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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 20 June to 1 August 2008

A total of 113 incidents were recorded during this reporting period, as summarised in Figure 1. All incidents were responded to within the target response times.

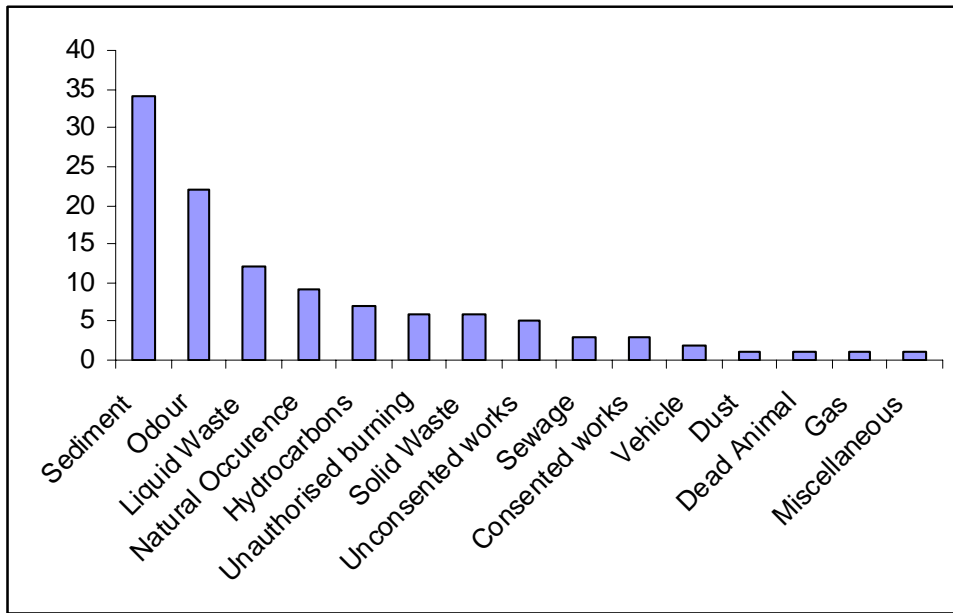


Figure 1: Summary of Incidents for period 20 June to 1 August 2008

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. This reporting period had an increase in the number of incidents considered to be of moderate significance. This was due to the large number of sediment related incidents noted in this report.

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.

