



**Licensee:** Perilya Broken Hill Limited  
**Environmental Protection Licenses:** 2688 and 2683  
**Locations:** Southern, Northern and Potosi Operations

## **Air Quality Monitoring**

### ***Methods***

#### **High Volume Air Sampler**

Four High Volume Air Sampler (HVAS) units have been placed at strategic locations within the Southern, Northern and Potosi Operations to allow assessment of dust and associated lead levels. The HVAS collects a continuous sample of air for a 24 hour period every sixth day of a routine cycle and is designed to collect all particles less than 50µm. The sampling method undertaken by Perilya is consistent with the Australian/New Zealand Standard: AS/NZS 3580.9.3:2003.

In accordance with EPL 2688 and EPL 2683, the reportable annual averaged level of lead threshold is 0.5µg/m<sup>3</sup> and total suspended particulates (TSP) threshold is 90µg/m<sup>3</sup>. This report presents all data collected during the month. At times, levels may be elevated due to isolated occurrences. However, results are assessed on an annual basis in accordance with the National Environment Protection Council (NEPC) requirements.

Perilya Broken Hill Ltd (PBHL) has been advised to report these incidences to the EPA although the measurement of TSP, dust and lead is on an annual basis rather than monthly. Given this advice, it is reasonable to expect levels will occasionally be elevated while not being in breach of license conditions.

#### **Dust Gauges**

PBHL has 19 Standard Deposit Dust Gauges (SDDG) that are strategically placed around Broken Hill. These gauges work on the basis of passive or static collection of ambient dust and monitor dust and lead continuously for a period of 30 days. At the end of each 30-day period, matter collected in the gauge bottles is analysed by a NATA accredited laboratory. This method of sample collection is consistent with the Australian/New Zealand Standard: AS/NZS 3580.10.1:2003.

SDDG are used primarily to establish long term trends and to investigate localised dust fall. The sample collected is not restricted in particle size, everything that falls within the funnel reports to the collection bottle. This dust is categorised as nuisance dust and is a procedure

that has been widely used in Australia for over 40 years. The data collected using SDDG is not directly comparable to that obtained with High Volume Air Samplers (Standards Australia 2003) because the SDDG is assessing nuisance dust whereas the HVAS collect dust of a much smaller particle size and reflects different health impacts.

In accordance with EPL2688 and EPS2683, the upper limit for dust levels on an annual basis is 6.0 g/m<sup>2</sup>/month. The following report shows monthly results as well as annual reportable levels of dust. Analysis of results on a monthly or weekly basis per site can show isolated occurrences of elevated dust levels. These isolated occurrences require attention but must be considered on an annual basis.

## **Results**

### ***HVAS***

The average results are presented for the HVAS as more than four samples are collected each month. All average TSP results were within license conditions for the month (Table 1).

Total lead was elevated at sample point 26 (highlighted in red). All other total leads were within license conditions. Figure 1 and Figure 2 show the monthly averages for TSP and total lead for the previous 12 months.

