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Environmental Protection Report

1. Purpose

To report on incident response, investigation and audit work undertaken by Greater Wellington's Environmental Protection Team in the Wellington region during the reporting period.

2. Communication

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

No further public communication is necessary for this report.

3. Background

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

- 24-hour Incident Response service, addressing notifications of 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.

4. Incidents

4.1 Incident summary for the period 3 April 2009 to 22 May 2009

A total of 147 incidents were recorded during this reporting period, as summarised in Figure 1.

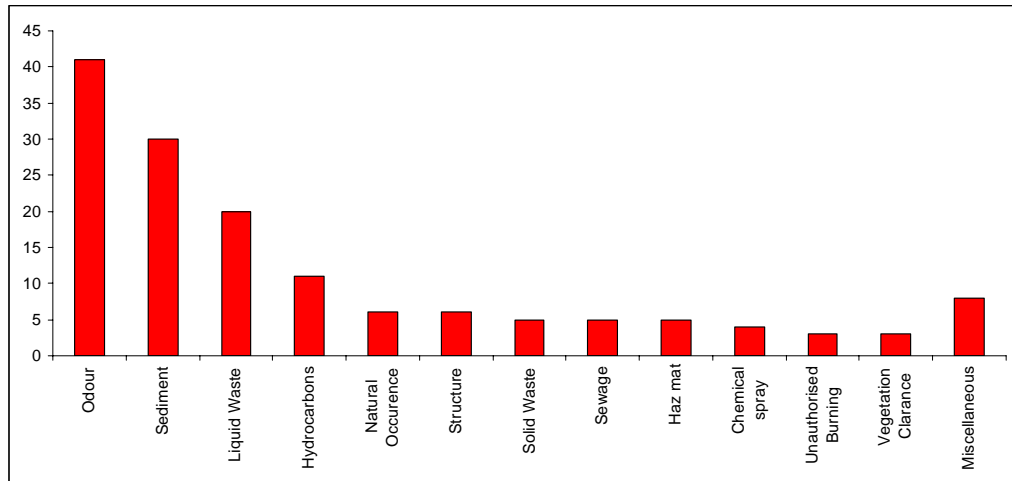


Figure 1: Summary of Incidents for period 3 April 2009 to 22 May 2009

4.2 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 and minor effects.

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.

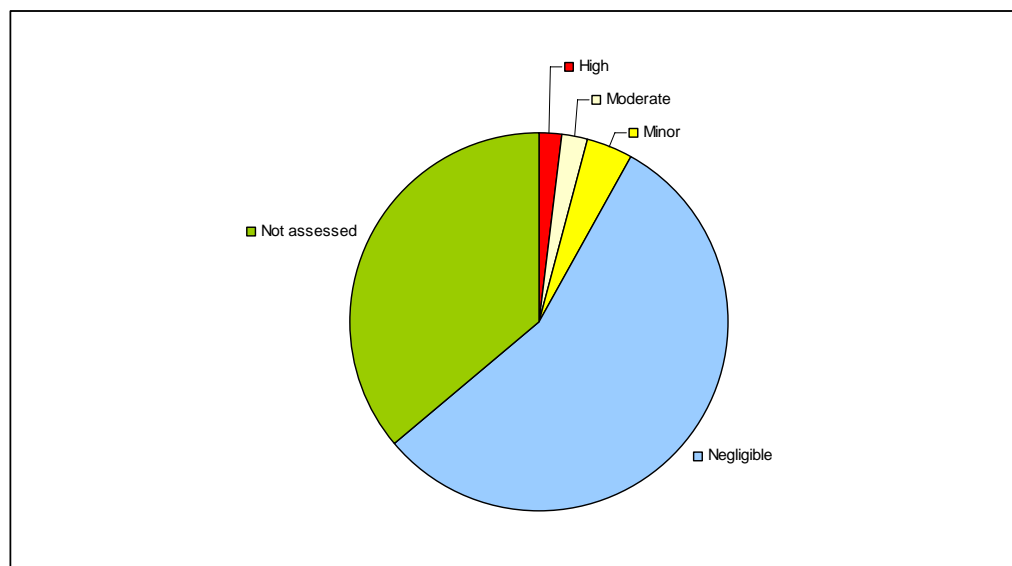


Figure 2: Incident significance for the period 3 April 2009 to 22 May 2009

4.3 Significant incidents

The following incidents were assessed as having a high environmental significance during this reporting period.

On 14 May, an incident was attended at the Porirua City Council ‘Spicer’ Landfill, where a programme to install gas wells at the landfill had been delayed resulting in a significant discharge of landfill gas. Onsite testing showed that the levels were harmful to human health and the Department of Labour was notified. Abatement Notices have been issued to the Porirua City Council and the two contractors involved to cease these discharges and report how they will contain and cease the discharges.

