



# MOBILE PFAS IMPACTED WATER TREATMENT 2018 - 2020

*Remediation Services, Australia*

## | The opportunity

The client operates infrastructure where AFFF was previously used for fire fighting training purposes. The use of this material has resulted in PFAS impacted stormwater and large contaminated dam. Veolia was approached in 2017 to develop a remediation solution to treat and manage this large body of contaminated water.

The objectives of this project were:

- Protection of the significant ecological area surrounding the dam which had the potential to overflow during rain events.
- To develop a mobile technical solution to treat a significant volume of water and have the capability to re-use that water to improve flora and fauna in the local area.

## | Environmental challenge

Located on the Mornington Peninsula in Victoria, Australia, this site had a large body of contaminated water that experienced potential overflow for 9 months of the year due to high rainfall. The client required a solution to mitigate risk of the onsite dam overflowing, potentially causing environmental, financial and reputational impact. Whilst environmental regulations regarding PFAS were still being developed in 2017, Veolia's benchmark practice was to treat the contaminated water to non-detectable levels.

## | Veolia's solution

Veolia obtained representative sampling and conducted laboratory trials of PFAS impacted water to determine optimal adsorption media and contact times. From the data collected, a detailed design followed by the construction of a tailored mobile treatment facility was deployed onsite. The solution included:

- Technical resources and project management
- Environmental and quality plans
- Pipework, tanks, pumps and instrumentation
- Commissioning and ongoing sampling and real time data reporting



**Mornington Peninsula, Victoria, AU**



### Contract Facts:

Site: Confidential  
 Scope: On-site PFAS Impacted Water Treatment  
 Duration: 3 years

**0**

recordable injuries

**0**

environmental incidents

**0**

quality incidents

**5,000,000**

litres of PFAS contaminated water treated



## | The advantages

The advantages of Veolia's solution include:

- The mobile treatment plant was designed and built via collaboration with our global technical and performance department.
- Multi barrier treatment approach ensures safety and minimises risk of accidental release of non-compliant water.
- A batch treatment model (treat, test, release) has been developed with a full monitoring plan ensuring quality control and compliance (with the option for continuous treatment and release).
- The mobile plant was deployed and fully commissioned in a week.
- Treatment criteria below Limit of Reporting (<0.01 ug/L) for release to local environment.
- Since Veolia commencing management of this site, over 5 million litres of PFAS contaminated water has been treated successfully.

**Table 1: PFAS Treated Water Criteria and Results**

| Constituent | Raw Water      | Discharge Criteria | Achieved |
|-------------|----------------|--------------------|----------|
| PFHxS       | 2 to 3.5 µ     | <0.01 µ            | <0.01 µ  |
| PFOS        | 26 to 40 µ     | <0.01 µ            | <0.01 µ  |
| PFOA        | 0.45 to 0.64 µ | <0.01 µ            | <0.01 µ  |
| sum PFAS    | 37 to 50 µ     |                    | <0.05 µ  |

## | The benefits

The benefits of the mobile treatment plant include:

- Treated water is released to the local storm water, returning water to its natural environment
- Treating on-site provides our client with a significant cost saving compared to off-site transportation and treatment
- The on-site treatment plant is readily accessible to treat contaminated water in times of emergency, such as unforeseen heavy rain events when tanks are nearing full capacity or on-site training and activities
- On-site treatment of the PFAS contaminated water reduces risks linked to pumping, transport off-site and associated CO<sub>2</sub> footprint



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*John Baranauskas, General Manager, Industrial Services*



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