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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/section2554.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 28 February 2009 to 3 April 2009

A total of 102 incidents were recorded during this reporting period, as summarised in Figure 1.

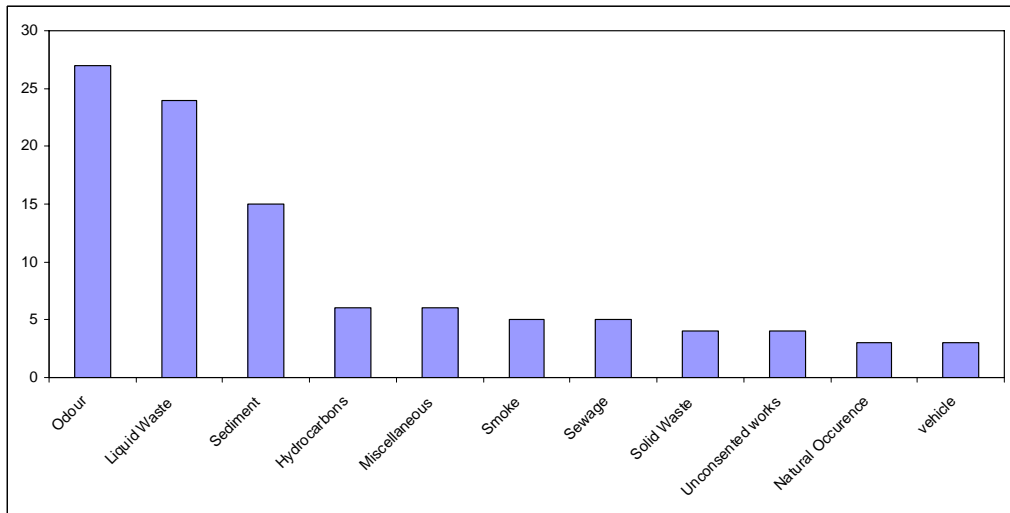


Figure 1: Summary of Incidents for period 28 February 2009 to 3 April 2009

#### 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.

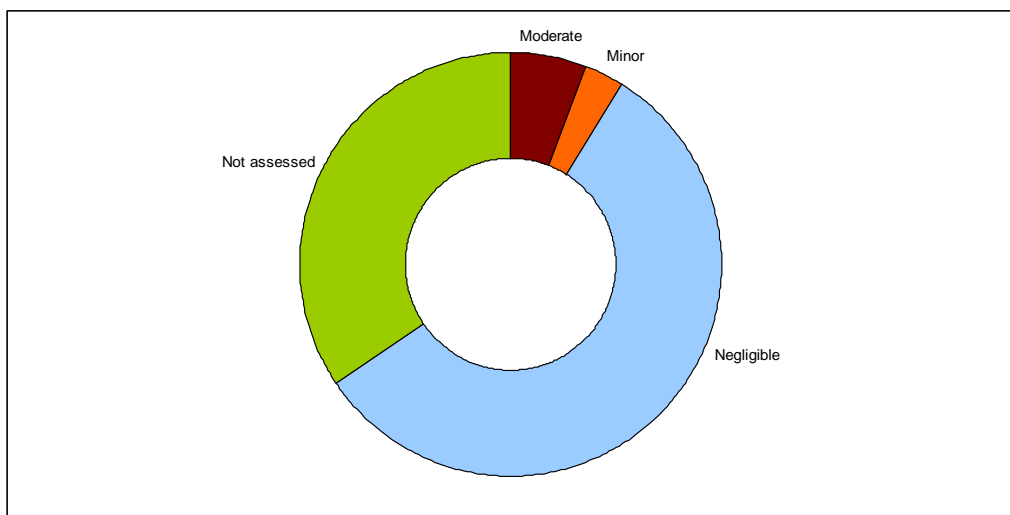


Figure 2: Incident significance for the period 28 February 2009 to 3 April 2009

#### 4.3 Significant incidents

It was positive to note that there were no high or severe environmental incidents during this reporting period.

On 9 March, an incident was attended where a sewage main had broken and sewage was leaking directly into the Albermarle Stream. Sample results

showed elevated faecal coliforms at the discharge point and downstream. The incident was referred to Capacity for remediation.

On 23 March, an incident was attended by the duty officer along with New Zealand Fire Service and Wellington City Council, where a bus had leaked oil from the top of Kelburn Parade to the Kelburn Shops. The oil was cleaned up and no surface water contamination 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 in the Wairarapa during this period were higher than Porirua, Kapiti and Upper Hutt. It is interesting to note that there were fewer incidents reported in the Hutt City Council area than the previous reporting period.

