An assessment of HVO’s contribution against the long-term impact assessment criteria will be provided in the 2024 Annual Review.

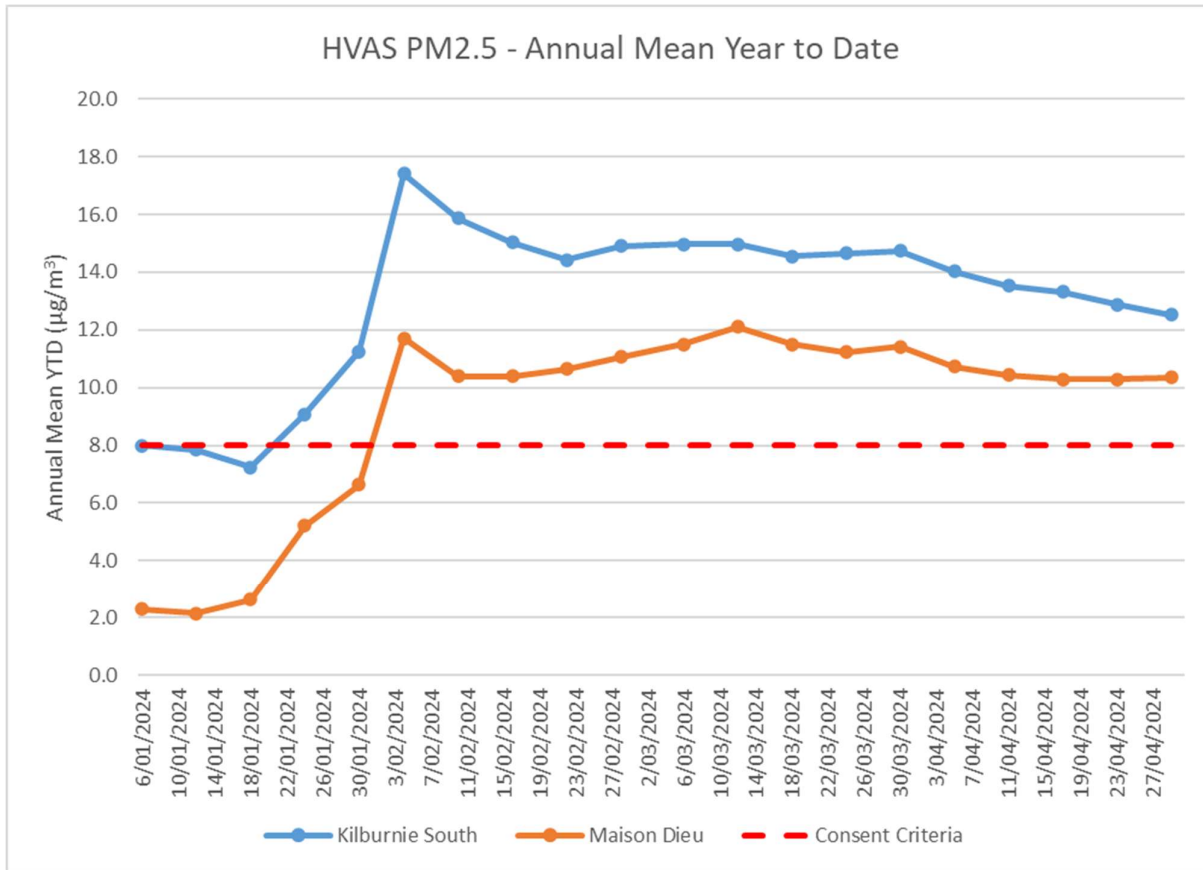


Figure 9 - Year to Date Average PM_{2.5} as at end of the Reporting Period

2.3.3 | TSP RESULTS

2.3.3.1 | PERFORMANCE AGAINST LONG TERM IMPACT ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Figure 10 shows the annual average TSP results compared against the long-term impact assessment criteria of 90µg/m³.

All monitors, except for Knodlers Lane and Warkworth, were below the relevant long-term impact assessment criteria during the reporting period.

An assessment of HVO's contribution against the long-term impact assessment criteria will be provided in the 2024 Annual Review.

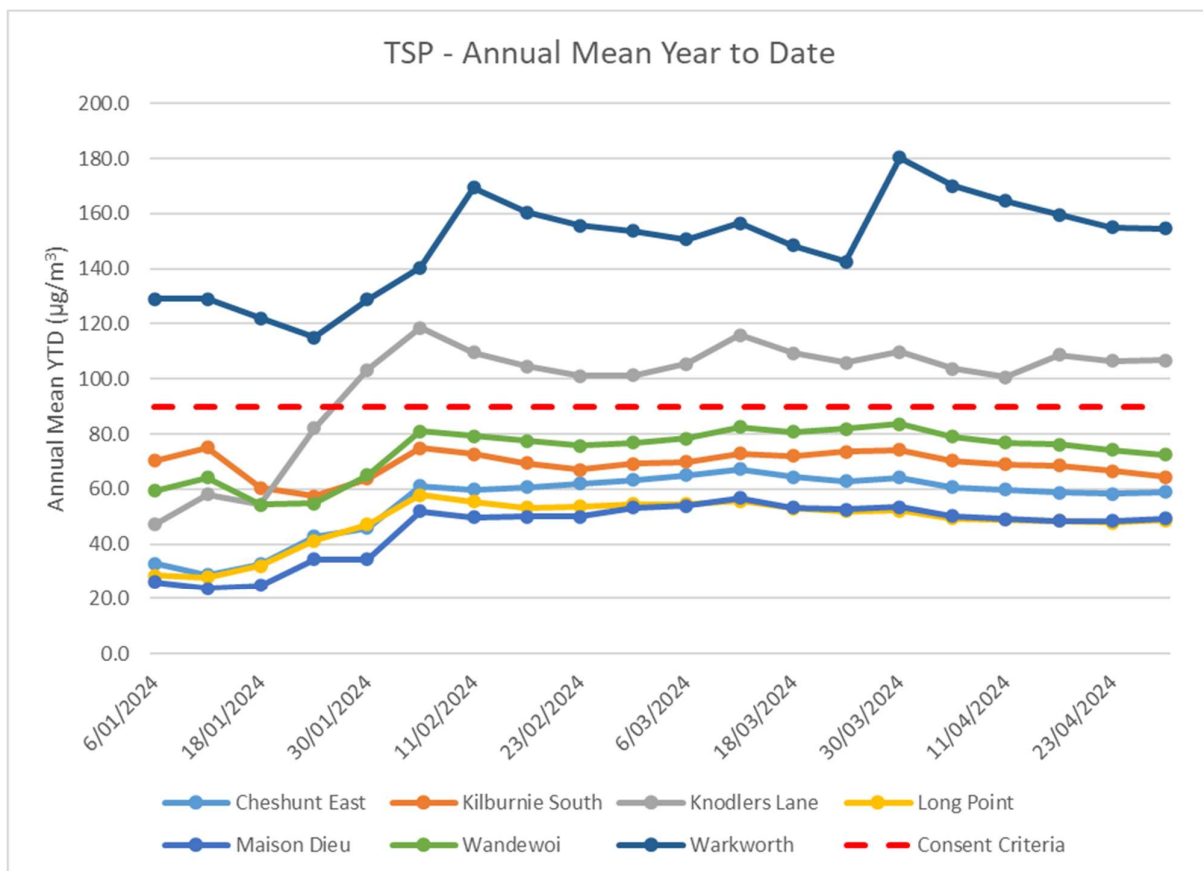


Figure 10 - Year to Date Average Total Suspended Particulates as at end of the Reporting Period

2.3.4 | REAL TIME PM₁₀ RESULTS

HVO maintains a network of real time PM₁₀ monitors. The real time air quality monitoring stations continuously record information and transmit data to a central database, generating alarms when particulate matter levels exceed internal HVO trigger levels. Results from real time PM₁₀ monitoring are used as a reactive measure to guide mining operations to help achieve compliance with the relevant conditions of the project approval.