On 27 April March, an incident was attended by the duty officer and two resource advisors at the Best Farms subdivision adjacent to the Stebbings Stream. The officers observed significant discharges of sediment and discoloration of the Porirua Stream. The officers have given direction to the managers of the site and are investigating whether a breach of the resource consent has occurred.

4.4 Incident distribution

Figure 3 shows the regional distribution of incidents. The majority of the incidents are reported in the urban areas. The data shows the number of incidents reported with multiple notifications has dropped off significantly in this reporting period. This would indicate a down turn in the frequency of odour notifications.

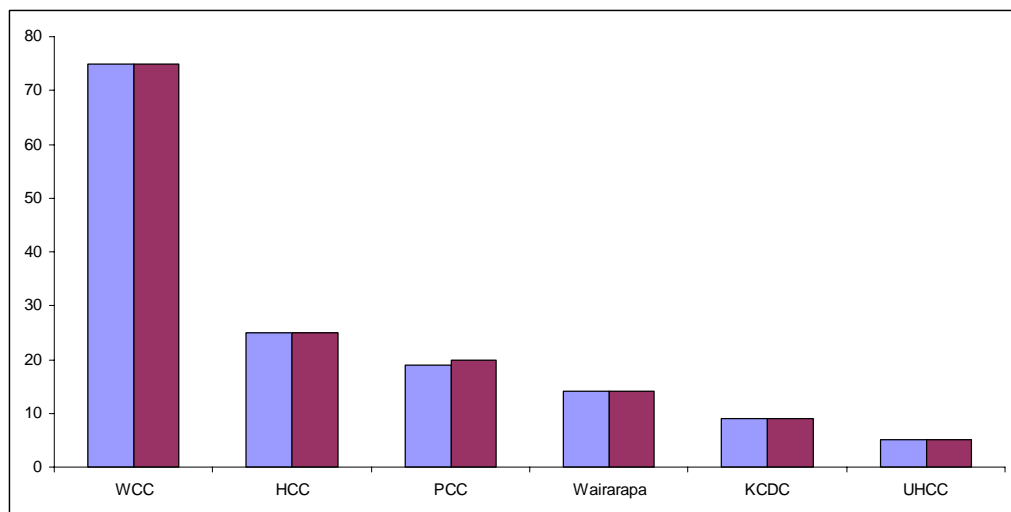


Figure 3: Incident distribution (light) and notifications (dark) by local authority for the period 3 April 2009 to 22 May 2009

5. Enforcement action

Table 1 summarises enforcement action taken from 3 April 2009 to 22 May 2009.

Table 1: Summary of enforcement action

Regulatory tool	Number issued
Advisory Notices	6
Cost Recovery (invoices)	4
Infringement Notices	5
Abatement Notices	6
Enforcement Orders	0
Prosecutions (& informations laid)	1

5.1 Summary of enforcement action

Advisory Notices

Offender	Location	Activity giving rise to Advisory Notice	Advisory Request
Diane Barnard	N Block, Weltech, 59 Cuba St, Petone	Vehicle washing to stormwater	Cease discharge of contaminants to stormwater
Barry Christopher Rippon	18 Leanne Way, Waikanae Beach	Discharging vehicle washwater to stormwater	Cease discharges to stormwater
Owner/Occupier	37 Spinnaker Drive, Whitby	Tipping paintbrush washwater to stormwater system	Cease discharge to stormwater
Daniel George	Georges Road, Martinborough	Discharge of effluent to land from inappropriate storage facilities.	Ensure there are no future overflows from the effluent race and effluent ponds. Ensure that all effluent discharges are in accordance with resource consent. Remediate area where overflow/spillage has occurred
David Fisher	Watersons Line, RD1, Carterton	Overflow from the dairy shed sump is ponding heavily in the adjacent paddock	Stop any effluent overflow from the sump

Cost Recovery

Name of Recipient	Reason for the invoice	Incident location	Amount due
Envirowaste Technical Services Ltd	Cost recovery for confirmed non compliance with regional plan - Odour investigation	Gough Street, Seaview	\$168.75
David Wilson	Discharge of hydrocarbons to stormwater	1 Steyne Avenue, Plimmerton	\$495.00
Wellington Water Management Limited	Sewage discharge to Albemarle Stream, Northland	Albemarle Stream	\$261.00
Envirowaste Technical Services Ltd	Cost recovery for confirmed non compliance with regional plan - Odour investigation	Gough Street, Seaview	\$168.75