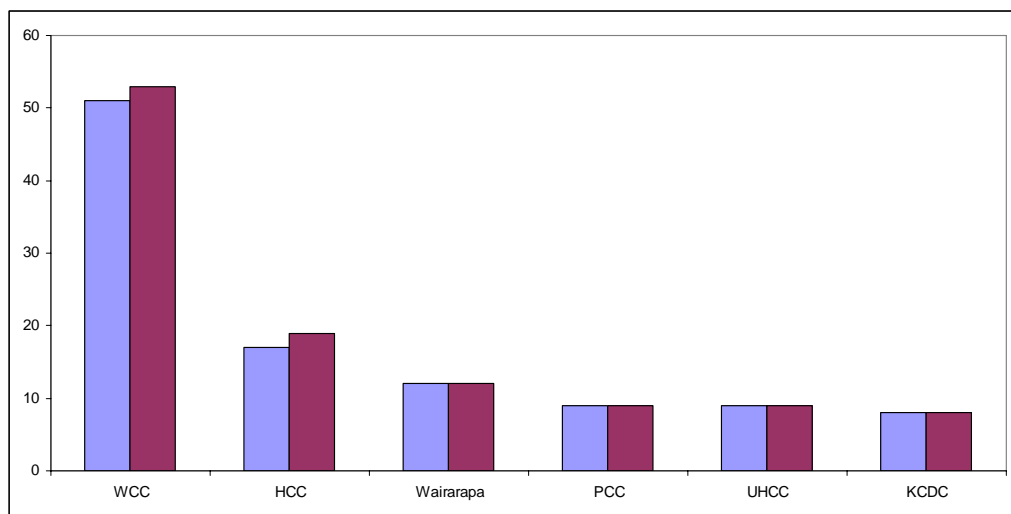


Figure 3: Incident distribution (light) and notifications (dark) by local authority for the period 28 February 2009 to 3 April 2009

#### 5. Enforcement action

Table 1 summarises enforcement action taken from 28 February 2009 to 3 April 2009

Table 1: Summary of enforcement action

| Regulatory tool                       | Number issued |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| Advisory Notices                      | 14            |
| Cost Recovery (invoices)              | 7             |
| Infringement Notices                  | 4             |
| Abatement Notices                     | 17            |
| Enforcement Orders                    | 0             |
| Prosecutions<br>(& informations laid) | 1             |

## 5.1 Summary of enforcement action

### Advisory Notices

| Recipient               | Recipient Company name                              | Reason for Issuing the Advisory Notice  | Incident location                            |
|-------------------------|---|---|--|
| John Robinson           | Wellington Manager - Darrington Drilling and Piling | Discharge of sediment to watercourse  | Next to property 650 Makara Road, Wellington |
| Joe Fraser              | Director - Pipeline Techniques Ltd                  | Unauthorised discharge of sediment to stormwater  | Owhiro Road, Arorno No 179                   |
| Frank Smith             | 72 Te Pene Street, Titahi Bay                       | Discharge of sediment to watercourse  | 72 Te Tene Street, Titahi Bay                |
| Alec Webster            | Kahutara Road, Fonterra no. 46166                   | Unconsented discharge of effluent to land resulting from inadequate storage (of sump)     | Kahutara Road, Fonterra no. 46166            |
| Piers Monagan           | 116/57 Mahuhu Crescent, Parneil                     | Discharge of paint waste to street and stormwater   | 179 Marine Parade, Seatoun                   |
| Jiten Pratap            | Cairns Motors, 117A Coutts St, Kilbirnie            | Unauthorised discharge of contaminants to stormwater network                              | 117A Coutts St, Kilbirnie                    |
| Jeremy Barclay          | Painting Solutions                                  | Discharge of contaminants to stormwater network   | 6 Matai Road, Hataitai                       |
| Trevor Davies           | Arington Motors                                     | Discharge of contaminants to stormwater associated with vehicle grooming                  | 4 Douglas Street, Mt Cook                    |
| Dean Martin             | 6 Gough Street, Seaview                             | Discharge of contaminants to stormwater   | 6 Gough Street                               |
| John Murphy             | 20 Leanne Way, Waikanae                             | Discharge of contaminants to stormwater (namely hydrocarbons and detergents)              | 20 Leanne Way, Waikanae                      |
| Robert and David Downes | 233 Happy Valley Road                               | Construction of retaining wall in bank of stream, deposit of soil and debris above stream | Ohiro Stream, 233 Happy Valley Road          |

| Recipient     | Recipient Company name              | Reason for Issuing the Advisory Notice  | Incident location                   |
|---------------|-------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| Linda Mead    | 14 Huia Street, Days Bay            | Discharge of contaminants (namely soil and sediments) to watercourse and diversion of watercourse                             | 14 Huia Street, Days Bay            |
| Diane Barnard | Weltec                              | Vehicle washing to stormwater   | N Block, Weltec, 59 Cuba St, Petone |
| Rayner Lloyd  | RD1, Featherston Fonterra No. 46170 | Discharge of effluent to land not permitted by resource consent WAR010097 (from sump). Ponding of effluent from land disposal | Diversion Road, Featherston         |

