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## **OCCUPATIONAL HYGIENE - AIR AND DUST ASSESSMENT**

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## **Executive Summary**

This report presents the results of an Occupational Hygiene - Air and Dust Assessment conducted for Veolia Environmental Services (Australia) Pty Ltd on the 04<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at the Wetherill Transfer Station. The survey was conducted by Albie Louw (Senior Occupational Hygienist, ROH, MAIOH) from Hibbs. The conditions in the depot were normal on the days of the surveys and, therefore, the results obtained during the surveys are representative of a standard workday.

The scope of work included:

- Determining the concentrations of Inhalable and Respirable Dust at the Wetherhill Park Transfer Station, by conducting personal air monitoring.
- Facilitate laboratory analysis of the samples collected.
- Evaluate the data collected and compare with the relevant workplace exposure standards.
- Prepare a report including observations, findings and conclusions, and recommendations, as necessary.

The following results were obtained, and observations or recommendations were made during the survey:

The concentrations for the personal Inhalable Dust samples taken ranged from 0.076 mg/m<sup>3</sup> to 0.605 mg/m<sup>3</sup>. Additionally, the concentrations for the personal Respirable Dust samples taken ranged from 0.010 mg/m<sup>3</sup> to 0.102 mg/m<sup>3</sup>. Therefore, based on the previous statements, the concentrations of dust on all the samples taken at the Wetherhill Transfer Station were well below the prescribed Work Exposure Standards (WESs) of 10 mg/m<sup>3</sup> for Inhalable Dust and 3 mg/m<sup>3</sup> for Respirable Dust respectively.

The highest concentration of Inhalable Dust was detected on one of the samples worn by the machine operators [Sample ID 231218-5;  $0.605 \text{ mg/m}^3$ ]. This is predominantly due to the employee spending the majority of the day inside of the drop-off depot, where larger particles are generated when waste is unloaded and moved.

Whereas the highest concentration of Respirable Dust was detected on the sample worn by a worker conducting various tasks around the facility [Sample ID 230905-2; 0.102 mg/m<sup>3</sup>], which included predominantly operating heavy plant machinery and cleaning the facility. Sweeping, either manually or mechanically, can re-introduce fine settled particles into the air which subsequently be inhaled by the worker. This could be a contributing factor to the higher levels of respirable dust detected, compared to other workers.

The current control measures, as listed below, do effectively control exposure to Inhalable and Respirable Dust particles generated by the waste off-loading process:

- Misting system installed throughout the drop-off depot.
- Enclosed operator cabins, which are in a good condition.
- Regular maintenance of air conditioning and ventilation systems installed on the heavy plant machinery.
- Pre-start checklist.
- Effective housekeeping methods.
- Trained staff.



• Minimal staff interaction with the contaminant source.

Site management should be cognizant of the fact that, based on the results obtained for inhalable and respirable dust, workers are not required to wear particulate respirators whilst working at the Wetherill Transfer Station. However, due to fact that various unknown contaminants may be present in the waste dropped-off at the site, it would be advisable to implement the recommendations made under Section 8 of the report to keep exposure as low as possible.

It should be noted that Asbestos containing material is present on the site. However, it is stored in a sperate outdoors area, inside of sealed skips. Additionally, employees of Veolia Environmental Services (Australia) Pty Ltd do not interact with the Asbestos containing materials at all when it is being unloaded or removed from the transfer facility. Therefore, it's presence at the transfer station is a low risk to employees on the premises and no further recommendations were made.



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HCIS	Hazardous Chemical Information System
LOQ	Limit of Quantitation
mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Milligrams per cubic metre
PPE	Personal Protective Equipment
STEL	Short Term Exposure Limit(s)
SWA	Safe Work Australia
TWA	Time Weighted Average
WES	Workplace Exposure Standard

#### 1.2 Abbreviations



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## 3. Process description

The waste transfer station is a warehouse with large doors on opposing sides of the area, which has ample natural ventilation to reduce the accumulation of airborne contaminants. Additionally, there is a misting system installed in the area, which disperses mist periodically at the entrances to the area and at strategic locations within the facility. The majority of the workers operate driven machinery on the premises, transferring waste from the drop-off area to the underground holding area. Moreover, other workers clean the surrounding premises and control traffic entering or leaving the area. Workers at the site work an average 40 hour per week (8-hour shifts for five days). Refer to the photographs below:



Photograph 3.1: Indicating the misting system used on site.



