

Latest measurements justify AMAG's strict environmental policy

AMAG's environmental policy is aimed at conserving natural resources and reducing the volumes of waste, wastewater and emissions relating to the production process, as evidenced by accreditation according to ISO 14001 and confirmed by measurement data.



The attainment of these goals is aided by investments in the latest technology.

Environmental Secretary Anschober: "A highly positive trend."

On the basis of a comprehensive range of measurements, the Upper Austrian Environmental Secretary, Rudi Anschober, draws a positive conclusion: "AMAG is another example of the fact that environment protection, business and the securing of employment are not diametrical opposites, but go hand in hand. Moreover, the results of an extensive measurement programme show clearly that in the meantime the environmental situation in the vicinity of the AMAG plant has developed in a pleasing and positive manner."

At the suggestion of the general public and the environmental ombudsman, since 2004 various bio-monitoring and dust measurement programmes have been completed. The most extensive of these commenced in 2008 and the results show that no overshoots exist and that the situation is comparable to that in other Upper Austrian regions. Anschober*:

"With this measurement programme, Ranshofen numbers among the most thoroughly examined industrial locations in Austria. In order to ensure transparency, the public was informed about the results of the 2008 Ranshofen atmospheric measurement and bio-monitoring programme on May 18, 2009." The complete report can be accessed under www.land-oberoesterreich.gv.at (topic – environment).

* Press release by Environmental Secretary Anschober on July 3, 2009

Results of air quality monitoring and dust precipitation analysis

The monitoring of air quality by the Upper Austrian government with regard to the pollutants nitrogen oxide, PM 10 and CO in the atmosphere and from a meteorological perspective, confirms that the limits of the Austrian Immission Protection Act (IG-L) were adhered to during the measurement period. The analyses relating to dust precipitation and its lead and cadmium content also come to the conclusion that there were no breaches of IG-L limits in the Ranshofen area and that no indications exist of immissions from active and passive bio-monitoring. In the interests of the local inhabitants and the workforce, environmental surveillance will continue in future in the form of limited bio-monitoring. ■

Principles for environmental protection action

Environmental protection within the AMAG Group is based on a comprehensive package of principles and measures:

- Adherence to statutory regulations and official directives.
- The continuous improvement of operational environmental protection using the most economic technology available.
- The reduction or prevention of environmental impact.
- The periodic checking of the plants and processes in use and the assessment of planned plants and processes with regard to their effects on the environment.
- Periodic audits of the entire management system.
- The training and subsequent individual responsibility of the entire workforce.
- Public information regarding environmental aspects of relevance.

AMAG casting filter system

