

PRRA Staff Weekly Unite for the Recovery Update # 6 – Friday 26 June 2020

Hi everyone

Welcome to the 6th edition of the Pike River Recovery Agency's weekly staff updates which includes information on uniting for the recovery from COVID-19 and also operational matters. Please forward any contributions to me that would be of interest to the team.

UPDATES FROM www.uniteforrecovery.govt.nz



Two new cases of COVID-19 (20 June 2020)

Air Commodore Darryn Webb, Head of Managed Isolation and Quarantine, issued a media statement following two positive COVID-19 test results on 20 June 2020.

<https://uniteforrecovery.govt.nz/updates-and-resources/latest-updates/two-new-cases-of-covid-19/>

Managed Isolation facilities strengthened and expanded (21 June 2020)

Two new Managed Isolation facilities in Rotorua have been opened as more international flights arrive in New Zealand and stricter controls are put place. There are currently 4,272 people in managed isolation facilities and with more flights expected this week, capacity has been reached in Auckland.

Air Commodore Darryn Webb was appointed this week to oversee the operations of all quarantine and managed isolation facilities and has implemented new processes this weekend to protect New Zealanders.

Read more at <https://uniteforrecovery.govt.nz/updates-and-resources/latest-updates/managed-isolation-facilities-strengthened-and-expanded/>

AGENCY UPDATES

Health & Safety

The weekly operational mine site H&S committee meeting was held on Tuesday 23 June 2020. Items discussed included:

- The driver training that was held at the mine site on Wednesday 24 June 2020 for Agency staff who have come on board since the previous training held in August 2019.
- Safe Work Observations – five observations were completed during the week and things remain on track to achieve the monthly target of 16.
- Hazard:Incident ratio – this was another good week of hazards being identified and reported. The rolling 'year to date' hazard to incident ratio is currently 1.96:1 (against a target of 2:1).

- Corrective action being taken to address identified hazards including investigation of a recent fan outage (on Monday 22 June) , ongoing work to weatherproof the Merlo bay and install an audible tell-tale alarm, modification of the emergency door stop, installation of a PPE rack in the muster room, and the installation of anti-slip mesh on the wooden area outside the Police building, preparing standard operating procedures on de-icing for roll-out to the workforce, and making modifications to the emergency door stop.
- The schedule that has been prepared for review of Principal Hazard Management Plans (PHMPs) and Principal Control Plans (PCPs), and upcoming staff training on PHMPs, PCPs, TARPs and SOPs.
- The introduction of new shift arrangements from Thursday 26 June 2020 (Including the delivery of training to both shift crews on the Agency Fatigue and Stress Management Policy and Procedures, including the form for reporting any fatigue being experienced).

The Health, Safety and Wellbeing Steering Committee met on Monday 22 June 2020. Agenda items included:

- Endorsing the terms of reference for the committee.
- Reviewing the monthly Health and Safety Reports for April and May for key information, recording initiatives and achievements and areas where further continuous improvement are occurring or required.
- Confirmation by the health and safety specialists on the committee that the mine site has appropriate resources and processes to eliminate or minimise risk.

From the Office (Wellington and Greymouth)

The small office-based team continues to work flexibly (both from the office and remotely) and continues to advance work across a range of areas including commencing end of financial year work, continuing to shape the Draft Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2020, preparing to distribute satisfaction surveys to stakeholders on the Agency's performance, and meeting with DoC at the mine site on Thursday 25 June 2020 to identify items of interest for the museum / visitor centre once the site has been handed over to them.

Next week planned activities include:

- Commencing financial year end work programme.
- FRG and Agency weekly contact meeting to be held via Zoom on Monday 29 June.
- Providing administrative support to the Minister as required.
- Support to the FRG Chair.
- Supplier payment run on Tuesday 30 June 2020.
- Submitting the weekly report to the Minister Responsible for Pike River Re-entry – this report provides regular updates on the Agency's progress with our work programme.

Re-entry and recovery operations – as at Thursday 25 June midnight

Good progress is being made underground towards the 1,000 metre mark. The atmosphere underground is normal and stable. There have been no required unscheduled callouts to site and no security issues.

Additional roof bolting to that which had already been prescribed is being carried out as required. Roof support work was carried out between 675 and 693 metres with 50-60 additional bolts being installed. An additional 40 to 50 bolts were also required at about 880 metres.

From an operational viewpoint this week achievements included:

- The reconnaissance barrier is now at 923 metres.
- The conveyor structure has been removed in the 20 metres section before this.
- Forensic examination has been completed, services have been installed and the ventilation duct has been hung in place.
- Pull testing of bolts has been completed in accordance with the Geotech TARP and operating procedure. A total of 22 bolts were tested and all passed.
- The majority of the haul road has been regraded and rolled by a local contractor. This is part of the site rehabilitation phase of the project.

Work planned from Friday 26 June onwards and the coming week includes:

- On-going cycle of reconnaissance, forensics, services, ventilation, monitoring and communications will be advanced in 20m increments, as well as removing the conveyor structure, installing geotechnical tell-tale monitors as required and advancing the refuge chamber every 200m.
- Maintenance of underground equipment and diesel vehicles.

QUIZ

Answers to Quiz Questions from Friday 19 June 2020 (out of 10).

Can you identify the ten UNESCO World Heritage sites from their images?



1. Stonehenge
2. Rila Monastery, Bulgaria
3. Auschwitz-Birkenau
4. Independence Hall (Pennsylvania State House)
5. Alhambra
6. Taj Mahal
7. Aachen Cathedral
8. Statue of Liberty
9. Giant's Causeway
10. Agra Fort

Take care everyone and stay safe! **As always go the Warriors and the Crusaders.**
Have a great weekend.

Best regards
Michelle