



Esperance Cleanup and Recovery Project Update

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The Esperance Clean Up and Recovery Project is moving forward in a planned, systematic and comprehensive manner.

To achieve the best possible result to meet the community and government's expectations for the clean up, we must ensure that adequate data is collected, standards set and protocols developed. This work is paramount to allow us to define the task ahead, before any comprehensive cleaning plan across the townsite is undertaken.

The Project is currently in this definition phase. Various aligned projects are underway to develop:

- An understanding of whether lead and nickel is being remobilised in the town
- the database which will house all of the collected data and information in one central location
- protocols and methodology for detailed sampling across the townsite
- cleaning standards for roof spaces and ceiling voids
- cleaning protocols and procedures

Project reports against each of these aligned projects follow:

Remobilisation Project

An environmental scientist, Jim Malcolm, has completed a project to determine if lead and/or nickel residues in the Esperance town site are being remobilised and if so by what mechanism. A presentation and the associated recommendations were presented to the Steering Committee for discussion and endorsement on 25th June 2009.

Data Management Project

Progress with the development of the ECRP Data Management System in collaboration with the DoH and DPI is continuing. A system architect has been appointed to provide the hardware specifications for the server. Work is underway on a project for the installation, data migration, system configuration and deployment of a mapping website on the DoH's internet web server. The DoH is soon to proceed with the appointment of a part time data operator for a period of 12 months, 2 days per week. Although implementation will be a staged approach, it is anticipated that the database will be fully functional by early September 2009.

Sampling Protocol Project

A successful tenderer has been recommended to undertake development of the sampling procedures and protocols to be used to determine the extent of contamination of lead and nickel across Esperance. The collected data will be used to determine the areas and extent of cleaning required in individual premises across the townsite.



Cleanup Standards for Roof Spaces and Ceiling Voids Project

The ECRP has secured the services of an Environmental Engineer, Kieron Smith, to undertake roof space, ceiling void and roof surface sampling across selected homes in Albany and Esperance. This work will commence on 25th June 2009 with an aim to establishing background or benchmark levels of lead and nickel that could be used to develop acceptable cleaning standards for roof spaces, ceiling voids and roof surfaces in Esperance.

Cleaning Procedures Project

To ensure that cleaning is undertaken in a systematic, consistent and verifiable manner, draft Cleaning Procedures have been developed and will be presented to the Steering Committee for discussion on 25th June 2009. Once the actual cleaning stage of this project commences, these procedures will become the operational document for cleaning contractors.

In addition to specific aligned projects related to the overall ECRP, there are many administrative matters that continue to be managed by the ECRP office, including:

Communications Plan

Effective communications with the local community, stakeholder agencies and the Steering Committee are a crucial component of the overall project. A draft Communications Plan has been developed and presented to the Steering Committee for comment.

OnCue Website

Further enhancements have been made to the OnCue website. We accept that this website will always be a work in progress and additions and enhancements will continue throughout the life of the project.

Stakeholder meetings

The ECRP Director provided a presentation to the Esperance Primary School P&C on Monday evening 22nd June 2009, with approximately 18 people in attendance.

Office administration

Kieron Smith will be located in the ECRP office in Dempster Street from 25th June 2009 for a period of one month and will be travelling between Esperance and Albany as required to undertake the roof sampling project.