**Table 1.** TSP and total lead results from the HVAS for this month and the previous 12 months.

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Southern Operations

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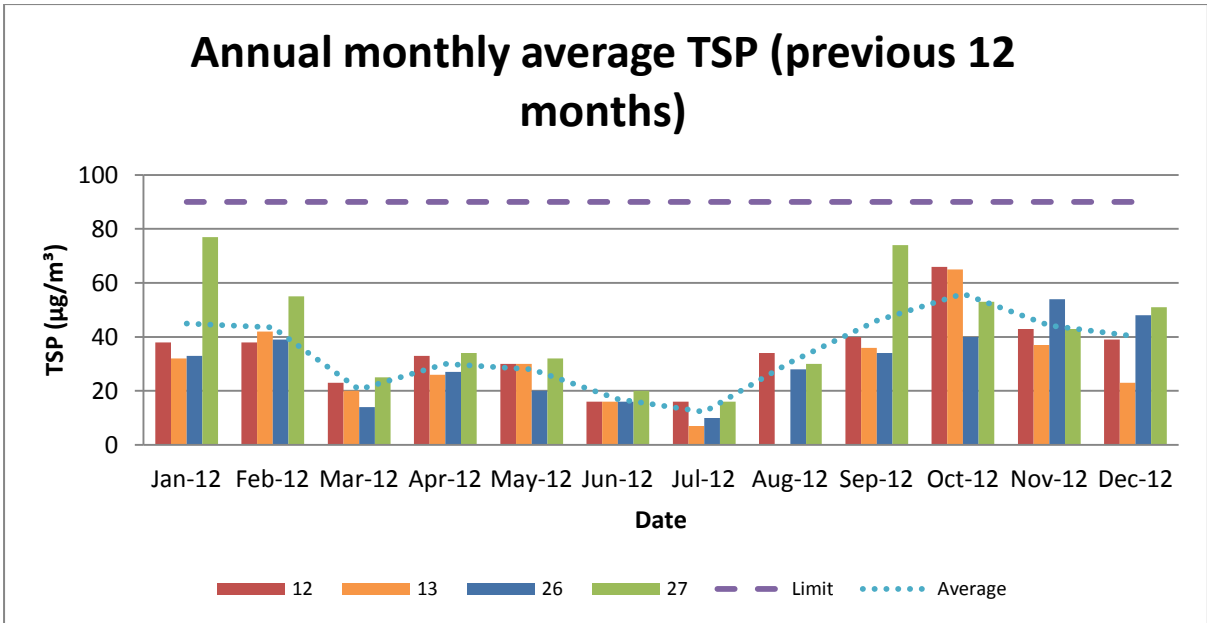
Sampling Point	Method	Monitoring frequency required by licence	Sampling Dates	Pollutant	Unit	Limit	Measurement	
12	High Volume Air Sampler	Monthly Average (6 day cycle)	December	Total suspended particulates	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	90	39	
			December	Total Lead	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	0.500	0.320	
		<b>Averaged reporting period required by National Environment Protection Council</b>						
		Annual	Jan 12 - Dec 12	Total Lead	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	0.500	0.278	
Sampling Point	Method	Monitoring frequency required by licence	Sampling Dates	Pollutant	Unit	Limit	Measurement	
13	High Volume Air Sampler	Monthly Average (6 day cycle)	December	Total suspended particulates	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	90	23	
			December	Total Lead	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	0.500	0.052	
		<b>Averaged reporting period required by National Environment Protection Council</b>						
		Annual	Jan 12 - Dec 12	Total Lead	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	0.500	0.219	