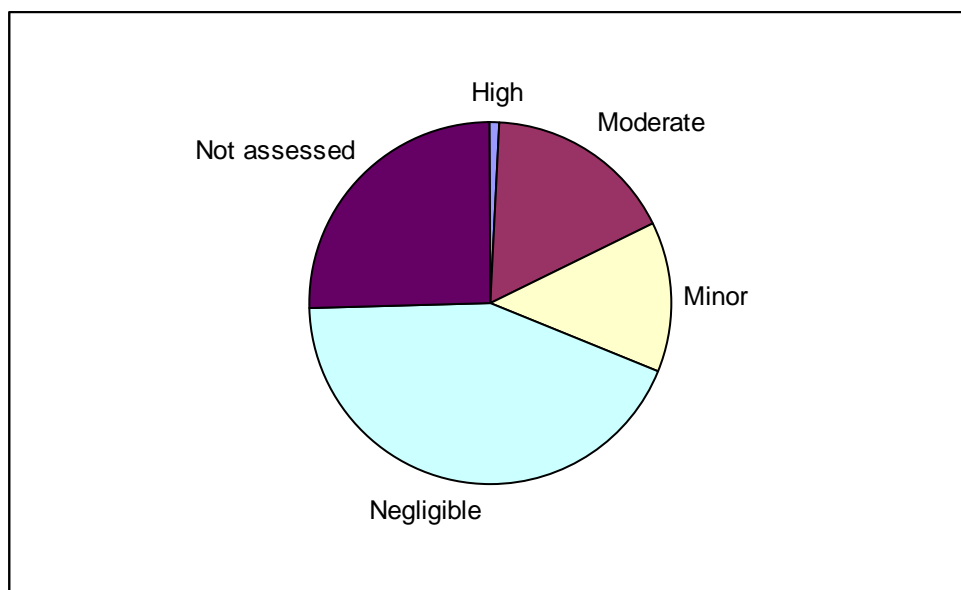


Figure 2: Incident significance for the period 20 June to 1 August 2008

4.3 Significant incidents

Greater Wellington enforcement officers from the Environmental Protection team have responded to incidents at Whitby Coastal Estates Limited's earthworks site on 2 June 2008, 29 June 2008, 12 July 2008, 19 July 2008 and 31 July 2008. During each of the incidents the investigating officer observed a lack of adequate erosion and sediment control, in particular failure of silt fences. These failures have caused discharges to the adjacent watercourse.

On 16 June 2008, Greater Wellington enforcement officers inspected the MAJ Holdings Limited construction site at 3-21 Ulric Street, Plimmerton to investigate a discharge of sediment to the Taupo Stream. They observed a stand alone pump adjacent to the excavations on site. The in-take connected to the pump was in the pooled water at the base of the excavations and the out-let was placed in Taupo Stream. Atom Hire employee's who were driving the excavator confirmed that water was pumped from the excavations into the stream.

4.4 Incident distribution

Figure 3 shows the regional distribution of incidents. The majority of the incidents are reported in the urban areas. However, there is a continuing increase in Wairarapa based incidents for the 2007/08 year.

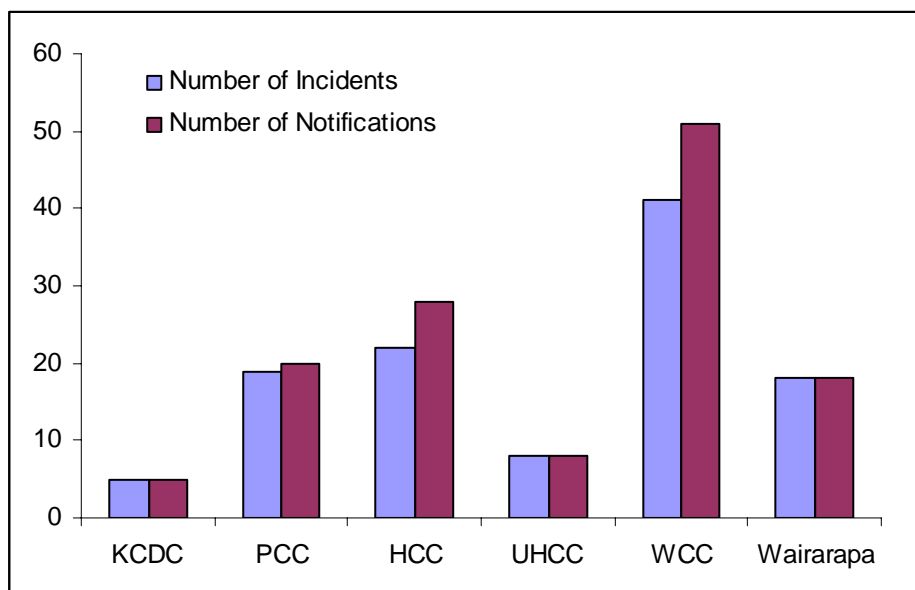


Figure 3: Incident distribution by local authority

5. Enforcement action

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

Table 1: Summary of enforcement action

Regulatory tool	Number issued
Advisory Notices	3
Cost Recovery (invoices)	2
Infringement Notices	3
Abatement Notices	10
Enforcement Orders	0
Prosecutions (& information's laid)	0

5.1 Summary of enforcement action

Cost Recovery

Offender	Address	Reason for the Notice	Amount due
Adam Turner	90 Greys Road, Pauatahanui	Discharge of slurry water from a newly laid concrete driveway into adjacent wetland at 90 Greys Road, Pauatahanui	\$286.88
Nino Amitrano	A1 Autos, 17-19 Webb Street, Te Aro	Discharge of parts cleaner to stormwater drain	\$697.50