Figure 11 shows the daily 24-hour average PM₁₀ result from the real time monitoring sites. During the reporting period, daily results were below the 24hr average criteria of 50µg/m³ with the exception of Knodlers Lane monitor on 16 and 17 April. These exceedances were investigated internally by HVO and it was found that the maximum calculated HVO contribution was below the compliance limit.

Figure 12 shows the annual rolling average PM₁₀ results from the real time monitoring sites. The annual average results for all monitors are currently below the relevant long-term impact assessment criteria for the reporting period.

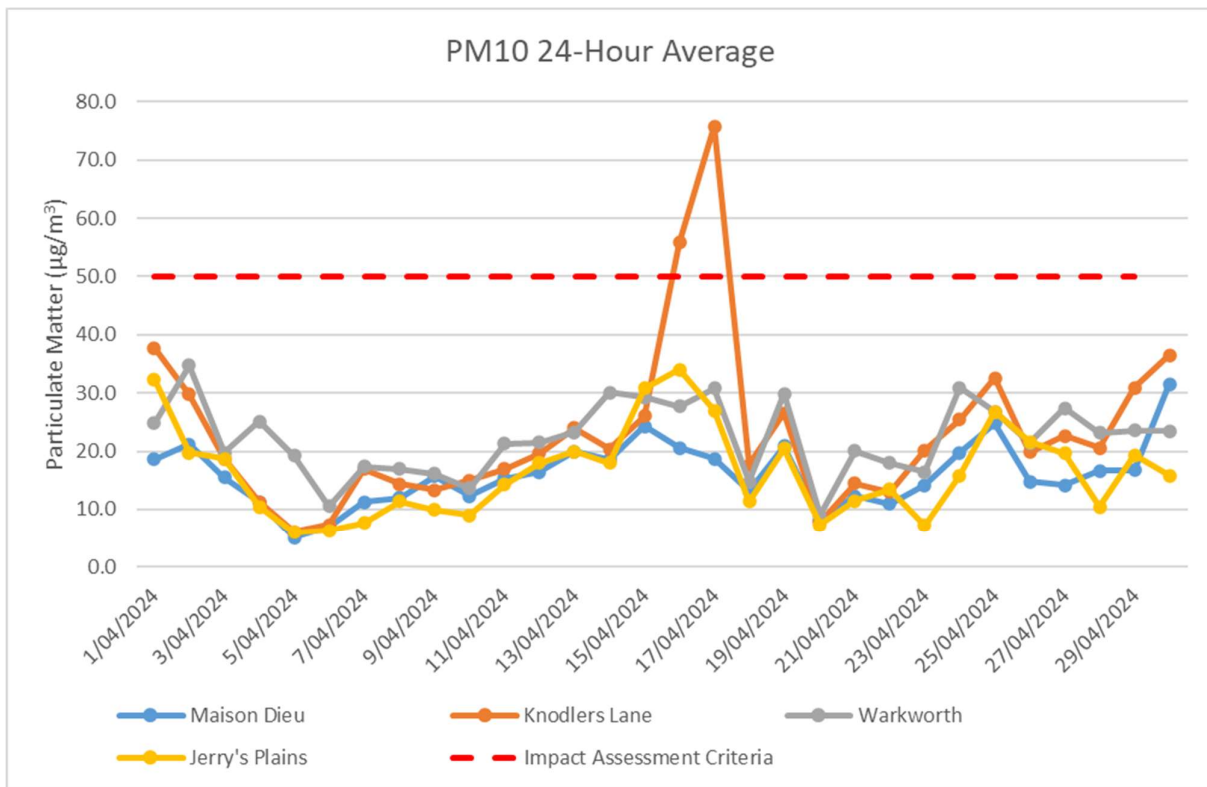


Figure 11 – Real Time PM₁₀ 24hr for the Reporting Period

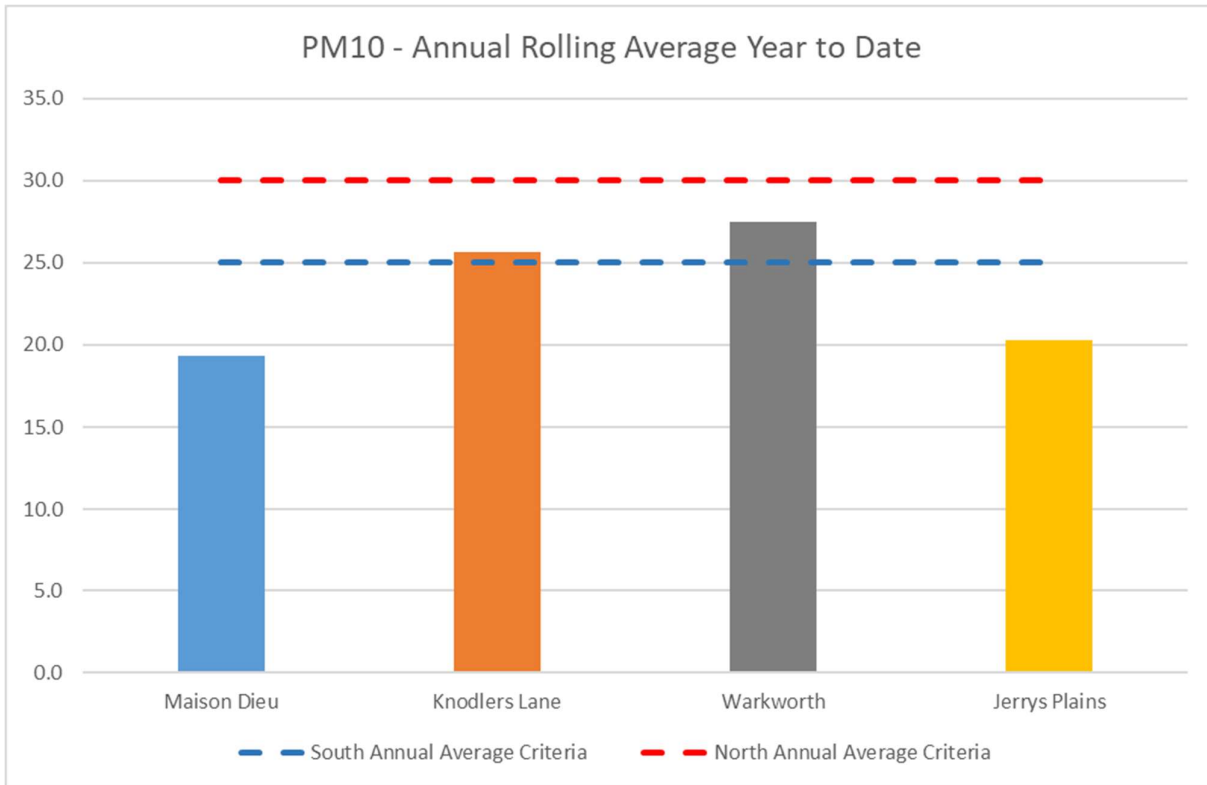


Figure 12 – Real Time PM₁₀ Annual Average for the Reporting Period

2.3.5 | REAL TIME ALARMS FOR AIR QUALITY

The real time monitoring system generated sixty-one (61) automated air quality related alarms during the reporting period. Fifteen (15) alarms related to adverse weather conditions (wind or rain) and forty-six (46) alarms related to dust conditions.

3 | WATER QUALITY

HVO maintains a network of surface water and groundwater monitoring sites.

3.1 | SURFACE WATER

Surface watercourses are sampled on a quarterly sampling regime. Water quality is assessed through the parameters of pH, electrical conductivity (EC) and Total Suspended Solids (TSS). The location of surface water monitoring points across HVO is shown in **Figure 13**.

Results from monitoring on site dams, the Hunter River and other natural tributaries are provided on a quarterly basis. Results will be provided in the June 2024 Monthly Environmental Monitoring Report.

