



## Esperance Cleanup and Recovery Project Update

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### Project snapshot

Contracts for the major cleaning project have been awarded to PRC Building Services Pty Ltd and Bay of Isles Mini Excavators Pty Ltd. Mobilisation is currently underway and cleaning will commence from 1 July 2010. It is anticipated that the majority of the required cleaning across the townsite will be completed before the end of December 2010.

### Sampling and analysis

Letters seeking consent to sample have now been sent to the majority of owners and occupiers in Stage Six (see map on page 3) and sampling in that area is now underway. The key project outcomes to date are as follows:

	<u>To end of May 2010</u>
Total number of premises sampled	770
Total number of samples sent to ChemCentre for testing	26,328
Total number of premises analysed against the ECRP guidelines	337
Total number of premises identified as requiring some form of cleaning	317

Sampling and analysis is a key component of the project at the moment and it is a very busy time for the ECRP and ChemCentre personnel. Toolbox meetings are being held with the ECRP sampling team every morning, prior to commencement of the days sampling work. A weekly safety meeting also occurs every Monday morning, with a specific topic for discussion each week. Minutes and actions from the safety meetings are made available to management and all staff.

### Cleaning

Three individual contracts have been awarded for the major cleaning project.

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| 1. Roof surfaces (including gutters and rainwater tanks) | Bay of Isles Mini Excavators |
| 2. Roof spaces (including replacement of insulation)     | PRC Building Services        |
| 3. Internal/external cleaning                            | PRC Building Services        |

The ECRP has appointed a superintendent's representative for each of the three cleaning contracts. The role of ECRP safety advisor is currently being undertaken by local Esperance company, RM Solutions.

In preparation for the start of cleaning from 1 July 2010, the ECRP team has already identified approximately 600 individual cleaning projects across the three contracts, involving 317 premises. As further sampling is undertaken and the results are analysed, more cleaning work will be identified. Although the amount of work will continue to grow as the sampling program continues, it is anticipated that the amount of cleaning required will drop off as we move to the outlying stages further away from the Port.



### **Methodology and process audit**

GHD has undertaken a methodology and process audit of the sampling and cleaning components of the ECRP. Where issues are identified they will be addressed and resolved. This audit process should provide another level of confidence to the State Government and the community that the ECRP methodologies will deliver a successful outcome to the project. The final audit report is expected before the end of June 2010.

### **Records keeping audit**

The ECRP collects and holds a vast number of records in a variety of formats, including hard copy and electronic documents, physical samples. Much of this information is confidential and must be treated with appropriate security safeguards. Electronic and physical information is stored on Department of Transport and Department of Health servers in Perth, at ECRP offices in Esperance and at off-site storage locations also in Esperance. There was an identified need to ensure that all of these records are kept and maintained under guidelines provided by the State's Record Keeping Act, and also the Department's own Record Keeping Plan. The Department of Transport's Record Keeping Plan Co-ordinator, inspected the ECRP operations in Esperance to gain a better understanding of the uniqueness of the Esperance project, including the type of files, records, data and items that are being stored. This inspection and audit was conducted over two days on Thursday 6 and Friday 7 May 2010. An audit report will be made available to the ECRP, and any identified issues will be resolved.

### **Asbestos roofs**

Asbestos roofs can now be successfully sampled using a micro-vac surface sampling vacuum system. A specialist team has been trained to specifically deal with sampling of these types of roofs. An audit is currently underway across all nine project stages to determine the exact number and location of asbestos roofs. Individual sampling of these roofs will then be undertaken to determine the levels of lead and nickel against the established guidelines.

### **Project presentations – Esperance Rotary Club**

A presentation was given to the Esperance Rotary Club on Monday evening, 24 May 2010. The presentation was very well received by the Rotarians and it was a pleasure to have the opportunity to discuss the project with such an interested and well-informed group. There was a very keen interest in the detail of project, with many questions and open discussion.

### **ChemCentre site visit**

Thad Hobbs (A/Project Manager, Sampling) and two of our supervisors, Ilze Beukes (Sampling) and Lindsay Charlton (Data Analysis) attended the ChemCentre in Perth on 2 June 2010 for a tour of their organisation. This was an excellent opportunity for knowledge sharing and for our team to gain an understanding of the ChemCentre operations. A reciprocal arrangement is being arranged for key ChemCentre staff to travel to Esperance for a first hand look at the ECRP, particularly the sampling and analysis components.

### **Staff Matters**

Following the departure of Kieron Smith, Project Manager Sampling, we welcome Thad Hobbs to our team.



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**Map showing Project Stages**

