

# Information Update

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## Alcoa engages auditor for Point Henry site

Alcoa has engaged an EPA Victoria appointed environmental auditor to perform an environmental audit of its Point Henry site.

The engagement of auditor Darryl Strudwick meets a requirement of the EPA Clean Up Notice issued to Alcoa following the closure of the smelter and rolling mill operations in 2014.

Mr Strudwick, Technical Director, Remediation Services at AECOM, is a hydrogeologist with approximately 25 years experience including dryland salinity research; the assessment, clean up and management of contaminated sites; groundwater quality protection; environmental auditing; and solid waste management.

He was appointed by EPA as an environmental auditor in Victoria in 2003 and has also undertaken audits in South Australia and the Northern Territory. His auditing experience includes former automotive tyre manufacturing plants, a former petroleum refinery, petroleum terminals and retail sites, part of an air force base, rail depots, a former foundry, an industrial waste landfill, a gasworks and a fire training facility. Before becoming an environmental consultant, Mr Strudwick spent 10 years with EPA Victoria where he was involved with the development of guidelines relating to groundwater protection and environmental auditing.

## Background

After 51 years of operation, Alcoa closed its Point Henry smelting and rolling operations in 2014. The decommissioning and remediation of the Point Henry site has now begun. Alcoa owns and manages 575 hectares of land at Point Henry, with the industrial site representing approximately 75 hectares of the property.

On March 25 2015 EPA Victoria issued Alcoa with a statutory Clean Up Notice requiring the company to manage environmental contamination at the site in preparation for future use.

The Clean Up Notice follows due process for an industrial site and is consistent with the NEPM approach. To date there has been no unexpected matters identified by Alcoa or the EPA.

In line with the Clean Up Notice, Alcoa engaged an EPA Victoria appointed environmental auditor by 1 July 2015 to perform an environmental audit of its Point Henry site.

**Further information:** [www.alcoa.com.au/pointhenry](http://www.alcoa.com.au/pointhenry)