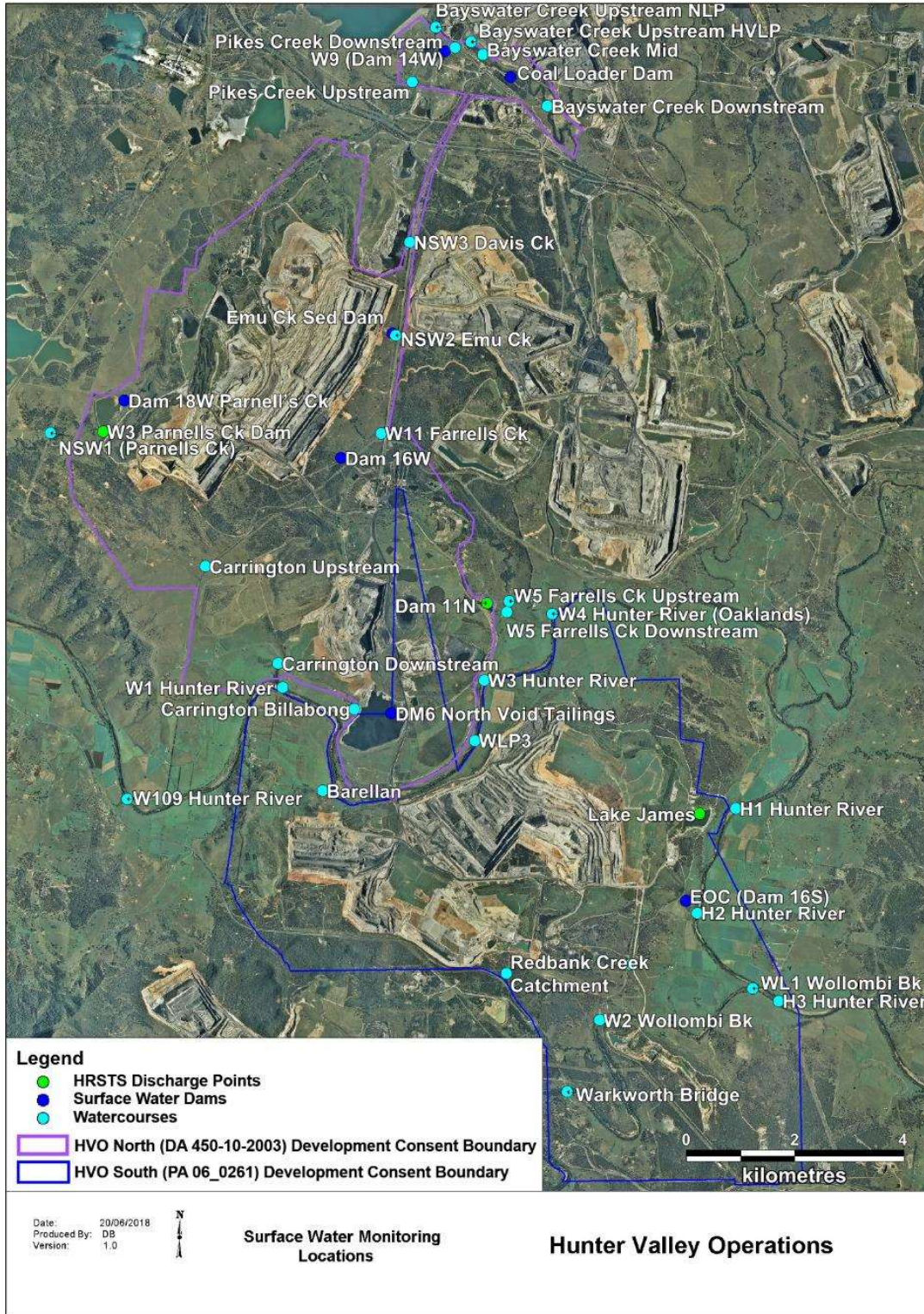


Figure 13 – HVO Surface Water Monitoring Locations

3.1.1 | SURFACE WATER TRIGGER TRACKING

Internal trigger limits have been developed to assess monitoring data on an on-going basis and to highlight potentially adverse surface water impacts. The process for evaluating monitoring results against the internal triggers and subsequent responses are outlined in the HVO Water Management Plan.

Surface water trigger tracking results are provided on a quarterly basis. Results will be reported in the June 2024 Monthly Environmental Monitoring Report.

3.2 | SITE WATER USE

HVO is permitted to extract water from the Hunter River under water allocation licenses issued by Water NSW.

HVO did not extract water from the Hunter River during the reporting period.

3.3 | HRSTS DISCHARGE

HVO participates in the Hunter River Salinity Trading Scheme (HRSTS), allowing discharge from licensed discharge points Dam 11N (to Farrell's Creek), Lake James (to the Hunter River) and Parnell's Dam (to Parnell's Creek). Discharges can only take place subject to HRSTS regulations.

HVO did not undertake any HRSTS discharges during the reporting period.

3.4 | GROUNDWATER MONITORING RESULTS

Groundwater monitoring is undertaken on a quarterly basis in accordance with the HVO Water Management Plan and Groundwater Monitoring Programme. The location of groundwater monitoring points across HVO are show in **Figure 14**.

Groundwater monitoring results are provided on a quarterly basis. Results will be provided in the June 2024 Monthly Environmental Monitoring Report.