Photograph 3.2: Indicating normal operation in the facility.



Photograph 3.3: Indicating a housekeeping method used to clean the premises.



Photograph 3.4: Indicating the heavy plant machinery with enclosed cabins used on site.



## 4. Methodology

#### 4.1 Inhalable Dust

The inhalable airborne dust measurements were conducted in accordance with AS 3640-2009 *Workplace Atmospheres - Method for Sampling and Gravimetric Determination of Inhalable Dust.* 

The sample collection was carried out using portable air sampling pumps with Institute of Occupational Medicine (IOM) UK sampling heads fitted with 25 mm, 5  $\mu$ m PVC membrane filters, at a sampling flow rate of 2.0 litres/min. SafeWork NSW TestSafe Laboratory provided pre-weighed filters loaded onto pre-labelled IOM cassettes for inhalable dust sampling. Laboratory and Field blanks were submitted with the samples for quality assurance purposes.

The personal exposure samples were collected from the operator's breathing zone during typical work tasks. The breathing zone is defined as a hemisphere of 300 mm radius on the front of the head and measured from the midpoint of an imaginary line joining the ears. This requires the operator to wear a battery-operated sampling pump connected by hose to the sampling head (IOM) mounted on the shirt collar or lapel.

NATA accredited SafeWork NSW TestSafe Laboratory analysed the samples using gravimetric analysis (method WCA.190) with a limit of quantitation (LOQ) of 0.01 mg/filter.

#### 4.2 Respirable Dust

The respirable airborne dust measurements were conducted in accordance with AS 2985-2009 *Workplace Atmospheres - Method for sampling and gravimetric determination of respirable dust.* 

The sample collection was carried out using portable air sampling pumps with a Dewell-Higgins plastic Cyclone for Respirable Dust, fitted with 25 mm, 5  $\mu$ m PVC membrane filters, at a sampling flow rate of 2.2 litres/min. SafeWork NSW TestSafe Laboratory provided pre-weighed filters loaded onto pre-labelled cassettes for respirable dust sampling. Laboratory and field blanks were submitted with the samples for quality assurance purposes.

The personal exposure samples were collected from the operator's breathing zone during typical work tasks. The breathing zone is defined as a hemisphere of 300 mm radius on the front of the head and measured from the midpoint of an imaginary line joining the ears. This requires the operator to wear a battery-operated sampling pump connected by hose to the sampling head (Dewell-Higgins plastic cyclone for Respirable Dust) mounted on the shirt collar or lapel.

NATA accredited SafeWork NSW TestSafe Laboratory analysed the samples using gravimetric analysis (method WCA.191) with a limit of quantitation (LOQ) of 0.01 mg/filter.



## 5. Workplace Exposure Standards (WES)

#### 5.1 Airbourne WES Information

Workplace Exposure Standards (WES) for the evaluation of atmospheric contaminants in the workplace are contained in Safe Work Australia (SWA) Workplace Exposure Standards for Airborne Contaminants – effective October 2022 (SWA 2022)<sup>1</sup>. Subsequent updates to the listed standards are available from the SWA Hazardous Chemical Information System (HCIS) website (<u>http://hcis.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/</u>). The SWA Guidance on the Interpretation of Workplace Exposure Standards for Airborne Contaminants – April 2013 was considered before adopting the selected WES used in this study.

The WES represent airborne concentrations of individual substances, exposure at which, according to current knowledge, should not impair the health of, nor cause undue discomfort to, nearly all workers. The WES do not represent a fine dividing line between a healthy and unhealthy work environment. Natural biological variation and the range of individual susceptibilities mean that a small number of people might experience adverse health effects below the exposure standard.

The exposure standards are expressed as time-weighted average (TWA) concentrations over an eight-hour working day, for a five-day working week, and reflect long-term exposure (over the employees working lifetime). During the eight-hour averaging period, excursions above the TWA exposure standard are permitted provided these excursions are compensated by equivalent excursions below the standard during the day. However, as some substances can give rise to acute health effects even after brief exposures to high concentrations, excursions above the TWA concentration are restricted by Short Term Exposure Limits (STEL), usually 15 minutes.

