

Recovery from tank incident

Update #2



The clean-up from the failure of Leach Tank 1 at Ranger mine is advancing well. A Government appointed task-force for a joint investigation into the incident has now been established.

Key points:

- The clean-up is advancing well, with some slurry remaining around Leach Tank 1. An exclusion zone has been set up around this area.
- ERA is taking all precautions to protect employees involved in the clean-up work.
- Monitoring at Ranger shows radiation dose levels are well within safe daily limits.
- Continuous water monitoring has confirmed creeks and billabongs surrounding Ranger mine are unaffected.
- Kakadu National Park remains unaffected.
- ERA has appointed an external structural engineer who has advised that the remaining leach tanks and surrounding infrastructure remain structurally sound.
- There have been no injuries as a result of the incident.



Health and Safety Advisor Luke Masterton assists with the clean-up in front of the affected tank

About the investigation

- A joint investigation and review by a Government appointed taskforce will take place.
- The Government appointed taskforce consists of the Supervising Scientist, the Northern Territory Department of Mines and Energy, Northern Territory WorkSafe, the Commonwealth Government Department of Industry and the Gundjeihmi Aboriginal Corporation, who represent the Mirarr Traditional Owners.
- The purpose of the investigation is to:
 - identify the immediate cause of the incident;
 - examine the integrity of broader processing operations;
 - identify any gaps in operating procedures or maintenance practices;
 - undertake a comprehensive examination of corporate governance arrangements;
 - provide recommendations to the Commonwealth Minister for Industry and the Northern Territory Minister for Mines and Energy.
- ERA will also be conducting an investigation that will run in parallel to the regulatory investigation.
- ERA's investigation will look into the root cause of the leach tank failure and also review site processing infrastructure.

For more information:

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