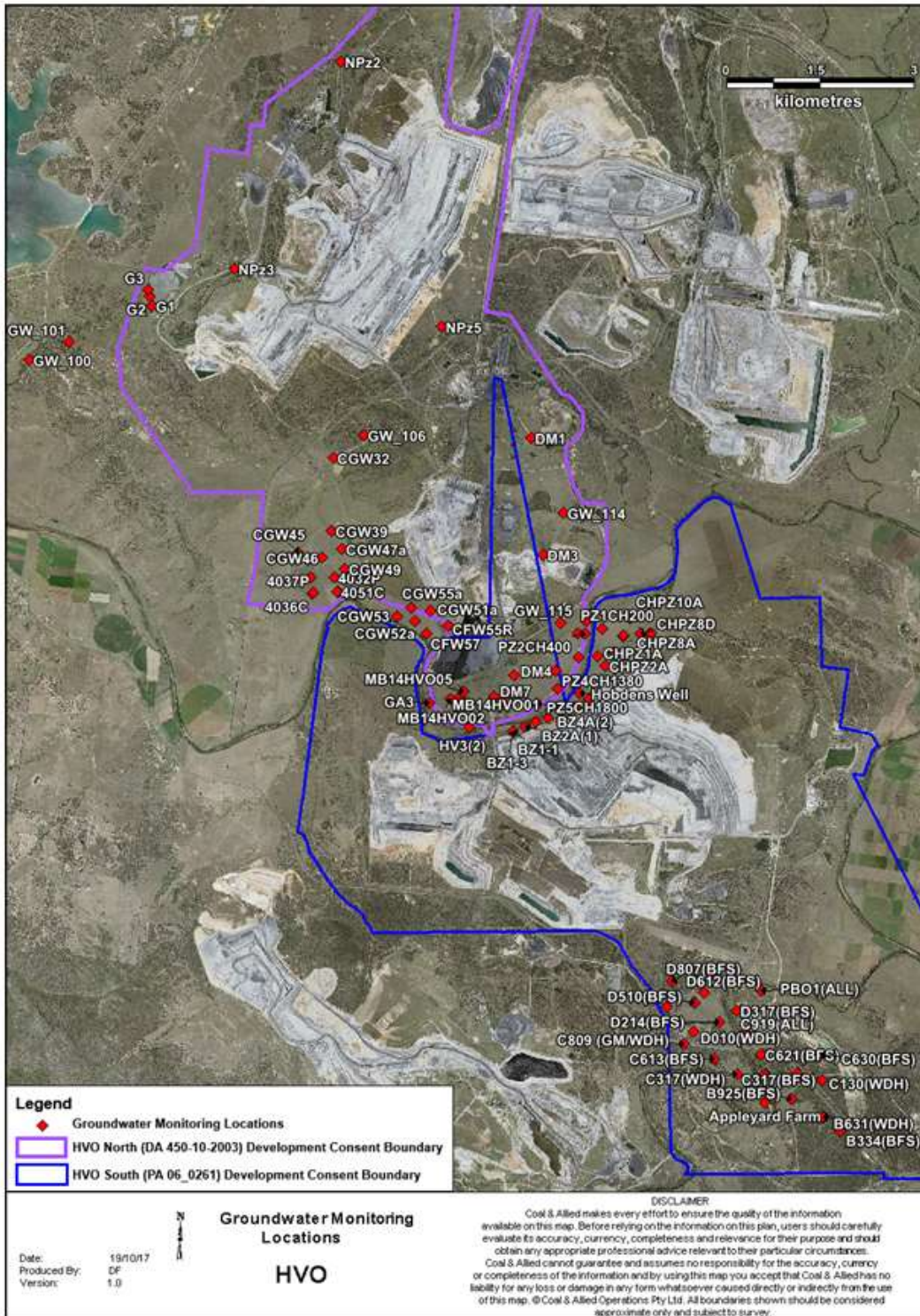


Figure 14 - Groundwater Monitoring Locations at HVO



3.4.1 | GROUNDWATER TRIGGER TRACKING

Internal trigger limits have been developed to assess monitoring data on an on-going basis and to highlight potentially adverse groundwater impacts. The process for evaluating monitoring results against the internal triggers and subsequent responses is outlined in the HVO Water Management Plan.

Groundwater trigger tracking results are provided on a quarterly basis. Results will be provided in the June 2024 Monthly Environmental Monitoring Report.



4 | BLASTING

HVO maintains a network of blast monitoring units located at nearby privately owned residences and function as regulatory compliance monitors. The location of these monitors can be found in **Figure 15**. Blasting criteria for HVO are summarised in **Table 2**.

Table 2 – Blasting Criteria

| Airblast Overpressure (dBL) | Comments |
|------------------------------------|---|
| 115 | 5% of the total number of blasts in a 12-month period |
| 120 | 0% of blasts |
| Ground Vibration (mm/s) | Comments |
| 5 | 5% of the total number of blasts in a 12-month period |
| 10 | 0% of blasts |

4.1 | BLAST MONITORING RESULTS

Twenty-one (21) blasts were initiated at HVO during the reporting period. Blast monitoring results for the period are shown in **Table 3** and **Table 4**.

Table 3 – Overpressure Blast Monitoring Results for the reporting period

| Date and Time | Moses Crossing (dBL) | Jerrys Plains Village (dBL) | Maison Dieu (dBL) | Warkworth (dBL) | Knodlers Lane (dBL) |
|------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| 2/04/2024 13:29 | 105.48 | 106.01 | 103.68 | 105.39 | 105.48 |
| 2/04/2024 14:20 | 97.60 | 82.70 | 101.89 | 98.82 | 97.60 |
| 2/04/2024 14:24 | 89.48 | 85.91 | 96.79 | 90.65 | 89.48 |
| 3/04/2024 14:25 | 95.20 | 80.36 | 86.02 | 81.40 | 95.20 |
| 4/04/2024 11:42 | 93.37 | 90.92 | 98.00 | 93.58 | 93.37 |
| 4/04/2024 13:09 | 99.45 | 93.72 | 101.24 | 88.60 | 99.45 |
| 12/04/2024 13:15 | 99.44 | 86.39 | 101.51 | 87.39 | 99.44 |
| 13/04/2024 16:31 | 97.49 | 87.17 | 95.15 | 92.22 | 97.49 |
| 15/04/2024 10:45 | 84.48 | 87.15 | 91.73 | 89.25 | 84.48 |
| 15/04/2024 12:54 | 85.60 | 76.93 | 79.73 | 87.41 | 85.60 |
| 17/04/2024 14:40 | 90.73 | 86.50 | 90.11 | 86.47 | 90.73 |
| 18/04/2024 13:31 | 82.91 | 94.29 | 93.32 | 88.77 | 82.91 |
| 18/04/2024 13:34 | 94.61 | 96.53 | 92.40 | 97.41 | 94.61 |
| 20/04/2024 13:18 | 103.24 | 86.57 | 91.89 | 91.02 | 103.24 |
| 20/04/2024 13:19 | 94.41 | 92.19 | 92.43 | 89.76 | 94.41 |
| 26/04/2024 11:25 | 97.67 | 93.87 | 96.65 | 94.71 | 97.67 |
| 26/04/2024 13:06 | 86.74 | 84.70 | 85.75 | 88.60 | 86.74 |
| 27/04/2024 14:09 | 93.74 | 90.18 | 99.80 | 86.77 | 93.74 |
| 29/04/2024 13:56 | 99.46 | 97.96 | 95.83 | 87.30 | 99.46 |
| 29/04/2024 13:58 | 96.89 | 96.38 | 92.88 | 94.97 | 96.89 |
| 30/04/2024 13:05 | 85.84 | 82.38 | 104.51 | 90.31 | 85.84 |

Table 4 – Ground Vibration Blast Monitoring Results for the reporting period

| | | | | | | |
|----------------|--|-----------------|----------|-------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
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| Date and Time | Moses Crossing (mm/s) | Jerrys Plains Village (mm/s) | Maison Dieu (mm/s) | Warkworth (mm/s) | Knodlers Lane (mm/s) |
|----------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 2/04/2024 13:29 | 0.11 | 0.18 | 0.07 | 0.06 | 0.11 |
| 2/04/2024 14:20 | 0.16 | 0.12 | 0.08 | 0.31 | 0.16 |
| 2/04/2024 14:24 | 0.10 | 0.04 | 0.05 | 0.30 | 0.10 |
| 3/04/2024 14:25 | 0.10 | 0.05 | 0.09 | 0.24 | 0.10 |
| 4/04/2024 11:42 | 0.09 | 0.06 | 0.08 | 0.14 | 0.09 |
| 4/04/2024 13:09 | 0.10 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.07 | 0.10 |
| 12/04/2024 13:15 | 0.13 | 0.13 | 0.30 | 0.11 | 0.13 |
| 13/04/2024 16:31 | 0.27 | 0.11 | 0.28 | 0.86 | 0.27 |
| 15/04/2024 10:45 | 0.07 | 0.03 | 0.06 | 0.43 | 0.07 |
| 15/04/2024 12:54 | 0.09 | 0.03 | 0.06 | 0.73 | 0.09 |
| 17/04/2024 14:40 | 0.09 | 0.04 | 0.07 | 0.24 | 0.09 |
| 18/04/2024 13:31 | 0.14 | 0.07 | 0.11 | 0.18 | 0.14 |
| 18/04/2024 13:34 | 0.08 | 0.04 | 0.06 | 0.03 | 0.08 |
| 20/04/2024 13:18 | 0.15 | 0.04 | 0.07 | 0.31 | 0.15 |
| 20/04/2024 13:19 | 0.26 | 0.09 | 0.15 | 0.28 | 0.26 |
| 26/04/2024 11:25 | 0.22 | 0.11 | 0.49 | 1.40 | 0.22 |
| 26/04/2024 13:06 | 0.12 | 0.04 | 0.07 | 0.30 | 0.12 |
| 27/04/2024 14:09 | 0.07 | 0.02 | 0.10 | 0.18 | 0.07 |
| 29/04/2024 13:56 | 0.10 | 0.12 | 0.07 | 0.16 | 0.10 |
| 29/04/2024 13:58 | 0.13 | 0.37 | 0.07 | 1.08 | 0.13 |
| 30/04/2024 13:05 | 0.13 | 0.08 | 0.09 | 0.51 | 0.13 |