The STEL represents the concentration to which it is believed that workers can be exposed continuously for a short period of time without suffering from 1) irritation, 2) chronic or irreversible tissue damage, or 3) narcosis of sufficient degree to increase the likelihood of accidental injury, impair self-rescue or materially reduce work efficiency, and provided that the daily WES-TWA is not exceeded. It is not a separate independent exposure guideline; rather, it supplements the WES-TWA where there are recognized acute effects from a substance whose toxic effects are primarily of a chronic nature. STEL is applied where evidence has suggested that adverse health effects may result from excessive short-term exposures. Exposures at the STEL should not be longer than 15 minutes and should not occur any more than 4 times a day. A rest period of 60 minutes is required between each STEL exposure.

The table below presents a summary of the relevant WES values:

Contaminant	WES-TWA (8 Hrs)	WES-STEL (15 Min)	Shift Adjust WES-TWA(10 Hrs)	Unit	Notation
Inhalable Dust	10	-	Not Required (See 5.2)	mg/m <sup>3</sup>	N/A
Respirable Dust	3	-	Not Required (See 5.2)	mg/m <sup>3</sup>	N/A

#### Table 5.1: Workplace Exposure Standards



#### Table Notes:

- There is no WES for RD published by SafeWork Australia. Note that not all dusts have assigned exposure standards, however, it should not be assumed these dusts do not present a hazard to heath. For guidance purposes the following values are provided:
  - 3 mg/m<sup>3</sup> mandated in NSW Coal Mines (Mines and Petroleum sites Regulations 2022).
  - 3 mg/m<sup>3</sup> is recommended by the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH).
  - 4 mg/m<sup>3</sup> is recommended by the Health and Safety Executive, UH (HSE UK).
  - 1 mg/m<sup>3</sup> is recommended by the Australian Institute of Occupational Hygiene as a trigger value to protect against lung overload and inflammation for dust which do not have any assigned WES value.

#### 5.2 Shift Adjustment Model

The Québec model (AIOH, 2016) was selected and applied for calculating the adjustment factor based on the adjustment category with regard to the daily and weekly average working hours relative to the WES. No shift adjustments were, however, required for Inhalable and Respirable Dust.



## 6. **Results Summary**

#### 6.1 Inhalable Dust

#### Table 6.1: Summary of the personal Inhalable Dust samples.

Sample I.D.	Employee	Sample Location	Result (mg/m³)	WES-TWA (8 Hrs)	Shift Adjust WES-TWA (10 Hrs)	WES Exceedance	Comments
231218-5	Tyler Walzak	Personal sample worn by a worker operating various heavy plant machinery in the drop-off depot.	0.605	10	Not Required	No	The employee spent the majority of the shift indoors, either within the cabin of various heavy plant machinery or while conducting various tasks in the drop-off depot (directing traffic, doing inspections, general labour etc.).
231218-15	Julie Malcolm	Personal sample worn by a worker employed as a weighbridge operator at the access control point to the facility.	0.263	10	Not Required	No	The worker remained in the weighbridge office for the majority of the day, which is directly adjacent to the drop- off depot. Her duties include weighing the trucks entering and exiting the facility and controlling access to the drop off-depot.
231218-16	Victor Nguyen	Personal sample worn by a worker operating various heavy plant machinery in the drop-off depot.	0.121	10	Voided*		The employee spent the majority of the shift indoors, either within the cabin of various heavy plant machinery or while conducting various tasks in the drop-off depot (directing traffic, doing inspections, general labour etc.).
231218-19	Phong Phoung	Personal sample worn by a worker conducting various tasks in and around the facility.	0.076	10	Not Required	No	The worker conducted various tasks during the workday around the facility, which included operating the bulldozer and front loader, operating the sweeper outdoors and various other miscellaneous tasks for the remainder of the day (manual sweeping, general labour, going into tunnel etc.).

\*Personal air sampling pump automatically switched off during monitoring due to restricted airflow, consequently this sample was voided.



