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## Pollution Control Report

### 1. Purpose

To report on incident response, investigation and audit work undertaken by Greater Wellington's Pollution Control Team in the Wellington Region during the reporting period.

### 2. Background

The Environment Management Division manages the unauthorised use of the environmental via the following:

- 24-hour Incident Response service, addressing pollution complaints, environmental incidents and alleged non-compliance with regional plans.
- *Take Charge*, a pollution prevention programme to improve environmental performance and compliance of small to medium-sized businesses.
- Special Projects, which include the development of resource materials, and targeted investigations to establish baseline conditions, track trends, and characterise environmental problems.

### 3. Incidents

#### 3.1 Incident summary for the period 16 May to 20 June 2008

A total of 72 incidents were recorded during this reporting period, as summarised in Figure 1. All incidents were responded to within the target response times.

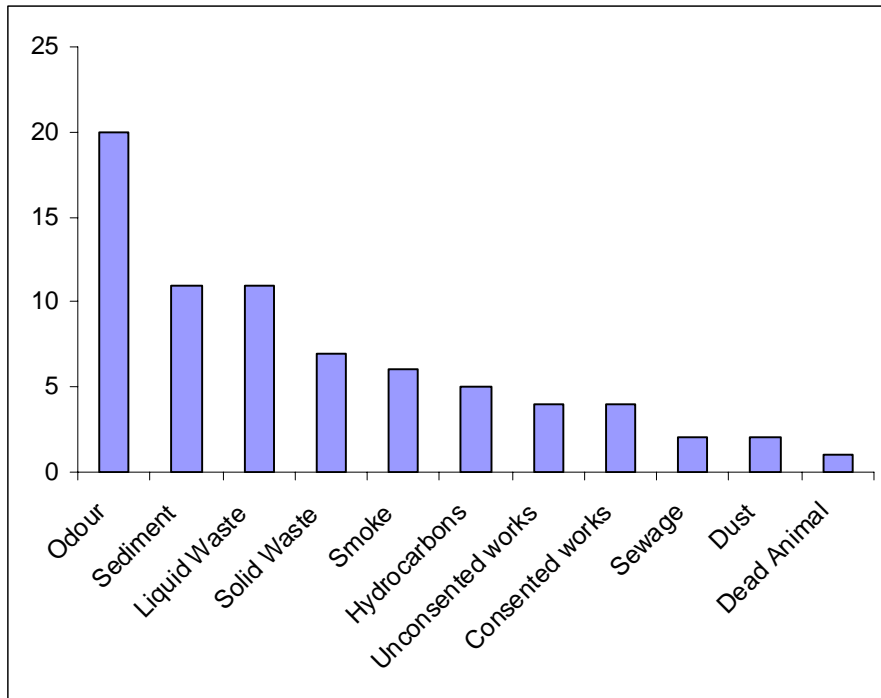


Figure 1: Summary of Incidents for period 16 May to 20 June 2008

### 3.2 Incident significance

The incidents are assessed for significance as determined by the severity, extent and duration of environmental effects. This ranking is used to track incident trends. The majority of incidents attended were considered to have negligible effects and only 1 of the 72 was considered to be significant. The incidents categorised as “Not Assessed” are those where officers did not attend the scene, or where officers were unable to assess the severity, extent or duration of environmental effects.

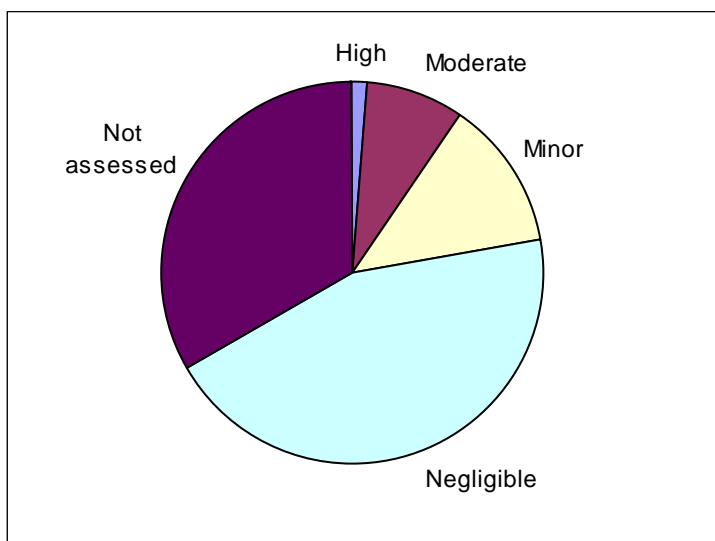


Figure 2: Incident significance for the period 16 May to 20 June 2008

A full list of incidents for the last period can be found at: <http://www.gw.govt.nz/section32.cfm?>

### 3.3 Significant incidents

Pollution Control in the Wairarapa was made aware of a large farm tip site on a stream bank at Hinikura, Martinborough via TV3's Campbell Live show. Pollution Control arrived at the site the next day and oversaw the removal and clean up of the tip site.

Pollution Control in Wellington is investigating a cleanfill at Pauatahanui which may have up to 3,000 tyres buried in it. We will report back to the Regulatory Committee in due course.

