



Bangholme, Huntly, Longerenong, Wangaratta, West Sale

April 2016

Second phase of Clean Up Notice Requirements complete

CFA has been issued with Clean Up Notices from the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) for the Bangholme, West Sale, Wangaratta, Huntly, and Longerenong training campuses. The Clean Up Notices focus predominantly on water management practices at the campuses, especially those related to hot fire training.

Penshurst campus has also been issued with a Clean Up Notice however its environmental works are carried out under audit which requires some additional activities, so it is operating on a different schedule.

Since November 2015, CFA has worked with independent water engineering specialists at each campus to assess and develop recommendations for water management, water treatment and associated infrastructure needs, particularly as they relate to hot fire training. Environmental specialists, Senversa, have recently worked with CFA to finalise a series of reports for EPA which include recommendations for the improvements needed to comply with environmental requirements.

In March 2016, CFA met the second phase of the compliance requirements for each of the Clean Up Notices for Bangholme, Huntly, Longerenong, Wangaratta and West Sale, delivering 17 reports to EPA. EPA is now in the process of assessing each report and is expected to provide feedback at the end of April.

CFA re-affirmed its commitment to working through the implementation of the necessary upgrades in a planned, risk based manner. In the interim, CFA has implemented a range of operational controls to manage compliance with the Clean Up Notice requirements.

The third phase of the EPA Clean Up Notice requirements for the 5 campuses are due on 1 June 2016. From January through to April, detailed Environmental Site Assessments (ESAs) are being undertaken at each campus. This involves taking more soil, water and sediment samples to supplement previous samples so we can clarify any on or off site risks or impacts. The ESA reports will inform both CFA and the EPA of any future remediation actions required.