Infringement Notices

Name/Company name	Reason for the Notice	Location of incident - street address	Infringement Fee (Incl GST) \$
Whitby Coastal Estates Ltd	Sediment in the watercourse at Albatross Close, Whitby	Between 65 and 66 Albatross Close	750
Best Farm Limited	Ineffective sediment control, leading to discharge of sediment into Stebbings Stream, Churton Park WGN040295	Best Farm subdivision, between Amesbury Drive and Stebbings Road	300
David Wilson	Discharge of hydrocarbons to stormwater	1 Steyne Avenue, Plimmerton, Porirua	300
Envirowaste Technical Services Ltd	Discharging offensive odour beyond boundary	Envirowaste Technical Services Limited Site, Corner of Gough and Waterman Streets, Seaview	300
Cameron Neil Forbes	Sediment discharges to the stormwater network	84 Kirton Drive, Riverstone Terraces, Upper Hutt	750

Abatement Notices

Name/Company name	Location	Reason for Notice	Instruction
KR & SM Shaw	Mangatarere Valley Road, Carterton	Inlet structures are inconsistent with consent conditions	Ensure inlet structures are consistent with you consent
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Mana Te Araki	8 Earp Street, Johnsonville	Unauthorised works in the bed of a stream at 8 Earp Street, Johnsonville, Wellington	Remediate or authorise the unauthorised works in the bed of a stream at 8 Earp Street, Johnsonville
Pratap's Investments Limited	117A Coutts Street, Rongotai	Unauthorised discharges of contaminants to air and land from workshop	Cease the unauthorised discharges of contaminants to land
Jiten Pratap	117A Coutts Street, Rongotai	Unauthorised discharges of contaminants to air and land from workshop	Cease the unauthorised discharges of contaminants to land
Cameron Neil Forbes	84 Kirton Drive, Riverstone Terraces, Upper Hutt	Unauthorised sediment discharges to land in circumstances where it may enter water (Tributary of Hutt River)	Cease unauthorised sediment discharges to land in circumstances where it may enter water

6. Take Charge

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

1. Grenada North – Take Charge audits complete for all sites in Grenada North area assessment, but some follow-up visits to businesses to take place.
2. Non-complying businesses referred by environmental protection staff 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.

6.1 Emission

The Emission programme has been confirmed with the number of businesses enrolled reaching 22; of these sites around half will undergo the Take Charge audit assessment. The first of these has already been completed and a report issued to the Dexion Commercial NZ Limited site in Wingate, Lower Hutt.

6.2 Panel and Paint audits

Take Charge is auditing IAG suppliers in the Wellington region of the 40 sites (in total) 9 initial audits were undertaken during this period.

6.3 Wairarapa Service stations

Three service station re-visits in the Wairarapa were undertaken during this period.

6.4 New industry and area assessment projects

The Granada North area assessment project has now been completed, with only a few minor outstanding requests at two sites. Naenae commercial/industrial area has been selected for the next area assessment to be undertaken. A report on these two items will be presented at this regulatory committee. (Report 09.314)

6.5 Assessments and reports

Thirteen Take Charge visits were undertaken during this reporting period. This comprises of:

- **10 new visits**
- 3 re-visits

New sites audited under Take Charge				
Company Name	Address	Current activities	Risk at site	Compliance status
Autobodies Limited	46 Webb Street, Wellington	Panel and Paint	Minor	Minor non-compliance
Francis Place Panel and Paint	13 Donald McLean Street, Newtown	Panel and Paint	Minor	Minor non-compliance
Tustin's Panel and Paint	152-154a Karori Road, Karori	Panel and Paint	Minor	Minor non-compliance
Ray Pipers Panel and Paint	54 Victoria Street, Lower Hutt	Panel and Paint	Minor	Minor non-compliance
Bodyworks Panel and Paint	18 Gear Street, Petone	Panel and Paint	Minor	Minor non-compliance
Larsen's Panel and Paint	5 Simmons Grove, Wainuiomata	Panel and Paint	Minor	Minor non-compliance

D.E McMillan Panel & Paint Ltd	111-115 Naenae Road, Lower Hutt	Panel and Paint	Minor	Minor non-compliance
Maidstone Panelbeaters	36-38 Park Road, Upper Hutt	Panel and Paint	Minor	Minor non-compliance
Dexion Commercial NZ Limited	25 Peterkin Street, Wingate, Lower Hutt	office furniture manufacturers	Minor	Minor non-compliance
Auto Image Limited	12 Sydney Street, Petone	Panel and Paint	Minor	Minor non-compliance
Cutfield Motors	258 High Street South, Carterton	Service station	Minor	Minor non-compliance
Smith, Hare & Christianson Ltd	191-207 High St North, Carterton	Service station	Minor	Minor non-compliance

7. Recommendations

That the Committee:

1. ***Receives the report.***
2. ***Notes the content of the report.***

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