



Esperance Cleanup and Recovery Project Update

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Detailed sampling has commenced in Stage Two, comprising approximately 100 premises directly to the west of Stage One. Cleaning work continues in Stage One as individual cleaning work packs are developed, based on the analysis of results from the laboratory.

The following items highlight the progress against the various project activities currently underway:

Stage One Sampling

There now remains only four premises in Stage One to be sampled. Results from a further 17 homes have been received from the laboratory and evaluation is underway to determine the required extent of cleaning.

Stage Two Sampling

There has been a good response from owner/occupiers in returning "Consent to Sample" forms for Stage Two, with over half of owners/occupiers already providing a response. Sampling is also well underway, with 25 premises completed to date.



Stage One Cleaning

Cleaning and validation of homes in Stage One is continuing. Jill Stewart has joined the ECRP team through a local recruitment agency. Jill is assisting Kieron Smith with streamlining the process for the correlation of field and laboratory sample data, in order to reduce turnaround time for reporting to owner/occupiers and to develop individual cleaning work packs.

Waste Disposal

A locked sea container and a series of linked and locked Sulo bins have been placed at the Wiley Bay waste disposal facility. The container will house contaminated insulation removed from roof spaces and the smaller bins will hold general cleaning waste such as rags, cloths, mop heads, etc. A truckload of contaminated waste water from roof and rainwater tank cleaning has been sent to an approved disposal site in Albany.

Risk workshop

Risk management consultants from RiskCover presented a workshop in the ECRP offices in Esperance on 25 November to undertake a risk assessment and risk review of the project. In addition to the ECRP team, existing contractors under the Stage One Cleaning project and representation from a local labour hire company also attended to provide valuable operational insight into the project.



Data Management

Following the development of an ECRP Database Requirements Document, the project team is currently evaluating solutions that will not only provide a repository for the vast amount of data generated by the project, but will also provide a workflow capability. This will provide a streamlined and efficient operation of the project as we ramp up into the major sampling and cleaning operations in 2010.

Project Presentations – Kalgoorlie-Boulder Chamber of Commerce and Industry

ECRP Project Director Wayne Winchester and ECRP Project Manager Matthew Devenish gave a presentation to the above group on 2 December 2009 in Kalgoorlie. In addition to providing an overview of the project and the linkages between the various stakeholders and project partners, an update on current activities in respect to sampling and cleaning was also provided. The presentation was well received and there were many questions and much discussion. Esperance Chamber of Commerce and Industry CEO Marcus Tromp also attended to provide support and an Esperance community viewpoint.

Visit by Professor Brian Gulson

The ECRP team was very pleased to receive a recent visit from Professor Brian Gulson, Professorial Fellow (Retired), Graduate School of Environment, Macquarie University and CSIRO Honorary Fellow, Australia.

Professor Gulson is an internationally renowned lead contamination expert with vast experience from Broken Hill, Mt Isa and Newcastle, where he has worked extensively with government, private industry and the community. Professor Gulson gave strong support to the ECRP team for the manner in which the project had been established and was now progressing. He was particularly impressed with the governance structure and the systematic methodology in which the project was being undertaken. He stated that this was an excellent model, which is being watched closely by the international community as a unique case study worldwide. Professor Gulson also provided positive comment and endorsement of the decision tree approach which was developed specifically for determining cleaning requirements in roof spaces for the Esperance scenario.

ECRP staff matters

Samantha Parkyn has been appointed as the ECRP Project Administration Officer on a contract basis.



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