**Table 1.** cont.

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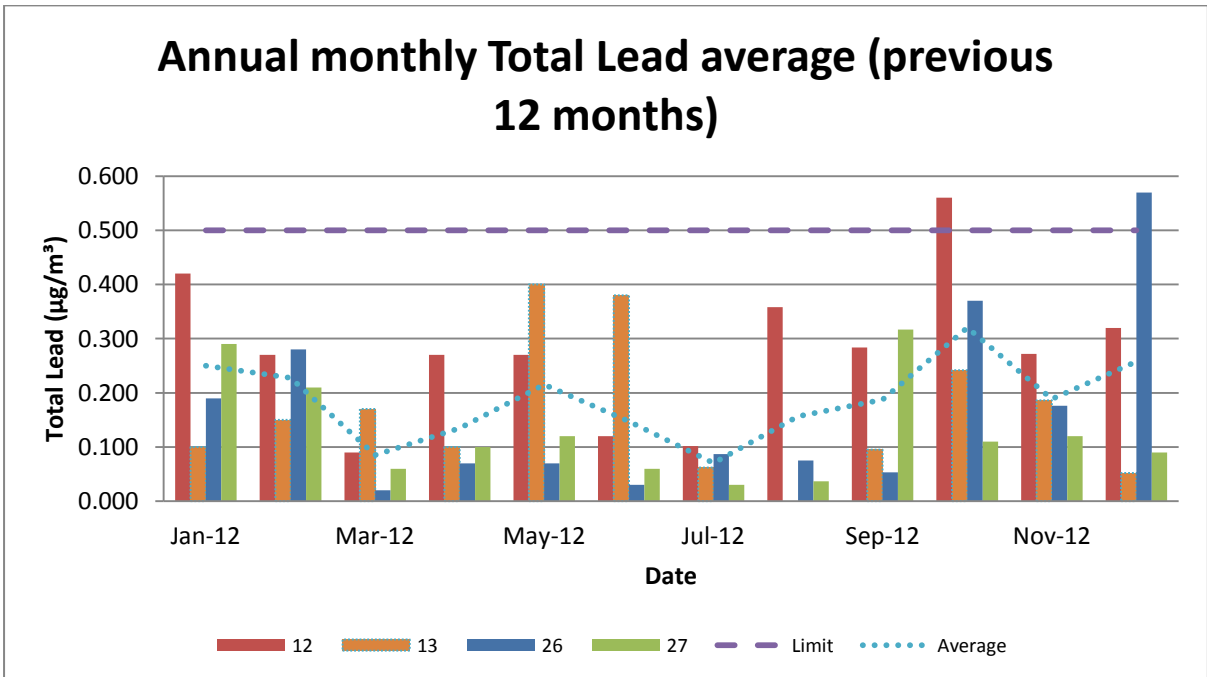
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Sampling Point	Method	Monitoring frequency required by licence	Sampling Dates	Pollutant	Unit	Limit	Measurement	
26	High Volume Air Sampler	Monthly Average (6 day cycle)	December	Total suspended particulates	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	90	48	
			December	Total Lead	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	0.500	0.570	
		<b>Averaged reporting period required by National Environment Protection Council</b>						
		Annual	Jan 12 - Dec 12	Total Lead	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	0.500	0.166	
Sampling Point	Method	Monitoring frequency required by licence	Sampling Dates	Pollutant	Unit	Limit	Measurement	
27	High Volume Air Sampler	Monthly Average (6 day cycle)	December	Total suspended particulates	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	90	51	
			December	Total Lead	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	0.500	0.090	
		<b>Averaged reporting period required by National Environment Protection Council</b>						
		Annual	Jan 12 - Dec 12	Total Lead	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	0.500	0.129	



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**Figure 1.** Monthly average TSP (HVAS) for the previous 12 months.



**Figure 2.** Monthly average total lead (HVAS) for the previous 12 months.

### ***Dust Deposition Gauges***

Particulates – deposited matter was elevated at four license points for the month (Table 2). These results have been highlighted in red.

Sample point 19 has a no result (NR) due to the access gate being locked at the time of collection. This was likely due to the samples being collected on a Sunday during the Christmas holiday period.

Sample point 22 has an elevated Particulates – deposited matter of 22 g/m<sup>2</sup>/month. It was noted that the sample contain a large number of insects that were not completely removed during the filtering process at the analytical laboratory. This may have cause the elevated result.

**Table 2.** Results from the dust deposition gauges for the month and the previous 12 months.

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 Southern Operations

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Sampling Point	Method	Monitoring frequency required by licence	Pollutant	Unit	Limit	Measurement
3	Dust gauge	Monthly	Particulates - deposited matter	g/m <sup>2</sup> /month	6.0	-
4	Dust gauge	Monthly	Particulates - deposited matter	g/m <sup>2</sup> /month	6.0	5.0
5	Dust gauge	Monthly	Particulates - deposited matter	g/m <sup>2</sup> /month	6.0	2.0
6	Dust gauge	Monthly	Particulates - deposited matter	g/m <sup>2</sup> /month	6.0	7.1
7	Dust gauge	Monthly	Particulates - deposited matter	g/m <sup>2</sup> /month	6.0	3.0
8	Dust gauge	Monthly	Particulates - deposited matter	g/m <sup>2</sup> /month	6.0	2.4
9	Dust gauge	Monthly	Particulates - deposited matter	g/m <sup>2</sup> /month	6.0	6.5
10	Dust gauge	Monthly	Particulates - deposited matter	g/m <sup>2</sup> /month	6.0	<0.1
11	Dust gauge	Monthly	Particulates - deposited matter	g/m <sup>2</sup> /month	6.0	3.4