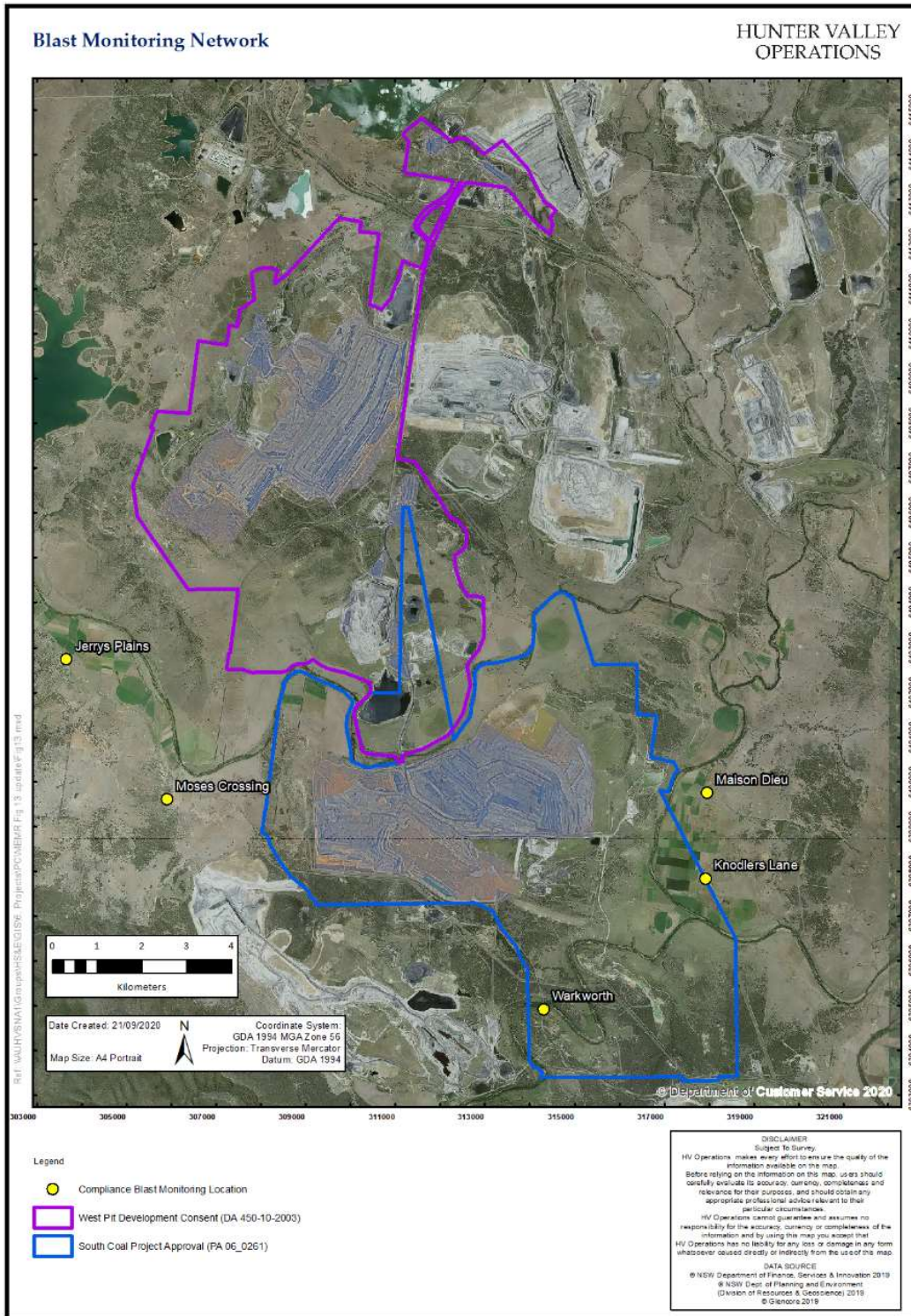


Figure 15 - Blast Monitoring Location Plan

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5 | NOISE

Routine attended noise monitoring occurs at defined locations around HVO, as described in the HVO Noise Monitoring Programme. The noise monitoring aims to quantify and describe the acoustic environment around the site and compare results with specified limits. The attended noise monitoring locations are displayed in **Figure 16**.

5.1 | ATTENDED NOISE MONITORING RESULTS

Attended monitoring was conducted at receiver locations around HVO during the night period of 10 April 2024.

Compliance with the HVO noise impact limits ensures compliance with the land acquisition criteria. Therefore, since no noise impact exceedances occurred for the reporting period the land acquisition assessment has not been presented. These will only be reported in instances of noise impact exceedances.

Monitoring results are detailed in **Table 5** and **Table 6**.

Table 5 - LAeq,15minute and 1minute HVO North Against Impact Assessment Criteria for the Reporting Period

| Location | Start date and time | Wind | | Stability class | Very enhancing? ¹ | HVO North limits, dB ¹ | | HVO North levels, dB | | Exceedances, dB | |
|------------------------------|---------------------|-----------|------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|--|----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| | | Speed m/s | Direction ³ | | | L _{Aeq,15minute} | L _{A1,1min} | L _{Aeq,15minute} ² | L _{A1,1min} | L _{Aeq,15minute} | L _{A1,1min} |
| Shearers Lane | 10/04/2024 21:00 | 0.0 | - | G | No | 35 | 46 | IA | IA | N/A | N/A |
| Knodlers Lane | 10/04/2024 21:40 | 1.1 | 220 | E | Yes | 35 | 46 | IA | IA | Nil | Nil |
| Maison Dieu | 10/04/2024 21:19 | 0.5 | 194 | F | Yes | 35 | 46 | IA | IA | Nil | Nil |
| Long Point (Dights Crossing) | 10/04/2024 22:27 | 0.3 | 282 | G | No | 35 | 46 | IA | IA | N/A | N/A |
| Kilburnie South | 10/04/2024 23:24 | 1.2 | 297 | F | Yes | 39 | 46 | IA | IA | Nil | Nil |
| Jerrys Plains East | 10/04/2024 23:00 | 0.0 | - | G | No | 39 | 46 | IA | IA | N/A | N/A |
| Jerrys Plains Village | 10/04/2024 21:27 | 0.0 | - | G | No | 40 | 46 | <30 | <30 | N/A | N/A |
| Jerrys Plains West | 10/04/2024 21:00 | 0.0 | - | G | No | 40 | 46 | 28 | 32 | N/A | N/A |

- Noise limits are adjusted by +5 dB during 'very noise-enhancing meteorological conditions' in accordance with the NPfl.
- Site-only LAeq,15minute, includes modifying factor penalties if applicable.
- Degrees magnetic north, "-" indicates calm conditions.

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Table 6 - LAeq,15minute and 1minute HVO South Against Impact Assessment Criteria for the Reporting Period

| Location | Start date and time | Wind | | Stability class | Very enhancing? ¹ | HVO South limits, dB ¹ | | HVO South levels, dB | | Exceedances, dB | |
|------------------------------|---------------------|-----------|------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------|----------------------------|----------|-----------------|----------|
| | | Speed m/s | Direction ³ | | | LAeq,15minute | LA1,1min | LAeq,15minute ² | LA1,1min | LAeq,15minute | LA1,1min |
| Shearers Lane | 10/04/2024 21:00 | 1.8 | 179 | D | Yes | 41 | 45 | <25 | <25 | Nil | Nil |
| Knodlers Lane | 10/04/2024 21:40 | 0.9 | 193 | D | Yes | 40 | 45 | <20 | <20 | Nil | Nil |
| Maison Dieu | 10/04/2024 21:19 | 1.2 | 190 | D | Yes | 39 | 45 | <20 | <20 | Nil | Nil |
| Long Point (Dights Crossing) | 10/04/2024 22:27 | 1.1 | 152 | D | Yes | 37 | 45 | IA | IA | Nil | Nil |
| Kilburnie South | 10/04/2024 23:24 | 1.7 | 316 | D | Yes | 39 | 45 | IA | IA | Nil | Nil |
| Jerrys Plains East | 10/04/2024 23:00 | 0.2 | 196 | F | Yes | 38 | 45 | IA | IA | Nil | Nil |
| Jerrys Plains Village | 10/04/2024 21:27 | 0.9 | 197 | D | Yes | 35 | 45 | IA | IA | Nil | Nil |
| Jerrys Plains West | 10/04/2024 21:00 | 1.8 | 179 | D | Yes | 35 | 45 | IA | IA | Nil | Nil |
| HVGC | 10/04/2024 23:59 | 2.4 | 320 | F | No | 55 | -- | IA | IA | N/A | N/A |

- Noise limits are adjusted by +5 dB during 'very noise-enhancing meteorological conditions' in accordance with the NPfI.
- Site-only LAeq,15minute, includes modifying factor penalties if applicable.
- Degrees magnetic north, "--" indicates calm conditions.