### 3.4 Incident distribution

Figure 3 shows the regional distribution of incidents. The majority of the incidents are reported in the urban areas. However, there are an increasing number of incidents in the Wairarapa in 2007/08 year.

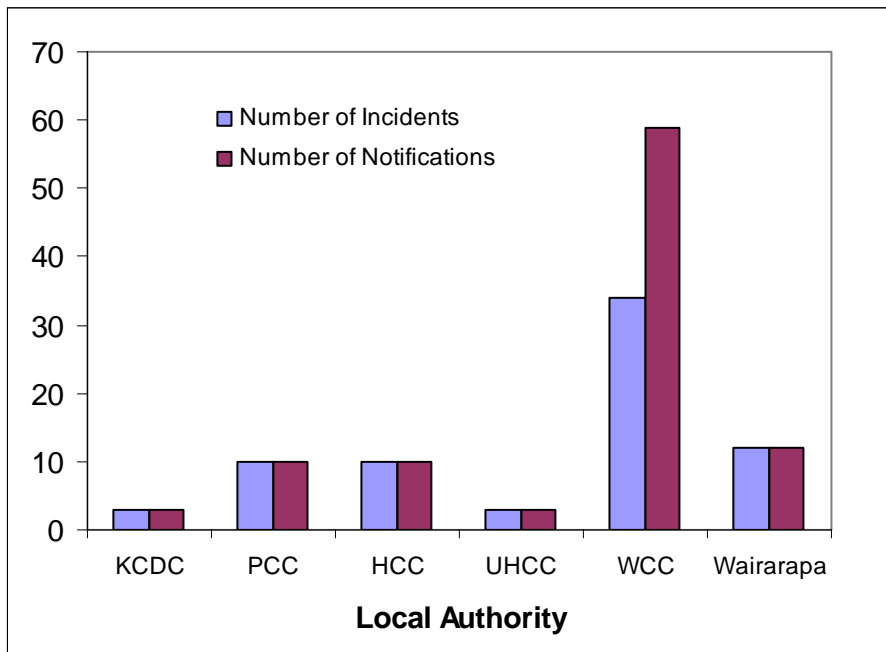


Figure 3: Incident distribution by local authority

## 4. Enforcement action

Table 1 summarises enforcement action taken from 16 May to 20 June 2008.

Table 1: Summary of enforcement action

Regulatory tool	Number issued
Advisory Notices	9
Infringement Notices	4
Abatement Notices	2
Enforcement Orders	0
Prosecutions (& information's laid)	0

### 4.1 Summary of enforcement action

#### Infringement Notices

Offender	Address	Offence	Fine \$
Allied Concrete Ltd	PO Box 83095, Johnsonville, Wellington 6440	Disposal of concrete waste onto Waingawa River bed	750
Timothy Lloyd	67 Penrose Street, Lower Hutt	Discharge of contaminants (washdown water) from workshop in Karori onto land	300
Robert Styles	272 Belmont Road, Pauatahanui	Discharge of contaminants (washdown water) from workshop in Karori onto land	300
S & I Group Ltd	262 Fergusson Drive, Upper Hutt	Discharge of contaminants (washdown water) from workshop in Karori onto land	1000

## Abatement Notices

Offender	Address	Offence
Michael Eglesfield Daniell	34 Akura Road, Masterton	Cease unauthorised abstraction or taking of water at Akura Road, Masterton
Grant and Christine Cardno	250 Huia Street, Waikanae	Ensure the base flow of an unnamed stream is maintained; mitigate risks from flood effects and other effects on the environment, remove unauthorised culverts and concrete structure placed in bed of the stream

## 5. *Take Charge*

*Take Charge* is Greater Wellington's Pollution Prevention Program to improve site environmental management. The current program targets:

1. Grenada North - an area assessment focusing on preventing contaminants entering the stormwater and polluting the Takapu Stream
2. Non-complying businesses referred by government employees and the public
3. EnviroSmart businesses - committed to achieving initiatives beyond compliance
4. Service Stations in the Wairarapa - an activity based assessment to ensure consistent compliance

During this period, site audits were completed for the following businesses at Grenada North:

- Coq au Vin (Division of Tegel Foods)
- Anderson Flowers Warehousing
- Rapid Metal Developments (scaffolding)
- Market Gardens

Additional audits were completed for:

- Resene Paints (revisit)
- Gull Service Station (Masterton)

Gull Service Station, Allied Concrete (head office at Kiwi Pt), Anderson Flowers Warehousing and Macaulay Metals completed the recommendations outlined in the *Take Charge* audit report. This now totals 11 businesses since the beginning of the year to qualify for the *Take Charge* Sustainable Business Achievement certificate.

## 6. Special projects

The Pollution Control team has worked with the Contaminated Land Scientist, Environmental Monitoring and Investigations Department to develop a risk ranking tool for the closed landfill sites in the Wellington City Council district. This will be used to determine which of the 56 closed landfills in the district require further investigation and work by Greater Wellington.

## 7. Communication

No further public communication is necessary for this report.

## 8. Recommendations

*It is recommended that the Committee:*

1. ***Receives the report; and***
2. ***Notes the contents.***

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