



BHP Billiton thanks all communities for their interest in the Yeelirrie Project. This Project Update provides you with the latest information on our current activities.

Current Status

We are currently in the pre-feasibility stage of the project, with work focused on upgrading the status of the Yeelirrie deposit to declare a mineral resource. There are about 40 people on site involved in this drilling program, and in a range of environmental studies which are being undertaken as part of the environmental impact assessment process.

Community Visits

Since commencing our community consultation program in May, our community relations team has visited Wiluna, Leonora, Menzies and Kalgoorlie-Boulder to discuss the project with community members and organisations, including local government authorities.

A range of queries have been raised, covering topics such as the mining process, project time frame, transportation, environment, radiation, workforce and contract opportunities. BHP Billiton has a range of information sheets available on these topics. Please contact Carolyn Walker on (08) 9450 1445 for copies.

We look forward to visiting your community again soon with more information about the Project.

Community Reference Group

The Community Reference Group (CRG) met in August and September. It will play a key role in enhancing communication and consultation for the Project.

At the September meeting, the CRG heard about radiation from guest speaker Jim Hondros, who is a Member of the Australian Radiation Protection Society and Environmental Institute of Australia. Jim is currently radiation adviser to the Olympic Dam expansion with responsibility for all radiation work on the Olympic Dam Expansion Project EIS.

His presentation focused on various aspects of radiation and uranium, including sources, exposures, health effects, controls and regulations. People are exposed to radiation every day through food, soil and water, as well as X-rays, consumer products and in modes of transport.

Industry Forums

During August, BHP Billiton joined the Chamber of Minerals and Energy WA (CME), other uranium miners and the Department of Mines and Petroleum in providing a community briefing session in Kalgoorlie.

Independent guest speakers presented information about uranium mining, climate change and radiation and provided an opportunity for community members to discuss the various uranium projects with the companies involved.

The next forum being organised by the CME will be held in Wiluna. A date will be advised soon.

Upcoming activities

BHP Billiton will be holding community information sessions as the Project progresses. If you want to learn more about the Yeelirrie Project, look out for future Project Updates for dates. Our next CRG meeting is on 18 November. If you have any issues or questions you'd like to raise, please contact your local CRG representative (listed below).

For more information

Please contact the Yeelirrie Project's Community Relations representative, Carolyn Walker, on (08) 9450 1445 or email icwalker@vianet.net.au, or your local CRG representative:

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