



Notice

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South32 Worsley Alumina Pty Ltd

2022 performance audit and asset management system review

The Economic Regulation Authority has published the 2022 [performance audit and asset management system review report](#) and the [post-audit and post-review implementation plan](#) for South32 Worsley Alumina Pty Ltd's electricity generation licence EGL12.

South32 operates an alumina plant and 114 MW coal-fired power station that generates steam for the plant. Electricity is generated as a by-product and is used to power the alumina refinery, with excess generation being sent to the South West Interconnected System. The plant is located 140 kilometres south of Perth.

The ERA's decision

The ERA considers that South32 has maintained a high level of compliance with its licence and has an effective asset management system.

The ERA has decided to maintain the audit and review period at 60 months. The next audit and review will cover the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2027, with the report due to be provided by 30 September 2027.

Audit and review findings

Audit

The audit of the 36 licence obligations applicable to South32 found one minor non-compliance and no control deficiencies. The non-compliance was the late submission of the 2021 annual compliance report to the ERA.

The auditor made one recommendation to address the non-compliance. The post-audit implementation plan states that South32 will address the recommendation by 30 November 2022.

Review

The auditor identified one deficiency from the 58 asset management effectiveness criteria, which was in asset planning. South32 did not review its asset management plan in 2021 when the review was due.

The auditor made one recommendation to address the deficiency. The post-review implementation plan states that South32 will address the recommendation by 30 June 2023.

Further information

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