



Recovery from tank incident

ERA

Ranger mine is recovering from a failure of Leach Tank 1 that occurred on Saturday 7 December 2013. Ranger's processing operations have been shut down and the clean-up is well-advanced.

Key points:

- The mine's containment management system has multiple protection levels including bunding, protective barriers and channelling. These worked as designed to fully capture the slurry from the tank.
- The slurry was completely contained on site, with no impact on the surrounding areas or environment, including Kakadu National Park.
- Continuous water quality monitoring has confirmed creeks and billabongs surrounding Ranger mine have not been affected.
- ERA has an existing and thorough asset management and monitoring programme to cover all infrastructure at Ranger mine, including the leach tanks.

What is the risk for employees?

- The slurry is being safely cleaned up.
- Monitoring has shown radiation dose levels are well within safe daily limit levels.

What happens next?

- ERA decided to suspend processing operations immediately after the incident.
- ERA will work closely with a Government taskforce, consisting of the Office of the Supervising Scientist, the Northern Territory Department of Mines and Energy and Northern Territory WorkSafe to conduct a full investigation, and will keep stakeholders informed.
- ERA's priorities are the health and safety of its people and the community, the protection of the environment and making sure this can't happen again.



This image shows a loader assisting to clean up material in front of the failed leach tank



A Radiation Safety Advisor checks that the radiation dose levels of the material is well within safe levels

For more information:

- See your leader
- Call the ERA Information Line:

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