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5.2 | LOW FREQUENCY ASSESSMENT

In accordance with the requirements of the EPA's Noise Policy for Industry (NPfI), the applicability of the low frequency modification penalty has been assessed. No penalties were applied for monitoring undertaken through the reporting period. The assessments for the low frequency noise are shown in **Table 7** and **Table 8**.

Table 7 - Modifying Factor Assessment HVO North for the Reporting Period

| Location | Start date and time | Measured HVO South L _{Aeq} dB | Very enhancing? ¹ | Intermittency modifying factor? | Tonality modifying factor? | Frequency of tonality | Low-frequency modifying factor? ^{1,2} | Exceedance of reference spectrum ^{2,3} | Total penalty dB ^{2,3} |
|------------------------------|---------------------|---|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|---|--|------------------------------------|
| Shearers Lane | 10/04/2024 21:00 | IA | No | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Knodlers Lane | 10/04/2024 21:40 | IA | Yes | No | No | N/A | No | N/A | Nil |
| Maison Dieu | 10/04/2024 21:19 | IA | Yes | No | No | N/A | No | N/A | Nil |
| Long Point (Dights Crossing) | 10/04/2024 22:27 | IA | No | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Kilburnie South | 10/04/2024 23:24 | IA | Yes | No | No | N/A | No | N/A | Nil |
| Jerrys Plains East | 10/04/2024 23:00 | IA | No | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Jerrys Plains Village | 10/04/2024 21:27 | 30 | No | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Jerrys Plains West | 10/04/2024 21:00 | 28 | No | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |

1. Low-frequency modifying factors are not applicable during 'very noise-enhancing meteorological conditions' in accordance with the NPfI.

2. NA denotes 'not applicable'.

3. Bold results indicate that application of NPfI modifying factor(s) is required.

Table 8 - Modifying Factor Assessment HVO South for the Reporting Period

| Location | Start date and time | Measured HVO South LAeq dB | Very enhancing? ¹ | Intermittency modifying factor? | Tonality modifying factor? | Frequency of tonality | Low-frequency modifying factor? ^{1,2} | Exceedance of reference spectrum ^{2,3} | Total penalty dB ^{2,3} |
|------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|--|---|---------------------------------|
| Shearers Lane | 10/04/2024 21:00 | <25 | Yes | No | No | N/A | No | N/A | Nil |
| Knodlers Lane | 10/04/2024 21:40 | <20 | Yes | No | No | N/A | No | N/A | Nil |
| Maison Dieu | 10/04/2024 21:19 | <20 | Yes | No | No | N/A | No | N/A | Nil |
| Long Point (Dights Crossing) | 10/04/2024 22:27 | IA | Yes | No | No | N/A | No | N/A | Nil |
| Kilburnie South | 10/04/2024 23:24 | IA | Yes | No | No | N/A | No | N/A | Nil |
| Jerrys Plains East | 10/04/2024 23:00 | IA | Yes | No | No | N/A | No | N/A | Nil |
| Jerrys Plains Village | 10/04/2024 21:27 | IA | Yes | No | No | N/A | No | N/A | Nil |
| Jerrys Plains West | 10/04/2024 21:00 | IA | Yes | No | No | N/A | No | N/A | Nil |
| HVGC | 10/04/2024 23:59 | IA | No | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |

1. NA denotes 'not applicable'

2. NM denotes 'not measurable'

3. Bold results indicate that application of NPfl modifying factor/s is required

5.3 | REAL TIME NOISE MONITORING

HVO utilises a network of real-time directional noise monitors to manage noise impacts on a continuous basis, shown in **Figure 16**. Noise alarms are in place at five monitoring locations (Knodlers Lane, Maison Dieu, Jerrys Plains, Moses Crossing, and Long Point) which alert HVO staff to elevated noise levels that require investigation.

HVO investigates and responds to noise alarms with appropriate modification to operations. Changes in response to a noise alarm can include replacing equipment with alternative units, changing or relocating tasks, or shutting down equipment. It should be noted that this assessment does not compliment or conflict with attended noise monitoring detailed in **Section 5.1**. Real time monitoring data includes non-mine noise sources such as animals, road traffic and weather.

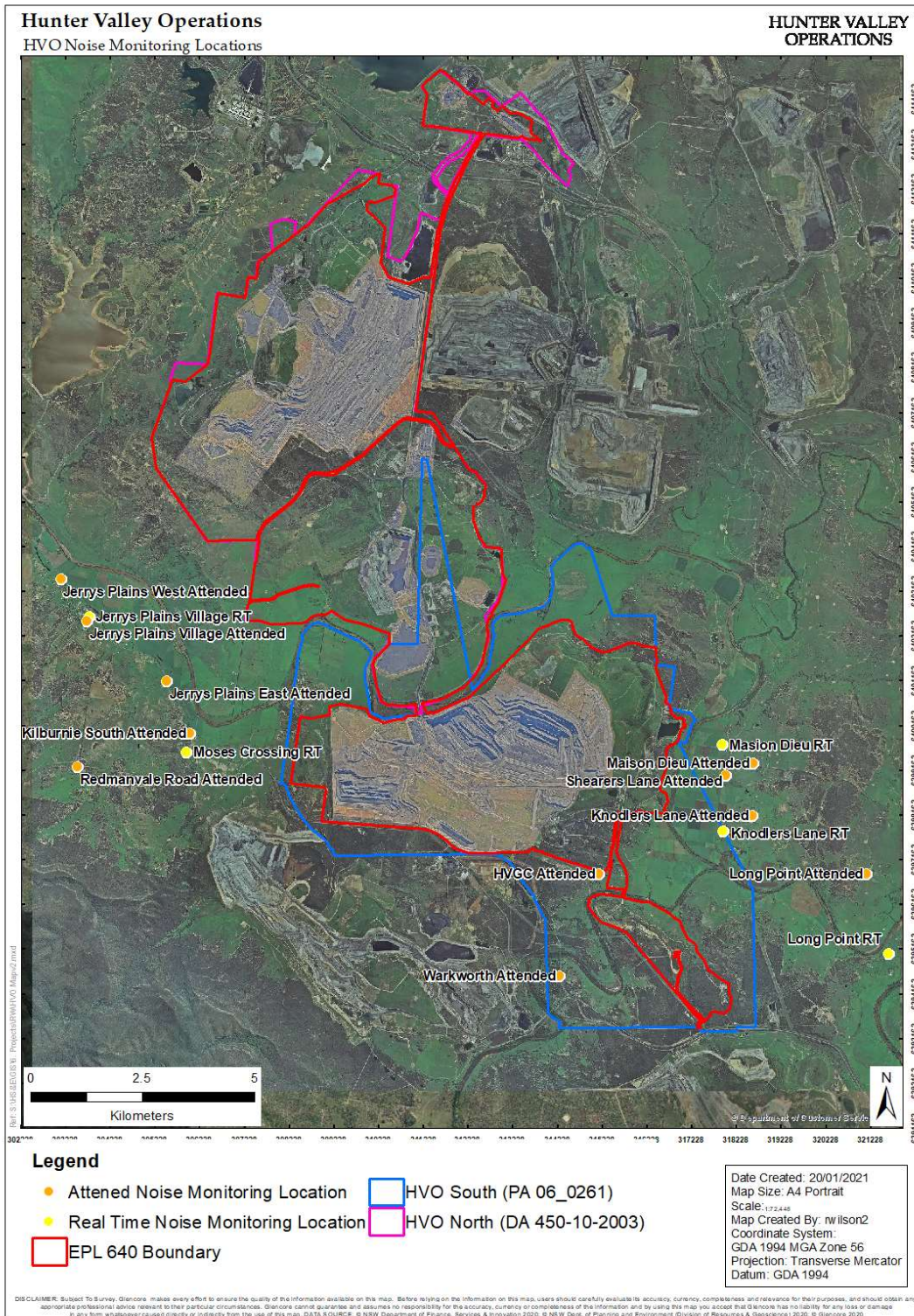


Figure 16 - Noise Monitoring Location Plan

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6 | OPERATIONAL DOWNTIME

Less than one hour of equipment downtime was logged in response to real time monitoring and inspections for environmental factors such as noise and dust during the reporting period. Operational downtime by equipment type is show in **Figure 17**. Note that these delays are instances where operations were completely stopped and does not include occasions where operations were changed/modified but not stopped (e.g. changed from exposed dump to in-pit dump).

