New documents are available on our website!

This venturi will sit atop new borehole 53 and works like a vacuum cleaner to draw gases from the mine drift. It is due to be installed in the next few days.

Preparation continues towards re-entry

Tasks are ramping up at the Pike River Mine so the Agency is ready to re-enter on Friday 3 May 2019. The venturi (pictured above) is due to arrive on site, and will be installed on borehole 53, on the portal (outbye) side of the roof fall at the end of the drift access tunnel.

Pipelines continue to be flown up on the hill above the mine site - these ones will carry compressed air to operate the venturi. After they're flown up, the mining team drag them into place and then couple them together. The terrain is extremely difficult to traverse, so laying that pipeline will still take a while (and it's weather-dependent work).

The designer of the emergency remote operating portal doors arrives next week to check the installation for sign-off.

Risk assessments, standard operating procedures and job hazard assessments are continuing for every aspect of the mine's operations. Health and safety is our number one priority, so these tasks are extremely important. Plus they can be done on rainy days when outside work is difficult or impossible.

Visit documents on the Te Kāhui Whakamana Rua Tekau mā Iwa—Pike River Recovery Agency website for the latest information, including work schedules for this week and next.

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