

PRRA Staff Weekly Unite for the Recovery Update # 7 – Monday 6 July 2020

Hi everyone

Welcome to the 7th edition Pike River Recovery Agency weekly staff update 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



Managed isolation and quarantine review

The government has today released the review of the Managed Isolation and Quarantine and outlined the actions that are being taken to respond to issues highlighted by the review.

<https://www.uniteforrecovery.govt.nz/updates-and-resources/latest-updates/miq-review/>

Ideas for your next adventure or holiday:

<https://covid19.govt.nz/community/see-your-own-backyard/>

AGENCY UPDATES

Last day for Karen and Lelia

Our Advisor Karen Hamilton and Administrator Lelia de la Mare finished their Agency contracts on Tuesday 30 June. Other office staff have picked up their duties.



Lelia, (unknown other customer), Dave and Karen marking the completion of their Agency contracts at a Greymouth café.

Health & Safety

The weekly operational mine site H&S committee meeting was held on Tuesday 30 June 2020. Items discussed included:

- Completion of fatigue management forms. Members of the workforce have been encouraged to fill out these forms if they experience any fatigue during the trial of the new extended shifts.
- Safe work observations – a further five observations were completed during the week. The monthly target of 16 observations was met for the month of June – 23 observations were completed during the month. There are no outstanding matters from completed observations
- Hazard: Incident ratio – June was a good month for hazards being identified. The monthly ratio of identified hazards to incidents was 10:4. The rolling ‘year to date’ ration is now 2:1
- Corrective action being taken to address identified hazards including repairing broken bars in the grate over a water sump in the amenities area
- Completion of the regular weekly surface inspection (no matters requiring corrective action were identified)
- The ongoing training on Principal Hazard Management Plans (PHMPs)
- Other safety improvements and initiatives (including upcoming refresher helicopter load master training, and completion of an SOP on handling explosives)

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, the Draft Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2020, meeting with DoC at the office on Wednesday 8 July to further identify items of interest for the museum / visitor centre once the Agency is disestablished; finalising the expense disclosure for the Chief Executive for the year ended 30 June 2020; and Working with the Senior Project Manager to develop protocols for when media are on site during operational activity for consideration and adoption by the management team at their next meeting on 20 July 2020. The protocols will be published on the Agency's website once approved.

Re-entry and recovery operations – as at Friday 3 July

Good progress continues to be made underground and the 1,000 metre mark has now been reached. Two further robots were recovered from the drift this week and have been secured by the NZ Police as exhibits.



An Army robot was recovered at 944 metres. This Wheelbarrow Revolution Mk8 robot was sent into the drift before the second explosion as part of operations at that time.



A Water Corporation robot was recovered at 953 metres. The robot measures 1.3 metres high by 1.0 metre wide by 2.4 metres long. It weighs about 1,200 kg. This robot carried another smaller robot which travelled further up the drift as far as Russell Smith's loader at 1,560 metres and should be recovered from there.

The atmosphere underground is normal and stable. No unscheduled callouts to the site have been required and there have been no security issues. The trial of the new shift system has completed its first week and is going well in terms of health and safety and the progress being made underground.

Prescribed roof bolting will be required between 1045 and 1085 metres. About 225 bolts will be required. The work could take at least a week to complete but the process will be much more efficient with the improvements to bolting equipment and processes that have been introduced since bolting work first began. Additional roof bolting to that which has been prescribed is also being carried out as required.

Planned work completed during the week to Thursday 2 July 2020

- The reconnaissance barrier is now at 1,061 metres, 138 metres total recovered for the week. This is the most the barrier has been advanced in a single week so far
- The conveyor structure has been removed in the 20 metre section before this. Forensic examination has been completed, services have been installed and the ventilation duct hung in place
- A risk assessment was completed on new pull testing equipment that has arrived on site

- Further pull testing of bolts has been completed and all bolts passed
- The local contractor completing rehabilitation work along the haul road has filled in two ponds and will start bridge abutment work next week

The additional drift runner has now been introduced to site and is available for operations.

A CABA refill station has been introduced on site and will be installed about 1,125 metres into the drift. Prior to it being installed a timed trial will be conducted of underground workers walking out of the drift and refilling their CABA sets. The trial of new arrangements for conducting the required pre-shift statutory inspections is going well.

Take care everyone and stay safe! **As always go the Warriors and the Crusaders (and the Highlanders and the Blues).**

Have a great week.

Best regards

Michelle