

AUSTRALIAN FEDERATED UNION OF LOCOMOTIVE EMPLOYEES



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Black Mould UPDATE - NGR Units

Dear members,

This afternoon and into the early evening I have been in contact with senior Queensland Rail management and QLD Government advisors regarding the ongoing presence of mould identified within NGR units.

Late this afternoon I was presented with a report completed by Viridis Australasia Pty Ltd outlining their preliminary results. The report shows the sporadic presence of mould within NRG cabs and units caused by the build up of moisture.

Although the report identifies a low risk to traincrew or the general public, AFULE members are strongly encouraged to report units that exhibit an odour or the presence of mould so that the consist is removed from service and dealt with appropriately.

Further, this Monday at 0930 hours members of Citytrain Workplace Health and Safety Committees and AFULE reps will meet with management to discuss the report and what actions are required to further reduce any risk to AFULE members.

If you identify any issues with an NGR unit, we ask that you report this immediately internally and also inform your state office at statesecretary@afule.org.au. The AFULE withholds the right to enter into disputation at any point whereby stringent controls are not put in place by the company to ensure the safety of our members at work.

If you require further information, please contact your local rep or your State Office via email – statesecretary@afule.org.au.

I will be sure to keep you updated with further details as they come to hand.

In Solidarity,



Michael McKittrick
State Secretary