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Adelaide Brighton Cement's (ABC) Birkenhead plant complies with strict environmental licence conditions stipulated in its Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) licence.

It is an Australian Government requirement for the company to annually provide National Pollution Inventory (NPI) data. The NPI is calculated using methodology stipulated by the NPI <http://www.npi.gov.au/>. The results vary from period to period, and while there has been recent focus on the fact that the latest NPI data shows an increase in emissions for some compounds, it should be noted that emissions for the majority of reported compounds actually reduced.

More importantly, emissions from the Birkenhead plant are monitored, regularly tested and modeled by an independent accredited body. The results are reported to the EPA in line with our licence requirements and confirm that Adelaide Brighton Cement's Birkenhead plant emissions are significantly below World Health Organisation health guidelines and National Environmental Protection Measure benchmarks.

Environmental performance is a major focus of Adelaide Brighton Cement's business. The company's EPA and Community Liaison Group approved Environmental Improvement Program is aimed at improving its environmental performance.

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