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Regional Training Centres – EPA notices revoked

The assessment and environmental improvement program to upgrade water management and improve water treatment which is currently underway at CFA's regional training campuses has achieved an important environmental milestone.

The Environment Protection Authority has notified CFA that it has met all the requirements of the current EPA Clean Up notices for Bangholme, Wangaratta, Longerenong, Huntly and West Sale. It means these notices are now revoked.

EPA has acknowledged the 'significant recent effort and focus of the CFA environmental compliance team regarding the work involved at the Regional Training Campuses.'

CFA's Environmental Compliance Program Manager, Linda Sharp says the next steps are to update the plans across all the campuses then undertake the upgrades and improvements.

"Campuses will need to continue managing and monitoring as per their Water Management Plans until water treatment, paving, drainage and water storage improvements are in place," Linda says.

The upgrades form part of a four-year \$80.7 million Victorian Government funded program to remediate emergency management training centres across regional Victoria.

EPA will continue to monitor CFA's progress on these commitments and they will formalise this by issuing new notices in the coming weeks. The new notices will focus on the improvements as well as the testing and management of water and are expected to be issued by EPA later in July.

Huntly

The Environment Protection Authority Victoria is also investigating some concrete industrial fill at CFA's Huntly site possibly containing some asbestos.

EPA Officers have inspected the site and have taken samples from concrete fill which was given a certificate of clearance when it was brought on-site a number of years ago.

The area of concern has been isolated and signposted, and EPA says it poses no risk to workers or residents if undisturbed.

If sample results find that asbestos is present, EPA will issue a clean-up notice to ensure the asbestos is removed and deposited at a site licensed to receive it. Any potential breaches of the Environment Protection Act will be considered against EPA's Compliance and Enforcement policy.

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