#### 6.2 Respirable Dust

#### Table 6.2: Summary of the personal Respirable Dust samples.

Sample I.D.	Employee	Sample Location	Result (mg/m3)	WES-TWA (8 Hrs)	Shift Adjust WES-TWA (10 Hrs)	WES Exceedance	Comments
230905-6	Victor Nguyen	Personal sample worn by a worker operating various heavy plant machinery in the drop of depot.	0.066	3	Not Required	No	The employee spent the majority of the shift indoors, either within the cabin of various heavy plant machinery or while conducting various tasks in the drop-off depot (directing traffic, doing inspections, general labour etc.).
230905-68	Julie Malcolm	Personal sample worn by a worker employed as a weighbridge operator at the access control point to the facility.	0.010	3	Not Required	No	The worker remained in the weighbridge office for the majority of the day, which is directly adjacent to the drop-off depot. Her duties include weighing the trucks entering and exiting the facility and controlling access to the drop off-depot.
230905-2	Phong Phoung	Personal sample worn by a worker conducting various tasks in and around the facility.	0.102	3	Not Required	No	The worker conducted various tasks during the workday around the facility, which included operating the bulldozer and front loader, operating the sweeper outdoors and various other miscellaneous tasks for the remainder of the day (manual sweeping, general labour, going into tunnel etc.).



## 7. Discussion

The concentrations for the personal Inhalable Dust samples taken ranged from 0.076 mg/m<sup>3</sup> to 0.605 mg/m<sup>3</sup>. Additionally, the concentrations for the personal Respirable Dust samples taken ranged from 0.010 mg/m<sup>3</sup> to 0.102 mg/m<sup>3</sup>. Therefore, based on the previous statements, the concentrations of dust on all the samples taken at the Wetherhill Transfer Station were well below the prescribed Work Exposure Standards (WESs) of 10 mg/m<sup>3</sup> for Inhalable Dust and 3 mg/m<sup>3</sup> for Respirable Dust respectively.

The highest concentration of Inhalable Dust was detected on one of the samples worn by the machine operators [Sample ID 231218-5; 0.605 mg/m<sup>3</sup>]. This is predominantly due to the employee spending the majority of the day inside of the drop-off depot, where larger particles are generated when waste is unloaded and moved.

Whereas the highest concentration of Respirable Dust was detected on the sample worn by a worker conducting various tasks around the facility [Sample ID 230905-2; 0.102 mg/m<sup>3</sup>], which included predominantly operating heavy plant machinery and cleaning the facility. Sweeping, either manually or mechanically, can re-introduce fine settled particles into the air which subsequently be inhaled by the worker. This could be a contributing factor to the higher levels of respirable dust detected, compared to other workers.

The current control measures, as listed below, do effectively control exposure to Inhalable and Respirable Dust particles generated by the waste off-loading process:

- Misting system installed throughout the drop-off depot.
- Enclosed operator cabins, which are in a good condition.
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- Pre-start checklist.
- Effective housekeeping methods.
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- Minimal staff interaction with the contaminant source.

Site management should be cognizant of the fact that, based on the results obtained for inhalable and respirable dust, workers are not required to wear particulate respirators whilst working at the Wetherill Transfer Station. However, due to fact that various unknown contaminants may be present in the waste dropped-off at the site, it would be advisable to implement the recommendations made under Section 8 of the report to keep exposure as low as possible.

It should be noted that Asbestos containing material is present on the site. However, it is stored in a sperate outdoors area, inside of sealed skips. Additionally, employees of Veolia Environmental Services (Australia) Pty Ltd do not interact with the Asbestos containing materials at all when it is being unloaded or removed from the transfer facility. Therefore, it's presence at the transfer station is a low risk to employees on the premises and no further recommendations were made.



## 8. Recommendation

- Additional air monitoring could be conducted to acquire a larger dataset of information in varying conditions, which will provide data that is a more accurate representation of employee exposure.
- Disposable P1 respirators could be made available on site for all employee to wear when required. It is advised that site management encourage workers to wear these respirators when conducting any work that may generate dust or when being near an activity generating dust, even if it is not legally required. Moreover, if the site management does decide to make P1 respirators available on site, it would be beneficial to have the employee's fit tested and trained in the proper use of the respirators.
- Although the results indicate that the employee conducting dry sweeping is not exposed to elevated levels of dust, it would be advantageous to make use of wet cleaning methods where possible to further reduce exposure to Dust as low as possible.



## 9. Conclusions

The employees are exposed to minimal concentrations of airborne dust on the premises. However, due to fact that various unknown contaminants may be present in the waste dropped-off at the site, it would be advisable to provide employees with appropriate P1 respirators.





