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Report to the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee
from Stephen Yeats, Resource Advisor

Non – Agricultural Discharges Annual Compliance Monitoring

1. Purpose

To report to the Committee the findings of the compliance monitoring carried out on the discharge (non-agricultural) permits.

2. Background

Those Wairarapa discharge permits which have an on-going effect on the environment are inspected at least annually to ensure they are complying with consent conditions. The frequency of inspections is set by either the Resource Management Charging Policy (February 1997) or the resource consent conditions. Further inspections may be undertaken as a result of public complaints about the discharge.

The type of discharges include abattoirs, winery waste, septic waste, gravel processing water, stormwater, inert cleanfill and industrial waste.

3. Inspections 1998/99

There were 30 consents which were charged for compliance inspections. All were inspected at least once. A report on the inspection was written and sent back to the consent holder after each inspection.

4. Discussion

4.1 Abattoirs

Four abattoirs were inspected. All of them discharge their effluent to land. Two of them had very good operating systems. Two of them were not complying with the resource consent conditions, and changes were requested to the way they manage the effluent.

4.2 Septic Waste

Seven consents from various sewage/septic systems were inspected. There were no major issues of non-compliance found.

4.3 Winery Waste

Only one consent for the discharge of winery waste was inspected. The company was operating their system very well. There are currently only four consents for winery waste in the Wairarapa.

4.4 Gravel Processing Water

Five consents for the discharge of gravel processing water were inspected. There was significant non-compliance at one site. Changes were requested at this operation, and a new pond was subsequently constructed. All other sites were operating well.

4.5 Inert Cleanfill

There are three major sites where cleanfill is being disposed of in quarries. There was non-compliance at one of the consented sites.

4.6 Industrial Waste

There are a number of consents for discharge of waste from various industrial sites. The discharges are to both land and water. The industries are as diverse as timber processors, concrete batching plants, tourism and petrol companies.

There were no significant issues of non-compliance to report on this group of discharges.

5. Communication

The outcome will be included in the annual newsletter provided to consent holders, and the Annual Regional Compliance Report.

6. Recommendation

That the information be received.

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