

Hunter Valley Operations

Community Consultative Committee

**Business Papers – May 2023**

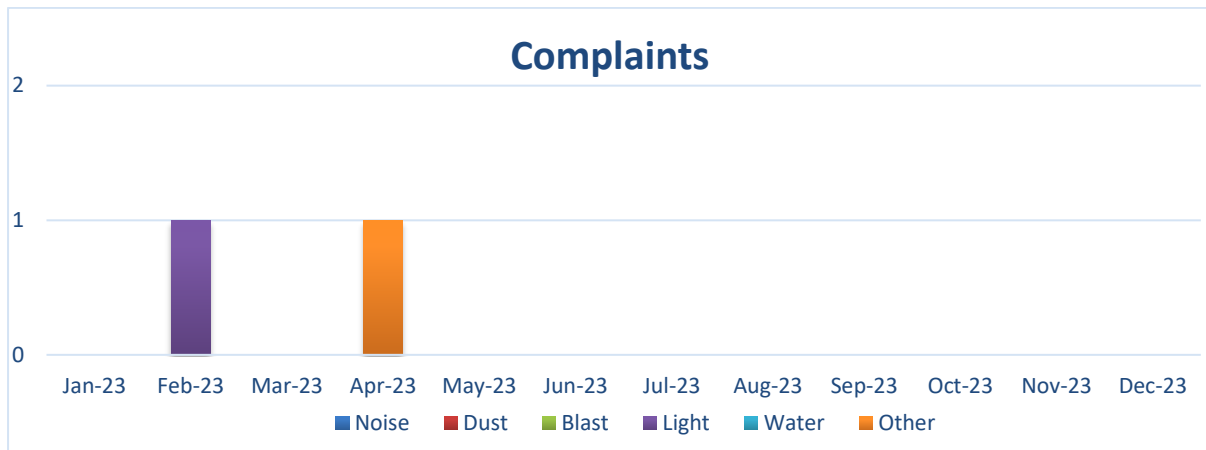
Materials ahead of meeting of the committee on **10 May 2023**

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## 1.0 Complaints

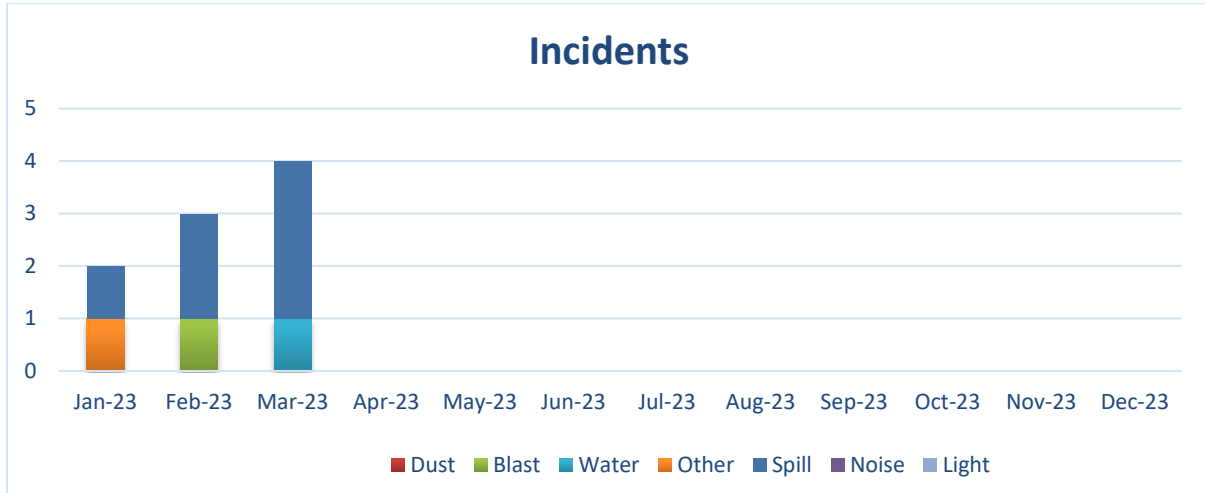
Two complaints have been received year to date in 2023, complaint details are provided below.



Date	Time	Type	Location	Complaint details	Method Received	Monitoring Indicates Exceedance ?
1 February	12:06am	Lighting	Long Point	<p>A resident of Long Point called the Community Complaints Hotline at 12.06am regarding a lighting complaint, commenting that "light from HVO was shining directly into their house keeping their family awake".</p> <p>The OCE contacted the complainant at 12:27am and shutdown the lighting plant identified to be causing the disturbance. This was verified by the complainant.</p> <p>An internal investigation conducted following the complaint found that the light from the lighting plant was likely to be visible from the complainant's location. Process changes have been made as a result of the complaint to close the identified gap in operational practices.</p>	Phone call to Community Hotline	N/A

Date	Time	Type	Location	Complaint details	Method Received	Monitoring Indicates Exceedance ?
11 April	7:11am	Traffic	Golden Highway, HVO South entrance	<p>A member of the public was driving east along Golden Highway near the entrance to HVO South when a train of four cars pulled out in front of them.</p> <p>The driver reported that the last car to pull out failed to give way which forced them to flash the headlights, sound the horn and take evasive action and brake heavily causing his car's ABS system to engage to slow down and prevent a collision.</p> <p>An internal investigation identified the driver of the vehicle. The employees supervisor raised the concern with them and the importance of safe driving practices when travelling to and from site. A communication was also issued to all employees.</p>	Phone call to Community Hotline	N/A