Infringement Notices

Offender	Address	Offence	Fine
Robert Solomon	Ngati Toa Stream, Porirua Scenic Reserve	Unauthorised works in the bed of an unnamed tributary of Onepoto Inlet	500
Taylor Preston Limited	Taylor Preston Limited plant, Ngauranga Gorge, Wellington	A breach of condition 7 of air discharge permit WGN950150 [23361], namely an offensive and objectionable odour beyond the boundary of the permit holder's premises	1000
Mr Carel Ferdinand Lampe	63 Kenepuru Drive, Unit 5, Porirua	Discharge of hydrocarbons from a workshop into Kenepuru Stream	750

Abatement Notices

Offender	Address	Abatement	Offence
Timothy Lloyd	280 Karori Road, Karori	Unauthorised discharges of contaminants to land which may enter water from the onsite use and bulk storage of hydrocarbons, including vehicle maintenance and onsite processes	Illegal discharges to stormwater entering the Karori Stream
S & L Group Limited	280 Karori Road, Karori	Unauthorised discharges of contaminants to land which may enter water from the onsite use and bulk storage of hydrocarbons, including vehicle maintenance and onsite processes	Illegal discharges to stormwater entering the Karori Stream
Gillian McConway	5a Dodds Street, Otaki	Remove or authorise an impermeable erosion protection structure in the bed of the Waitohu Stream	An illegal 20 metre wooden erosion protection structure in the Waitohu Stream
BP Oil New Zealand Limited	280 Karori Road, Karori	Unauthorised discharges of contaminants to land which may enter water from the onsite use and bulk storage of hydrocarbons, including vehicle maintenance and onsite processes	Illegal discharges to stormwater entering the Karori Stream
Graham Alexander	230 Mangaroa Valley Road, Upper Hutt	Cease any discharge of contaminants to land and water resulting from the use of a meat processing shed	Illegal discharges of contaminants to an unnamed tributary of Colleys Stream
Elizabeth Piper (director)	54-56 Victoria Street, Alicetown	Cease illegal discharges to air	Illegal discharges from 54-56 Victoria St, Alicetown
Ray Piper Panel beaters and Spray painters Limited	54-56 Victoria Street, Alicetown	Cease illegal discharges to air	Illegal discharges from 54-56 Victoria St, Alicetown
The Gravel Pit Limited	741 Makara Road	a) Cease the unauthorised construction of a track; b) Cease sediment discharges to a tributary of the Makara Stream	Unauthorised tracking and sediment discharge
Resene Paints	32-50 Vogel Street, Naenae	Cease unauthorised discharges to the HCC stormwater system where it may enter Waiwhetu Stream	Illegal discharges to stormwater
Robert Solomon	Ngati Toa Stream, in Porirua Scenic Reserve behind 17 Ngahue Crescent	Cease unauthorised works in the bed of a stream	Unauthorised works in the bed of a stream

6. **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

Assessments and reports

Company name	Location	Current activities	Risk at site	Compliance Status
Advanced Engineering (Wgtn) Ltd	23 C Dragon St Grenada North Wellington	Production sheetmetal engineers	Med	Minor non-compliance
Pacific Plastic Recyclers	10 Miro St, Otaki	Plastic recyclers	High	Moderate non-compliance
Konev Leather Ltd	Main Rd, Tawa, Porirua	Leather goods manufacturer	Med	Moderate non-compliance
Goodman Fielder NZ Ltd.	Grenada North Wellington	Food Warehouse	Low	Minor non-compliance
5Star FMCG Distribution	Grenada North Wellington	Bulk Transport depot	Low	Minor non-compliance
R H Freeman & Co Ltd	32-34 Dragon St Grenada North Wellington	Production sheetmetal engineers	Low	Minor non-compliance
Turners and Growers	52 Jamaica Drive	Fresh Produce warehouse	Med	Minor non-compliance

There have been 11 businesses since the beginning of the year to qualify for the *Take Charge* Sustainable Business Achievement certificate.

7. Special projects

The Environmental Protection team hosted a national investigators workshop for senior enforcement officers from the majority of regional councils around the country. The workshop promoted the sharing of ideas and resources amongst regional council staff. A resolution was made to continue holding similar events as part of the Compliance and Enforcement Special Interest Group activities.

8. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee:

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

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