**Table 2.** cont.

<b>Sampling Point</b>	<b>Method</b>	<b>Monitoring frequency required by licence</b>	<b>Pollutant</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Limit</b>	<b>Measurement</b>
3	Dust gauge	Annual	Particulates - deposited matter	g/m <sup>2</sup> /month	6.0	-
4	Dust gauge	Annual	Particulates - deposited matter	g/m <sup>2</sup> /month	6.0	1.7
5	Dust gauge	Annual	Particulates - deposited matter	g/m <sup>2</sup> /month	6.0	3.0
6	Dust gauge	Annual	Particulates - deposited matter	g/m <sup>2</sup> /month	6.0	2.2
7	Dust gauge	Annual	Particulates - deposited matter	g/m <sup>2</sup> /month	6.0	1.2
8	Dust gauge	Annual	Particulates - deposited matter	g/m <sup>2</sup> /month	6.0	1.8
9	Dust gauge	Annual	Particulates - deposited matter	g/m <sup>2</sup> /month	6.0	4.0
10	Dust gauge	Annual	Particulates - deposited matter	g/m <sup>2</sup> /month	6.0	2.3
11	Dust gauge	Annual	Particulates - deposited matter	g/m <sup>2</sup> /month	6.0	1.5



**Table 3.** Dust gauge results for the month and the previous 12 months.

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Northern Operations

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Sampling Point	Method	Monitoring frequency required by licence	Pollutant	Unit	Limit	Measurement
15	Dust gauge	Monthly	Particulates - deposited matter	g/m <sup>2</sup> /month	6.0	22
16	Dust gauge	Monthly	Particulates - deposited matter	g/m <sup>2</sup> /month	6.0	1.9
17	Dust gauge	Monthly	Particulates - deposited matter	g/m <sup>2</sup> /month	6.0	2.2
18	Dust gauge	Monthly	Particulates - deposited matter	g/m <sup>2</sup> /month	6.0	2.3
19	Dust gauge	Monthly	Particulates - deposited matter	g/m <sup>2</sup> /month	6.0	NR
20	Dust gauge	Monthly	Particulates - deposited matter	g/m <sup>2</sup> /month	6.0	2.8
21	Dust gauge	Monthly	Particulates - deposited matter	g/m <sup>2</sup> /month	6.0	2.3
22	Dust gauge	Monthly	Particulates - deposited matter	g/m <sup>2</sup> /month	6.0	3.0
23	Dust gauge	Monthly	Particulates - deposited matter	g/m <sup>2</sup> /month	6.0	2.7
24	Dust gauge	Monthly	Particulates - deposited matter	g/m <sup>2</sup> /month	6.0	7.9
25	Dust gauge	Monthly	Particulates - deposited matter	g/m <sup>2</sup> /month	6.0	1.7

**Table 3. cont.**

Sampling Point	Method	Monitoring frequency required by licence	Pollutant	Unit	Limit	Measurement
15	Dust gauge	Annual	Particulates - deposited matter	g/m <sup>2</sup> /month	6.0	4.0
16	Dust gauge	Annual	Particulates - deposited matter	g/m <sup>2</sup> /month	6.0	3.1
17	Dust gauge	Annual	Particulates - deposited matter	g/m <sup>2</sup> /month	6.0	1.6
18	Dust gauge	Annual	Particulates - deposited matter	g/m <sup>2</sup> /month	6.0	1.7
19	Dust gauge	Annual	Particulates - deposited matter	g/m <sup>2</sup> /month	6.0	2.1
20	Dust gauge	Annual	Particulates - deposited matter	g/m <sup>2</sup> /month	6.0	1.8
21	Dust gauge	Annual	Particulates - deposited matter	g/m <sup>2</sup> /month	6.0	2.3
22	Dust gauge	Annual	Particulates - deposited matter	g/m <sup>2</sup> /month	6.0	2.5
23	Dust gauge	Annual	Particulates - deposited matter	g/m <sup>2</sup> /month	6.0	1.8
24	Dust gauge	Annual	Particulates - deposited matter	g/m <sup>2</sup> /month	6.0	2.4
25	Dust gauge	Annual	Particulates - deposited matter	g/m <sup>2</sup> /month	6.0	2.0