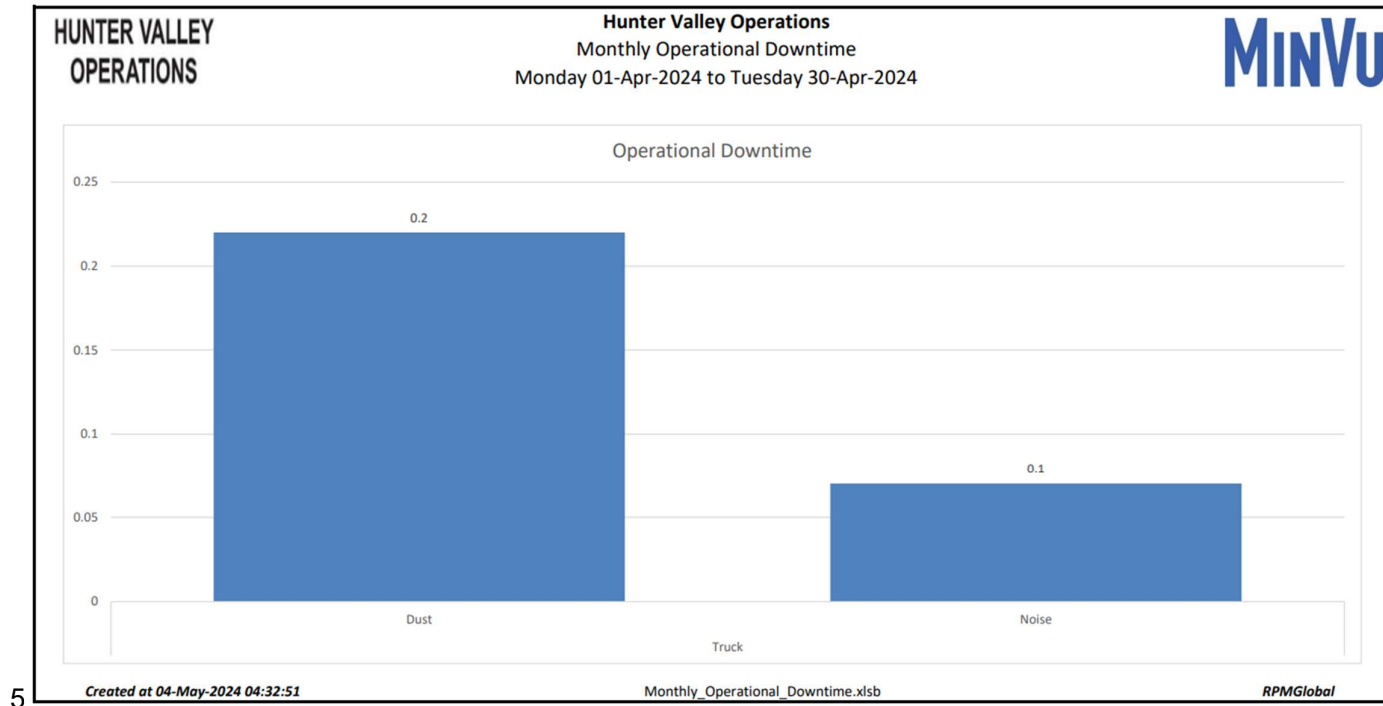


Figure 17 - Operational Downtime by Equipment Type for the Reporting Period

7 | REHABILITATION

The following activities related to rehabilitation were completed during the reporting period:

- 0.91ha of land was reshaped;
- 0.91ha of land was released (became available for the application of topsoil);
- 0.00ha of land was topsoiled; and
- 0.00ha of land was rehabilitated.

Year to date progress is shown in **Figure 18**.

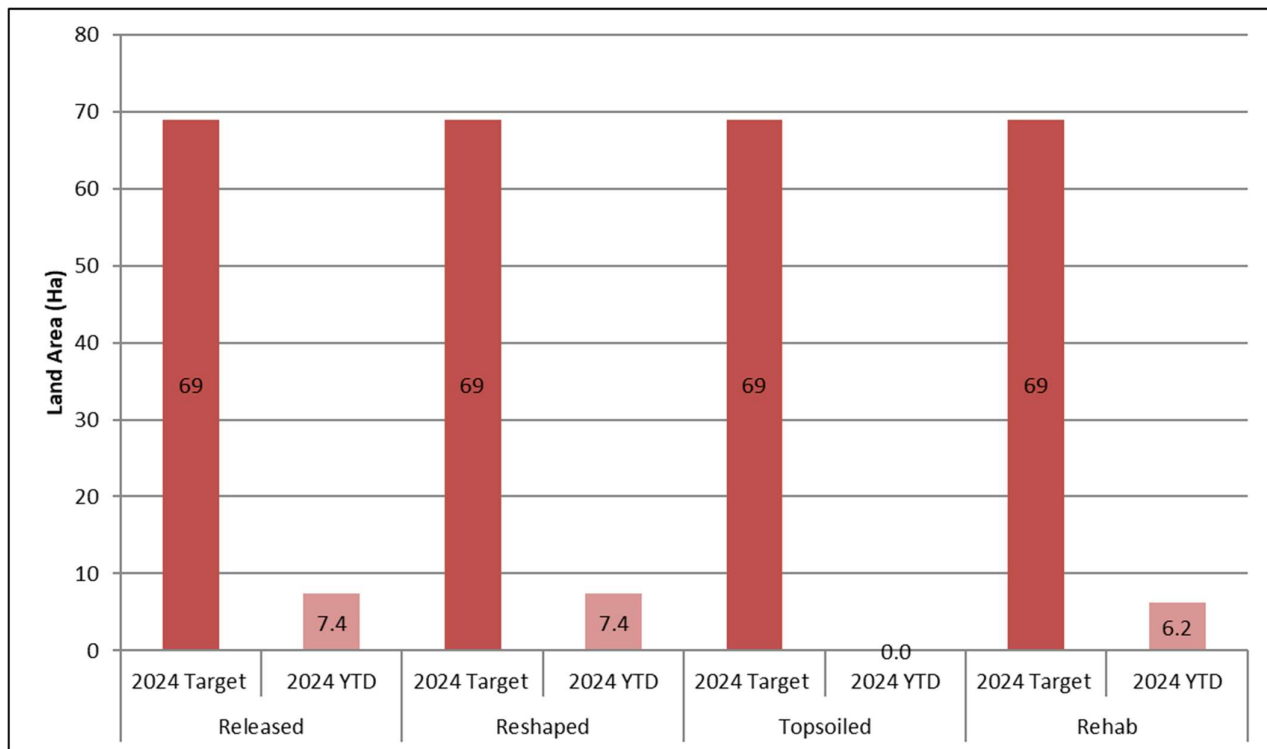


Figure 18 - Rehabilitation YTD April 2024

8 | COMPLAINTS

No complaints were received during the reporting period. Details of complaints received during 2024 are shown in **Table 9**.

