

ACLCA SA ONLINE PRESENTATION

TOPIC: MARALINGA DEBRIS PIT INVESTIGATION

Presented by: Robert Kaftan (Kleinfelder)

Time: 12:00 noon – until 12:30pm (approx.)
Date: Tuesday 1 March 2022
Via: Zoom (details below)

Synopsis:

Some 3000 km² of land at Maralinga, about 300km north-west of Ceduna in South Australia, and 500 km² of land at Emu Field, 200km further north of Maralinga, were used by the United Kingdom (UK) as nuclear weapon test sites between 1953 and 1964.

In 2009, Maralinga was handed back to the Traditional Owners (Maralinga Tjarutja). Subsequently, as the land returned to more widespread use by the Traditional Owners, they expressed concerns about potential human health, safety and ecological risks associated with the debris pits. In late 2020, Kleinfelder was commissioned by the Australian Government to undertake initial intrusive investigations on these debris pits, to assess the potential human health and ecological risks and develop an effective remediation strategy.

Robert will describe the context of the investigations, the particular logistical challenges of carrying out this work in a remote desert environment and managing potential asbestos and radiological risks associated with the pits.

Presenter's Bio:

Rob has worked across a broad range of sectors including transport, waste, water, land development, property and buildings, maritime and riverine, public works, and structures. His key areas of specialisation include environmental science and contaminated land.

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