

Mr Brendan Isaacs  
Environmental Lead  
Tronox Mining Australia Limited

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Dear Mr Isaacs

**Re: COVID-19 Temporary Changes to Environmental Monitoring Requirements  
Atlas-Campaspe, Ginkgo, Broken Hill MSP and Snapper sites**

Thank you for your letter dated 30 July 2020 requesting a temporary change to environmental monitoring at Tronox Mining Australia Limited's (Tronox's) NSW sites, including the:

- Ginkgo Mine (DA 251-09-01);
- Snapper Mine (06\_0168);
- Broken Hill Mineral Separation Plant (DA 345-11-01); and
- Atlas Campaspe Mine (06\_0168).

The Department understands that the border and quarantine restrictions associated with the COVID-19 public health orders has made it increasingly difficult for Tronox to undertake environmental monitoring at its sites, particularly for specialised personnel travelling from interstate.

The Department also notes that construction at the Atlas-Campaspe site (SSD 5012) has been suspended since October 2019 and it yet to recommence.

The Department has carefully considered this request and the Planning Secretary has agreed to adjust environmental monitoring frequencies as outlined in the following table, until 31 January 2021.

Parameter	Condition	Current Frequency	Proposed frequency
<b>Ginkgo Mine (DA251-09-01)</b>			
Air quality (dust deposition)	Condition 16 of Schedule 3	Monthly	Quarterly
Flora and fauna	Condition 20 and 34 of Schedule 3	Annual	Temporarily Suspended
<b>Snapper Mine (06_0168)</b>			
Air quality (dust deposition)	Condition 14 of Schedule 3	Monthly	Quarterly
Flora and fauna	Condition 17 and 19B of Schedule 3	Annual	Temporarily Suspended
<b>Broken Hill Mineral Separation Plant (DA345-11-01)</b>			
Air quality (dust deposition)	Condition 6.4(i) of Schedule 2	Monthly	Quarterly

Air quality (stack emissions)	Condition 6.4(i) of Schedule 2	Annual	Temporarily Suspended
Atlas-Campaspe Mine (06_0168)			
Air Quality (dust deposition)	Condition 14 of Schedule 3	Monthly	Quarterly
Air Quality (PM <sub>10</sub> & Total Suspended Particulates)	Condition 21 of Schedule 3	Every 6 days	Temporarily Suspended
Attended noise	Condition 18 of Schedule 3	Quarterly	Temporarily Suspended
Flora and fauna	Condition 14 of Schedule 3	Annual	Temporarily Suspended
Pest animal and weeds	Condition 14 of Schedule 3	Quarterly	Temporarily Suspended

The noise, biodiversity and air quality management plans for the above sites must also be updated to advise of the adjusted frequency of monitoring activities (with reference to this letter).

Tronox must reinstate regular environmental monitoring frequencies at the above site on 1 February 2021, or earlier:

- at the request of the Department;
- if relevant border restrictions are lifted (e.g. the NSW *COVID-19 Border Control Order 2020* and South Australia *Emergency Management (Cross Border Travel No 10) (COVID-19) Direction 2020*); and
- if construction recommences at the Atlas Campaspe Mine (monitoring related to Atlas Campaspe Mine only).

Additionally, if there are any environmental incidents or complaints at these sites prior to the reinstatement of regular monitoring frequencies, Tronox must inform the Department and consider whether it is appropriate to increase monitoring of any relevant parameters.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Andrew Rode on 02 8289 6744 or at [andrew.rode@planning.nsw.gov.au](mailto:andrew.rode@planning.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



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