## Appendix A Laboratory Results

Veolia Environmental Services (Australia) Pty Ltd - Reference No. S12937 Wetherill Transfer Station: Occupational Hygiene - Air and Dust Assessment





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Samples analysed as received

## SAMPLE ORIGIN: S12937 HW4791 - Veolia Wetherill Park

**DATE OF INVESTIGATION:** 04/01/2024 **DATE RECEIVED:** 8/01/24

**ANALYSIS REQUIRED:** Gravimetry

## **REPORT OF ANALYSIS** OFFICIAL: Sensitive – Personal

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## Gravimetric Determination of Respirable Dust

**Client : Albie Louw** 

Company: Hibbs & Associates

COC No.: S12937-HW4791- Veolia Wetherill Park

Job No.: S12937 Date Sampled: 04/01/2024 Date Analysed: 09/01/2024

Laboratory Reference Number	Sample ID	Laboratory Filter ID	Pre-Weight (g)	Post- Weight (g)	Post-Pre (g)	Amount (mg)
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<u>BLANK FILTERS ENTRIES</u>

2024-0049-A-4	231117-32	231117-32	0.005 916	0.005 914	-0.000 002
2024-0049-A-5	230905-1	230905-1	0.006 452	0.006 447	-0.000 005
		-	-	Average	-0.000 003 5

SAMPLE FILTER ENTRIES

2024-0049-A-1	230905-6	230905-6	0.005 998	0.006 061	0.000 063	0.07
2024-0049-A-2	230905-68	230905-68	0.006 152	0.006 161	0.000 009	0.01
2024-0049-A-3	230905-2	230905-2	0.006 385	0.006 473	0.000 088	0.09



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## Gravimetric Determination of Respirable Dust

Client : Albie Louw Company: Hibbs & Associates COC No.: S12937-HW4791- Veolia Wetherill Park Job No.: S12937 Date Sampled: 04/01/2024 Date Analysed: 09/01/2024

Method : WCA 191 Gravimetric Determination of Respirable Dust

Limit of Quantitation (LOQ) : 0.01 mg/Filter

Comment: Six (6) decimal balance used. The amount of dust on the filter has been blank corrected by subtracting the average blank value from the "post-pre" weight value.

Measurement Uncertainty : The measurement uncertainty is an estimate that characterises the range of values within which the true value is asserted to lie. The uncertainty estimate is an expanded uncertainty using a coverage factor of 2, which gives a level of confidence of approximately 95%. The estimate is compliant with the "ISO Guide to the Expression of Uncertainty in Measurement" and is a full estimate based on in-house method validation and quality control data. The measurement uncertainty relates to the analysis of the analyte on the sampling device and does not take into consideration the sampling parameters such as pump flowrate, time, temperature and pressure. Measurement Uncertainty is  $\pm 0.02$  mg.



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Lab. Reference:

2024-0108

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Samples analysed as received

#### SAMPLE ORIGIN: S12937-HW4790-Veolia Wetherill Park

**DATE OF INVESTIGATION:** 04/01/2024 **DATE RECEIVED:** 12/01/24

**ANALYSIS REQUIRED:** Gravimetry

## **REPORT OF ANALYSIS** OFFICIAL: Sensitive – Personal

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## Gravimetric Determination of Inhalable Dust

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**Company: Hibbs & Associates** 

COC No.: S12937-HW4790- Veolia Wetherill Park

Job No.: S12937 Date Sampled: 04/01/2024

Date Analysed: 15/01/2024

Laboratory Reference Number	Sample ID	Laboratory Filter ID	Pre-Weight (g)	Post- Weight (g)	Post-Pre (g)	Amount (mg)
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#### <u>BLANK FILTERS ENTRIES</u>

I	2024-0108-5	231218-4	231218-4	0.006 347	0.006 347	0.000 000
I	2024-0108-6	231218-7	231218-7	0.005 921	0.005 918	-0.000 003
	2024-0108-7	231218-17	231218-17	0.005 155	0.005 156	0.000 001
					Average	-0.000 000 7

## <u>SAMPLE FILTER ENTRIES</u>

2024-0108-1	231218-5	231218-5	0.006 191	0.006 755	0.000 564	0.56
2024-0108-2	231218-15	231218-15	0.005 885	0.006 095	0.000 210	0.21
2024-0108-3	231218-16	231218-16	0.005 214	0.005 317	0.000 103	0.10
2024-0108-4	231218-19	231218-19	0.005 220	0.005 290	0.000 070	0.07



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## Gravimetric Determination of Inhalable Dust

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