Table 9 - Complaints Summary 2024

| Complaint Number | Date | Time | Complainant ID | Nature of Complaint | Mode of Complaint | Brief Description and Response |
|---|----------|--------|----------------|---------------------|-------------------|--|
| No community complaints were received during January | | | | | | |
| No community complaints were received during February | | | | | | |
| 1 | 12 March | 8:59pm | 1 | Noise | Community Hotline | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A resident of Jerrys Plains called the Community Complaints Hotline at 8:59pm regarding noise, commenting that “noise is pretty loud tonight” as well as equipment horns could be heard. The OCE on duty in South Pit contacted the resident at 9:02pm and subsequently notified the OCE on duty in West Pit. Following communication between West Pit OCE and relevant equipment operators, horn use and dumping practices – thought to be the causes of the disturbance – were altered and/or stopped. An internal investigation conducted following the complaint found that no noise alarms had triggered within one hour of the complaint. Horn noise was audible from noise recordings at the Jerrys Plains noise monitor. |
| 2 | 2 April | 1:31pm | 2 | Blast | Community Hotline | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A resident of Jerrys Plains called the United Wambo Joint Venture (UWJV) Community Complaints Hotline at 1:31pm regarding noise and vibration from a blast. This was relayed to HVO given they did not have a blast at that time. |

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REPORT | MONTHLY ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING REPORT APRIL 2024

| Complaint Number | Date | Time | Complainant ID | Nature of Complaint | Mode of Complaint | Brief Description and Response |
|------------------|---------|---------|----------------|---------------------|-------------------|---|
| | | | | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A member of the HVO Environment and Community team contacted the resident to advise a blast had been fired in the Mitchell Pit at 1:29pm. The closest monitor to the resident recorded overpressure of 105.5 dBL against a criteria of 120 dBL and ground vibration of 0.11mm/s against a criteria of 10mm/s. |
| 3 | 4 April | 12:30pm | 3 | Traffic | Community Hotline | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A resident of Jerrys Plains called the Community Complaints Hotline at 12:30pm regarding traffic incidents at HVO North entry off Lemington Road. The resident reported that a vehicle exiting HVO North on the afternoon of 3 April failed to stop at the stop sign and almost collided with his wife's vehicle. They have witnessed other vehicles failing to stop at the same location within the past two months. An internal investigation following the complaint resulted in a site-wide presentation about the importance of road safety whilst travelling to and from HVO delivered at daily HCOMs. Vegetation maintenance was performed to increase visibility at the intersection. |

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9 | ENVIRONMENTAL INCIDENTS

There was one (1) reportable environmental incident during the reporting period. A summary of this incident is provided below.

15/04/2024 – Long Point HVAS PM₁₀ mis-capture

HVO were notified by the monitoring contractor that the Long Point PM₁₀ HVAS failed to run for the full monitoring period on 11 April 2024. The technician collecting the sample noted the unit was without power upon their arrival. The residual current device (RCD) for the unit was found to be in the 'off' position and was subsequently reset. A subsequent inspection of the unit and power supply was completed by an electrician with no issues being detected. The monitoring unit was reset and successfully collected subsequent samples. The Department of Planning Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) were notified of the mis-capture.



APPENDIX A: METEOROLOGICAL DATA (HVO CORPORATE)

| Date | Air Temp Max (°C) | Air Temp Min (°C) | Relative Humidity (Max %) | Relative Humidity (Min %) | Solar Radiation Maximum (W/Sq. M) | Average Wind Direction (°) | Average Wind Speed (m/sec) | Rainfall (mm) |
|------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| 1/04/2024 | 26.70 | 14.86 | 95.60 | 41.78 | 977 | 113.30 | 1.67 | 0.00 |
| 2/04/2024 | 29.30 | 14.78 | 95.20 | 29.26 | 750 | 131.60 | 1.22 | 10.20 |
| 3/04/2024 | 27.02 | 15.43 | 94.00 | 43.67 | 980 | 246.60 | 2.53 | 0.00 |
| 4/04/2024 | 24.90 | 13.04 | 87.10 | 30.37 | 886 | 205.20 | 2.14 | 14.40 |
| 5/04/2024 | 18.58 | 14.68 | 95.90 | 83.30 | 261 | 127.80 | 2.79 | 60.20 |
| 6/04/2024 | 18.09 | 14.64 | 96.40 | 90.40 | 178 | 121.00 | 3.23 | 2.60 |
| 7/04/2024 | 25.88 | 14.17 | 96.50 | 40.23 | 1143 | 274.20 | 2.62 | 0.00 |
| 8/04/2024 | 26.88 | 13.76 | 84.80 | 35.21 | 1077 | 257.10 | 2.58 | 0.00 |
| 9/04/2024 | 25.50 | 14.75 | 88.50 | 37.88 | 1179 | 258.50 | 2.20 | 6.80 |
| 10/04/2024 | 23.07 | 10.05 | 91.10 | 31.26 | 1111 | 236.80 | 2.65 | 0.00 |
| 11/04/2024 | 20.44 | 10.94 | 78.66 | 37.86 | 1180 | 174.80 | 1.80 | 0.00 |
| 12/04/2024 | 22.43 | 9.09 | 83.60 | 34.16 | 826 | 185.10 | 1.12 | 0.00 |
| 13/04/2024 | 24.34 | 10.63 | 93.10 | 35.55 | 854 | 163.70 | 0.97 | 0.00 |
| 14/04/2024 | 26.36 | 12.12 | 93.60 | 31.62 | 764 | 186.20 | 1.15 | 0.00 |
| 15/04/2024 | 26.19 | 12.87 | 95.40 | 33.16 | 846 | 170.60 | 0.62 | 0.00 |
| 16/04/2024 | 25.98 | 13.51 | 87.80 | 29.57 | 867 | 238.60 | 1.35 | 0.00 |
| 17/04/2024 | 26.23 | 14.72 | 94.10 | 44.78 | 916 | 140.90 | 1.28 | 9.60 |
| 18/04/2024 | 25.05 | 14.35 | 92.10 | 43.80 | 565 | 129.10 | 2.46 | 0.20 |
| 19/04/2024 | 23.80 | 13.73 | 92.80 | 47.26 | 1067 | 265.40 | 2.46 | 0.00 |
| 20/04/2024 | 21.00 | 10.60 | 88.00 | 33.10 | 1117 | 210.60 | 1.48 | 7.40 |
| 21/04/2024 | 16.82 | 12.23 | 94.00 | 74.02 | 383 | 138.80 | 2.38 | 0.80 |
| 22/04/2024 | 21.18 | 12.87 | 92.10 | 52.30 | 1080 | 128.70 | 3.01 | 0.00 |
| 23/04/2024 | 22.99 | 11.46 | 93.80 | 45.84 | 1017 | 114.80 | 1.57 | 0.00 |
| 24/04/2024 | 25.06 | 10.41 | 95.20 | 38.13 | 719 | 209.40 | 0.84 | 0.00 |
| 25/04/2024 | 24.65 | 13.00 | 85.20 | 41.75 | 834 | 235.30 | 1.83 | 0.00 |
| 26/04/2024 | 21.09 | 12.28 | 77.72 | 46.29 | 1028 | 128.50 | 1.97 | 0.00 |
| 27/04/2024 | 20.32 | 9.49 | 88.20 | 39.91 | 1072 | 134.90 | 1.31 | 0.00 |
| 28/04/2024 | 21.75 | 9.58 | 91.60 | 49.08 | 779 | 132.60 | 1.48 | 0.00 |
| 29/04/2024 | 23.19 | 11.49 | 94.80 | 43.64 | 964 | 166.60 | 0.65 | 0.00 |
| 30/04/2024 | 25.76 | 11.42 | 90.90 | 30.02 | 1083 | 247.90 | 1.31 | 2.60 |