

Amenity Effect Programme

The Amenity Effect Programme (AEP) was started several years ago as an informal agreement between the company and residents living in defined areas close to the open pit or underground operations. The programme was set up as a voluntary initiative with no legal status.

The AEP acknowledged that mine-related effects such as vibration could have the potential to affect people's quality of life (amenity). It was designed to recognise that some people may experience the effects of our operations at levels lower than those set by the consent conditions.

The Correnso Underground Mine Consent Conditions incorporated AEP. Now, the programme is a part of our operating consents and so is



mandatory. AEP was incorporated into the SUPA consent conditions and is also included in Project Martha conditions.

Each six-month period, detailed vibration reports for the locations are exported from BlastHub. The results are filtered to identify properties that registered two or more blast events in any one month that produced a vibration level of 1.5mm/s (peak particle velocity) or more during the six-month reporting period.

To qualify for the AEP, tenants of rental accommodation must have lived at the address for a minimum period of six months and receive two or more blasts in one month with ground vibration equal or greater than 1.5mm/s in magnitude. OceanaGold staff contact those people who qualify.

Payments are based on OceanaGold Waihi's monitoring results and a schedule of rates that increases payments with increasing magnitudes of vibration. While the payments will vary depending on the mine-related effects experienced, a minimum payment of \$250 has been established that will apply to all qualifying residents in any six-month period. A one-off payment of \$500 is made when residents are enrolled in the scheme. Rates are adjusted annually in line with

the Consumer Price Index (CPI). AEP payments for the first half of 2019 are currently being calculated.



The Mines Rescue Team has practiced with the Westpac Rescue helicopter in previous years.

Sponsorships, donations and PARTNERSHIPS

We are now sponsors of the Westpac Rescue helicopter based on the Coromandel Peninsula. It seemed like a good way to help the people of Waihi and the peninsula, and there's no doubt that the service gets used a lot. We often see the red and yellow machine land at Morgan Park in Waihi.

OceanaGold also sponsors and partners with local groups, organisations and individuals. You are invited to apply for assistance for a project or activity. You can find more information on our website here:

<http://waihigold.co.nz/community/investing-in-our-community>

The application forms can be found here:

<https://waihigold.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/Donation-Application-Form-2017-1.pdf>

To help us process your application in a timely manner it is important that you provide us with all of the relevant information we require. Please feel free to contact us if you would like to discuss your proposal.

The WALRUS

The Walrus Swim takes place each year in early July. Rain, hail or shine (and we have had all of these over the years). Those foolhardy or brave enough swim the length of the polishing ponds in a quest for glory and ownership of the fabled walrus trophy.

The polishing ponds are the last part of the water treatment process before water is discharged into the Ohinemuri River. They provide a final check to ensure that the water is 'up to spec' before it is released. These ponds are just one part of the water management system on site, which includes the Water Treatment Plant, collection ponds and silt ponds.

The site is designed and managed to ensure that any water discharges either alone or in combination do not cause adverse effects on the Ohinemuri River. Monitoring of the Ohinemuri River and Ruahorehore Stream is carried out regularly and includes water and sediment quality monitoring and biological monitoring.

Regulatory authorities Waikato Regional Council and Hauraki District Council monitor site operations to ensure that the environmental conditions set out in the various consents and licences are being met. In addition, Peer Review Panels and consultants engaged by the regulatory authorities provide a further independent check.

