



Annual Audit Compliance Report Form

Environmental Protection Act 1986, Part V Division 3

Once completed, please submit this form either via email to info@dwer.wa.gov.au, or to the below postal address:

Department of Water and Environmental Regulation
Locked Bag 10
Joondalup DC WA 6919

Section A – Licence details			
Licence number:	L8653/2012/2	Licence file number:	2012/003930-4~7
Licence holder name:	BHP Nickel West Pty Ltd		
Trading as:			
ACN:	004 184 598		
Registered business address:	125 St Georges Terrace PERTH WA 6000		
Reporting period:	01 / 01 / 2023 to 31/ 06 / 2023		

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 (Jan – Jun)
Category 44: Metal smelting and refining	323,350 tonnes
Category 31: Chemical manufacturing	217,700 tonnes
Category 52: Electric power generation	16,314 MWh
Category 87: Fuel burning	294,000 Litres (Low Sulphur Diesel)
Category 39: Chemical or oil recycling	6,311,375 Litres

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 44: Metal smelting and refining	Slag Produced 294,582 tonnes

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:	<p>Condition 1. Table 1 Chemical bulk storage area (a) – as spill was a result of valve failure of weak Acid Tank which migrated to land due to bund leak.</p> <p>Originally reported under S72 as uncontrolled release of liquor on historically contaminated site.</p>	Date(s) of non-compliance:	20/4/2023
Details of non-compliance:			
Uncontrolled release of environmental hazardous chemical as a result of valve failure of Effluent Plant Weak Acid Tank.			
What was the actual (or suspected) environmental impact of the non-compliance?			
<p>NOTE – please attach maps or diagrams to provide insight into the precise location of where the non-compliance took place.</p> <p>No additional environmental harm is believed to have occurred as a result of the release event. The area impacted is a historically contaminated site listed under Kalgoorlie Smelters Detailed Site Assessment (currently under review by DWER). The release occurred to disturbed ground and disturbed drainage. The release did not enter an area of environmental significance.</p>			
Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Valve failure of effluent plant weak acid tank 2. Weak acid then filling effluent plant bund 3. Effluent plant Bund leak resulting in weak acid (from valve failure) migrating to an unlined drain 			
Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:			

Section E – Details of non-compliance with licence condition

1. Faulty valve repaired
2. Soil samples taken across the impacted site
3. Impacted soil removed from drainage site
4. Project initiated to support bund maintenance and repairs



Figure 1, Impacted soil placed into the material handling laydown yard



Figure 2, Impacted area post removal

Was this non-compliance previously reported to DWER?

Yes, and

Reported to DWER verbally

Date: / /

Reported to DWER in writing

Date: 24/ April/ 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:	Condition 35	Date(s) of non-compliance:	Quarter 1 2023
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Details of non-compliance:

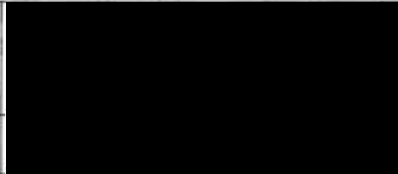
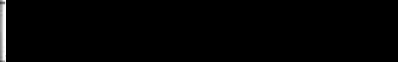
Groundwater monitoring bore KNSMB26 Quarter 1 2023 sample was lost via Toll transport to third party laboratory. Lost sample was reported to DWER during Q1 quarterly reporting.

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.

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No environmental harm. Lost sample only. Q2 results showed no deviation in water quality from yearly trends.	
Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:	
Sample lost during delivery to third party laboratory.	
Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Improved tracking of sample delivery to third party laboratory - Improved scheduling of monitoring contractor to allow sufficient re-sampling time at end of quarter to account for potential issues with samples 	
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:

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:	GENERAL MANAGER	Position:	
Date:	21/9/2023	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.