

Yallourn Gas Pipeline Management of Potential Impacts

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EnergyAustralia Pty Ltd ABN 99 086 014 968 (EA) is proposing to construct a new high-pressure gas pipeline to transport natural gas from the Longford to Dandenong Pipeline (LDP) to the Yallourn Power Station site. The pipeline would supply gas to a proposed gas-fired power station that EA is assessing at the site, as part of the Yallourn Energy Security Precinct.

Under the Pipelines Act 2005 (Vic), EA must develop:

- A Safety Management Plan - accepted by Energy Safe Victoria (ESV)
- An Environment Management Plan— accepted by the Minister for Energy and Resources

Together, these plans ensure that pipeline operations are carried out safely, responsibly, and in compliance with Victorian law.

Safety Management Plan (SMP)

A SMP is a comprehensive document that identifies risks to the safety of the public, employees, and contractors arising from pipeline operations. It must be accepted in writing by Energy Safe Victoria before any pipeline operation is carried out.

The SMP will include:

- A description of the pipeline, including technical design details, construction materials, function, and operational specifications sufficient to enable assessment of risks to public safety.
- A safety assessment identifying all hazards and risks that could cause safety incidents, along with systems, practices, and procedures to eliminate or minimise those risks as far as reasonably practicable.
- An emergency response plan that identifies potential emergency situations, assesses risks to the public and personnel, and includes tested response arrangements.
- A safety management system covering the EA safety policy, organisational responsibilities, incident recording and investigation, work and staffing systems and compliance management procedures.
- Records and reporting arrangements detailing how EA will document safety performance, incidents, and emergency response testing, and report to the Minister.

Environment Management Plan (EMP)

An EMP is a comprehensive document that identifies risks to the environment arising from pipeline operations, including construction, ongoing operation, and decommissioning. It must be accepted in writing by the Minister for Energy and Resources before any pipeline operation is carried out.

The EMP will include:

- A description of the pipeline operation and environment, covering the details and timing of construction and ongoing operational activities, the existing environment that may be affected, and the particular values and sensitivities of that environment.
- An identification and assessment of environmental risks arising directly or indirectly from the pipeline operation.
- Environmental performance objectives and standards against which EAs performance is measured, including applicable legislative requirements and the EAs own environmental policy.
- A consultation report documenting engagement with Commonwealth and State authorities with environmental responsibilities, and bodies with principal objects of environmental protection.
- An implementation strategy specifying systems, practices, and procedures to eliminate or minimise environmental risks, measures to assess their effectiveness, compliance monitoring and auditing, an emergency response plan for environmental emergencies, and a clear chain of command for EMP implementation.

Records and reporting arrangements detailing how EA will document environmental performance, incidents, and emergency response testing, and report to the Minister for Energy and Resources.

Cultural Heritage Management Plan (CHMP)

In addition to the SMP and EMP, the proposed gas pipeline section of CHMP 11305 includes the Yallourn Gas Pipeline Project (i.e., the same pipeline route and corridor). CHMP 11305 allows for the construction of a gas pipeline, subject to specific management requirements for registered Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Register (VAHR) places which must occur before works can start. EA will comply with all requirements of the CHMP and relevant legislation before, during and after construction. CHMP 11305 will be subject to ongoing engagement and update/approval as required.

Contact Us:

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about the Yallourn Gas Pipeline, please get in touch through the contact details below. Visit us in person at our Community Hub - 228 Commercial Road Morwell. Open Wednesdays, 10am-3pm, or by appointment.



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