



Annual Audit Compliance Report

Environmental Protection Act 1986, Part V Division 3

Section A – Licence details			
Licence number:	L6606/1995/9	Licence file number:	2012/006879
Licence holder name:	BHP Nickel West Pty Ltd		
Trading as:	BHP Nickel West		
ACN:	004 184 598		
Registered business address:	125 St Georges Terrace, PERTH WA 6000		
Reporting period:	01/08/2023 to 31/07/2024		

Section B – Statement of compliance with licence conditions
Did you comply with all of your licence conditions during the reporting period? (please tick the appropriate box)
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes – please complete: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• section C;• section D (if required); and• sign the declaration in Section F.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No – please complete: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• section C;• section D (if required);• section E; and• sign the declaration in Section F.

Section C – Statement of actual production	
Provide the actual production quantity for this reporting period. Supporting documentation is to be attached.	
Prescribed premises category	Actual production quantity

Section D – Statement of actual Part 2 waste discharge quantity	
Provide the actual Part 2 waste discharge quantity for this reporting period. Supporting documentation is to be attached.	
Prescribed premises category	Actual Part 2 waste discharge quantity
Category 54: Sewage facility premises	358 m ² per day average

Section E – Details of non-compliance with licence condition			
Please use a separate page for each condition with which the licence holder was non-compliant at a time during the reporting period.			
Condition no:	1.3.4 (d)	Date(s) of non-compliance:	27/05/2024
Details of non-compliance:			
<p>Condition 1.3.4 (d): <i>The Licensee shall manage all evaporation ponds such that vegetation and floating debris (emergent or otherwise) is prevented from encroaching onto pond surfaces or internal pond embankments.</i></p> <p>Vegetation and weed growth on embankments and within the evaporation ponds of the wastewater treatment plant.</p>			
<p>What was the actual (or suspected) environmental impact of the non-compliance?</p> <p>NOTE – please attach maps or diagrams to provide insight into the precise location of where the non-compliance took place.</p>			
No actual or suspected environmental impact from this non-compliance.			
Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:			
Previous weed control activities have not prevented the regrowth of vegetation or weeds within the evaporation ponds.			
Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:			
A Preventative Maintenance Plan has been created to engage a third-party contractor on a quarterly basis. This is intended to ensure consistent weed control activities are undertaken onsite and prevent regrowth.			
Was this non-compliance previously reported to DWER?			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes, and			
<input type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER verbally		Date: / /	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER in writing		Date: 30 / 09 / 2023	

Section E – Details of non-compliance with licence condition			
Please use a separate page for each condition with which the licence holder was non-compliant at a time during the reporting period.			
Condition no:	1.3.4 (c)	Date(s) of non-compliance:	27/05/2024
Details of non-compliance:			
<p>Condition 1.3.4 (c): <i>The licensee shall manage all evaporation ponds such that the integrity of the containment infrastructure is maintained.</i></p> <p>It has been identified that seepage is occurring from ponds to the north-west of the site and occasionally pooling outside of the fenced ponds onto the surrounding ring road.</p> <p>What was the actual (or suspected) environmental impact of the non-compliance? NOTE – please attach maps or diagrams to provide insight into the precise location of where the non-compliance took place.</p> <p>No actual or suspected environmental impact from this non-compliance due to the relatively high quality of the water.</p>			
Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:			
Cause of the non-compliance is under investigation.			
Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:			
<p>Works were completed during the reporting period to improve the seepage collection trench efficiency; however, this work was not as effective as anticipated and did not control seepage to the extent intended, particularly when large rainfall events occurred.</p> <p>Hydrologists and Hydrological Engineers have been engaged to provide advice on potential solutions and ways forwards to manage or reduce seepage.</p>			
Was this non-compliance previously reported to DWER?			
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<input type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER verbally		Date: / /	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER in writing		Date: 30 / 09 / 2023	

Section F – Declaration			
<p>I / We declare that the information in this Annual Audit Compliance Report is true and correct and is not false or misleading in a material particular¹.</p> <p>I / We consent to the Annual Audit Compliance Report being published on the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation's (DWER) website.</p>			
Signature ²		Signature:	
Name: (printed)		Name: (printed)	
Position:		Position:	
Date:	5 September 2024	Date:	
Seal (if signing under seal):			

¹ It is an offence under section 112 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* for a person to give information on this form that to their knowledge is false or misleading in a material particular.

² AACRs can only be signed by the licence holder or an authorised person with the legal authority to sign on behalf of the licence holder.