
McPhillamys Gold Project (SSD 9505) - Request for Input - Response to Submissions and Amendment Report

Dear Mandana,

Fire & Rescue NSW (FRNSW) acknowledge the receipt of your email on the 8th September 2020, requesting input into the response to submissions and amendment report for the McPhillamys Gold Project.

FRNSW have reviewed the documentation that was provided in support of the development and provide the following comments and recommendations for consideration:

- FRNSW are satisfied with the risk and hazard aspect of the modification and report.
- It is recommended that an emergency response plan (ERP) be developed for the site in accordance with AS 3745–2010 Planning for emergencies in facilities. An external consultant should be engaged to provide specialist advice and services in relation fire safety planning and developing an emergency plan.
- That the ERP specifically addresses foreseeable on-site and off-site fire events and other emergency incidents (such as fires involving dangerous goods or bushfires in the immediate vicinity) or potential hazmat incidents.
- That the ERP details the appropriate risk control measures that would need to be implemented to safely mitigate potential risks to the health and safety of firefighters and other first responders (including electrical hazards).
- Such measures will include the level of personal protective clothing required to be worn, the minimum level of respiratory protection required, decontamination procedures to be instigated and minimum evacuation zone distances.
- Other risk control measures that may need to be implemented in a fire emergency (due to any unique hazards specific to the site) should also be included in the ERP.
- That two copies of the ERP (detailed in recommendation above) be stored in a prominent 'Emergency Information Cabinet' located in a position directly adjacent to the site's main entry point/s.
- Once constructed and prior to operation, that the operator of the facility contacts the relevant local emergency management committee (LEMC). The LEMC is a committee established by Section 28 of the State Emergency and Rescue Management Act 1989. LEMCs are required to be established so that emergency services organisations and other government and non-government agencies can proactively develop comprehensive inter agency local emergency procedures for significant hazardous sites within their local government area. The contact details of members of the LEMC can be obtained from the relevant local council.

For further information please contact the Fire Safety Infrastructure Liaison Unit, referencing FRNSW file number BFS20/2843. Please ensure that all correspondence in relation to this matter is submitted electronically to firesafety@fire.nsw.gov.au.

Regards
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