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Carbon Bake Furnace 3 (CBF3) shutdown incident

BSL emergency services responded to an incident on site about midday when materials in the carbon bake furnace caught alight.

The incident occurred during a planned filter bypass.

No injuries were experienced during the incident and BSL emergency services were immediately called to the scene to ensure the area was contained.

The shut was part of the planned maintenance process and was advertised in the local media this week.

The shutdown was to clear residue from the filter house inlet.

A BSL management team response plan was enacted to ensure the process was handled in the most effective way.

The Department of Environment and Resource Management (DERM) was notified and attended the site to observe the recovery process.

The incident has extended the period of the shut by approximately 48 hours.

Some visible emissions may be experienced at times through this period.

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