## 2.0 Incidents



Date	Details	Key Actions	Aspect
10/01/2023	<p><b>Loader 612 oil leak</b></p> <p>While operating loader 612 the operator noticed smoke at the back of the machine with the loader losing power shortly after. The operator shut the machine down and called an emergency. The operator identified an oil spill of approximately 80L on the ground.</p>	<p>The Supervisor attended the incident and ensured the oil leak was contained. The contaminated soil was removed and placed within the bioremediation area.</p>	Hydrocarbon
31/01/2023	<p><b>Ground disturbance without an approved ground disturbance permit</b></p> <p>The Environment &amp; Community Officer noticed ground disturbance work (slashing and tree removal) had been conducted on the HC1 New England Highway overpass tunnel repair project without an approved Ground Disturbance Permit (GDP) being issued.</p>	<p>The Environment &amp; Community Officer stopped the work and inspected the work site. A GDP was ready to be issued under a limited authority to authorise slashing of the GDP area however it had not been signed off prior to work commencing.</p>	Other

11/02/2023	<b>Dozer 541 diesel leak.</b> Rubber tyred dozer 541 sustained damage to the underside of the fuel tank due to a rock contacting the tank and breaking off the fuel pick-up fitting, spilling approximately 60L. The incident occurred when the dozer was cleaning up the shovel face.	When the operator noticed the fuel leaking from the machine it was immediately parked up in a safe location and the OCE and Maintenance department were contacted. The spill was cleaned up and contaminated soil placed within the bioremediation area.	Hydrocarbon
12/02/2023	<b>Dozer 570 hydraulic oil leak</b> While operating Dozer 570 the operator noticed a trail of oil. The hydraulic oil spill was a result of the power train compartment sustaining damage whilst climbing a bench.	The operator stopped the machine and contacted the supervisor and Maintenance department. Approximately 416L of oil was lost from the machine but unable to be recovered as it was spread in a trail on a working bench over a period of time.	Hydrocarbon
20/02/2023	<b>Blast fume – Level 3B.</b> A level 3B fume was recorded following the blasting of P21006003A pattern at Cheshunt Pit 2.	The shotfirers held sentries in position until the fume dispersed. Wind was from the east at the time and the fume dispersed within the pit.	Blast
5/03/2023	<b>Acetic acid spill in AECI manufacturing facility.</b> While filling Tank 2 with an Intermediate Bulk Container (IBC) of acetic acid solution the IBC was repositioned to assist in draining all the solution. In the process of moving the IBC the drainage valve was damaged. Approximately 120 Litres of solution was spilled across the hardstand and soil adjoining the hardstand	The spill was cleaned up and contaminated soil material disposed of by a waste contractor.	Hydrocarbon
11/03/2023	<b>North Park-up oil spill.</b> An operator noticed an oil leak when refuelling Service Cart 983 at the HVO north fuel bay. The operator contacted maintenance on the two-way radio and was instructed to put the machine on the North go-line. A maintenance fitter inspected SV983 and found a hose leaking from 15/40 hose-in product module and isolated the tank to stop the leak. The machine was moved into the workshop for repair.	Production was contacted and contaminated soil was removed to the remediation area. It is estimated 100L of oil had leaked.	Hydrocarbon

15/03/2023	<p><b>Howick workshop service bay oil spill</b></p> <p>An oil tap was left in bypass at the Howick service bay salad bar. The tap was left unattended and when the external pump was turned on the inside hose spilled out oil overflowing the catchment tray. The oil spill ran down the workshop floor and outside toward the storm water drain that leads to an oil water separator and internal mine water dam.</p>	<p>The ESO team responded and utilised a spill trailer to contain and clean-up the spill. It is estimated 200 Litres of oil had leaked.</p>	Hydrocarbon
31/03/2023	<p><b>Mine water pipeline spill</b></p> <p>HVO contractors were using a dozer to clear silt build-up in a road drainage line in preparation for construction of a sump. Whilst operating the dozer it struck and damaged a water pipeline (the pipeline was only approximately 100MM below the invert of the drain) causing an estimated 1000L spill of mine water contained on HVO land.</p>	<p>The work was stopped, the machine was parked up and the supervisor notified. The water pipeline was not pressurised at the time of the incident. The pipeline has been repaired and is back in service.</p>	Water

### 3.0 Community Sponsorship and Events

Round One of the HVO Community Grants Programme for 2023 opened 1 April and closes 30 April. Round Two of the programme is scheduled to open in September with an application link to be provided closer to the time.

HVO confirmed its sponsorship of The Great Cattle Dog Muster in Muswellbrook.

Two Community Information Sessions were held during the Public Exhibition period for the HVO Continuation Project at Jerrys Plains on 13 February and Maison Dieu 19 February.



## 4.0 Environmental monitoring

Monthly summaries of environmental monitoring; December 2022 to February 2023

### **December 2022**

Attached as **Appendix A**

### **January 2023**

Attached as **Appendix B**

### **February 2023**

Attached as **Appendix C**

## 5.0 Environmental Documents

Environmental documents uploaded to the HVO website since the last meeting  
(<https://www.hvo.com.au/documents>)

9/2/2023	Hunter Valley Operations Community Consultative Committee Presentation February 2023
9/2/2023	Hunter Valley Operations Community Consultative Committee Business Papers February 2023
9/2/2023	Hunter Valley Operations Community Consultative Committee Minutes November 2022
27/2/2023	Hunter Valley Operations Independent Environmental Audit Report
28/3/2023	Hunter Valley Operations Community Consultative Committee Minutes February 2023
5/4/2023	Hunter Valley Operations Rehabilitation Management Plan Forward Program 1 January 2023
6/4/2023	Hunter Valley Operations Annual Environmental Review
26/4/2023	Hunter Valley Operations Monthly Environmental Monitoring Report December 2022
26/4/2023	Hunter Valley Operations Monthly Environmental Monitoring Report January 2023
26/4/2023	Hunter Valley Operations Monthly Environmental Monitoring Report February 2023