

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

VILLAWOOD REMEDIATION PROJECT

September 2015



This newsletter is the final in a series of newsletters that have provided information and sought community feedback on Orica's project to remediate contaminated soil at its site at 2 Christina Road, Villawood.

This newsletter has been distributed to properties in the vicinity of the site and to the Chester Hill Library and Knowledge Centre.

SOIL TREATMENT COMPLETE

On 13 August 2015 Orica completed treatment of contaminated soil at the Villawood site. This marks an important milestone in a long-term legacy remediation project.

You will no longer see a water vapour plume rising from the site. Plant and equipment will now be cleaned and

demobilised, excavated areas backfilled with clean soil, the ground stabilised against erosion and a long-term site environmental management plan put in place. These activities are scheduled to be completed by the end of this year and then Orica will proceed with plans to sell the site for commercial/industrial development.



Excavation area, now backfilled with clean soil and ready for grass seeding

PROJECT BACKGROUND

Orica has remediated around 20,000 cubic metres of soil contaminated with organic by-products from industrial activities which occurred between 1941 and 2000. The soil was treated in a Directly-heated Thermal Desorption (DTD) Plant. For more information on what was remediated and how the contamination occurred please visit the Orica Villawood Remediation website at: www.orica.com/villawood.

PROJECT ACHIEVEMENTS

Volume of soil treated

20,000
cubic metres

Number of community meetings held

24
meetings over seven years

Number of community newsletters

20
editions issued to over 4,850 properties

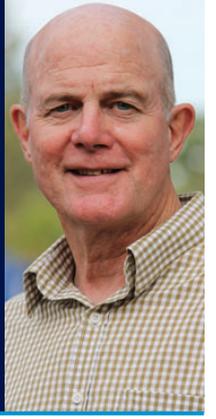
Number of people involved in construction and remediation

800

FEEDBACK FROM THE INDEPENDENT EXPERT, DR GARRY SMITH

Dr Garry Smith was appointed as the Bankstown Council-endorsed Independent Expert for this project. He has attended community meetings and visited some site neighbours to discuss the remediation process, site licensing, environmental monitoring and the data reporting process over the period of soil treatment.

"I acknowledge the important contribution of residents, industry and the wider public during this project. A sound protocol was developed for addressing community questions and I responded to questions on topics including technological aspects, the status of local environment protection and project monitoring. My thanks go to the project proponent (Orica) and contractor (EnviroPacific) for their prompt attention to several enquiries, and to Bankstown Council and state government departments for their support and participation in quarterly community meetings."



ACKNOWLEDGING COMMUNITY INPUT

Planning for this important remediation project commenced over fifteen years ago. Over the life of the project many residents and workers in the local area have contacted Orica with questions and interest and attended community meetings to hear about our plans and progress.

Orica would like to acknowledge the efforts that community members have made to understand our project and to share feedback that has helped us to plan and implement the project safely. We thank our site neighbours for their interest.

VALIDATION BY EPA-ACCREDITED SITE AUDITOR

Over the coming months the EPA-accredited Site Auditor for this project, Mr Chris Jewell, will review validation data for the treated soil and prepare a Site Audit Report and Statement which is submitted to the EPA. This process verifies that the remediation project has been conducted as planned in the site Remediation Action Plan and ensures that the land is safe for future use.

THE LOCATION OF ORICA'S VILLAWOOD SITE



Source: Google Images

CONTACT US

For any enquiries, complaints, questions or feedback please contact the community relations department by phone on:

Phone: 1800 100 327
(24 hours/day, 7 days/week)

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TRANSLATION SERVICES

This newsletter shares information about a soil remediation project at Orica's site at 2 Christina Road, Villawood. Please call 131 450 if you would like to arrange for an interpreter to help you speak with Orica about the project. Please ask the interpreter to contact Orica on 1800 100 327.

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