### Cost Recovery

| Name of Recipient                      | Address   | Reason for the Notice                                | Incident location             | Amount due |
|--|---|--|-------------------------------|------------|
| Michael John Webster                   | 7 Astronomy Place, Whitby                                       | Sediment discharge into a tributary of Duck Creek    | Duck Creek on Albatross Close | \$241.88   |
| Wendy and Graham Bugden                | 346A Paremata Haywards Road (SH58), Judgford, Porirua City 5381 | Non compliance with regional plan                    | Pauatahanui Stream            | \$1,028.57 |
| Christopher Edmund Burke               | 69B Wheturangi Road, Greenlane, Auckland                        | Discharge of sediment to storm water drain           | Washington Avenue, Brooklyn   | \$225.00   |
| Bilfinger Berger Services (NZ) Limited | PO Box 38376, Wellington Mail Centre, Lower Hutt 5045           | Sedimentation of Black Creek via stormwater system   | Black Creek, Wainuiomata      | \$112.50   |
| Frank Smith                            | 37 Tireti Road, Titahi Bay, Porirua 5022                        | The discharge of sediments to the marine environment | 72 Pe Pene Avenue, Titahi Bay | \$112.50   |

| Name of Recipient           | Address  | Reason for the Notice   | Incident location          | Amount due |
|-----------------------------|--|---|----------------------------|------------|
| Pipeline Techniques Limited | PO Box 38236, Te Puni, Wellington              | Dirt and silt smother aquatic life on stream beds and the sea floor | 179 Ohiro Road, Brooklyn   | \$112.50   |
| Pipers Monaghan             | 116/57 Mahuhu Crescent, Parnell, Auckland 1010 | White substance on drive  | 179 Marine Parade, Seatoun | \$112.50   |

### Infringement Notices

| Name/Company name                | Reason for the Notice  | Location of incident - street address  | Infringement Fee (Incl GST) \$ |
|----------------------------------|--|--|--------------------------------|
| Transfield Services (NZ) Limited | Offensive odour beyond the site of Transfield Services Wellington Depot on the corner of McGregor Street and Kingsford Smith Street, Rongotai, Wellington  | Transfield Services Wellington Depot on the corner of Kingsford Smith Street and McGregor Street, Wellington | 300                            |
| Battersea Limited                | Green effluent discharging from road side culvert into watercourse, flowing from farm paddock into road culvert, effluent ponding at gate entrance to paddock, solid effluent material around hydrant area - WAR000279 | Dairy farm (46208) located on Battersea Road, Greytown   | 750                            |
| Mathew Bolton                    | Same as above  | Same as above  | 300                            |
| Sarah Bolton                     | Same as above  | Same as above  | 300                            |

## Abatement Notices

| Offender  | Location   | Activity giving rise to offence   | Instruction   |
|---|--|---|---|
| Envirowaste Technical Services Ltd                | Envirowaste Technical Services Limited, Corner of Waterman and Gough Streets, Seaview      | Unauthorised discharge to air beyond the boundary of the site   | Cease the unauthorised discharge to air beyond the boundary of the site           |
| Transfield Services (NZ) Limited                  | Transfield Services Wellington Depot, corner of Kingsford Smith Street and McGregor Street | Offensive discharge beyond the boundary   | Cease the offensive discharge beyond the boundary                                 |
| Battersea Ltd                                     | Battersea Road, Greytown   | Discharge of dairy effluent in a manner where the discharge may enter water - non compliance with consent WAR000279 | Cease discharge of dairy effluent in a manner where the discharge may enter water |
| Mathew Bolton                                     | Battersea Road, Greytown   | Same as above   | Same as above   |
| Sarah Bolton                                      | Battersea Road, Greytown   | Same as above   | Same as above   |
| Wayne Plummer, Envirowaste Technical Services Ltd | Envirowaste Technical Services Limited, Corner of Waterman and Gough Streets, Seaview      | Unauthorised discharge to air beyond the boundary of the site   | Cease the unauthorised discharge to air beyond the boundary of the site           |
| Gary Saunders, Envirowaste Technical Services Ltd | Same as above  | Same as above   | Same as above   |

| Offender              | Location   | Activity giving rise to offence  | Instruction  |
|-----------------------|--|--|--|
| Gary and Pamela Smith | Small triangle block of land on western side of SH2 near Waihakeke Road, Carterton | Unauthorised fill material   | Remove all unauthorised fill material  |
| Gary and Pamela Smith | Same as above  | Same as above  | Same as above  |
| Lloyd Rayner          | Suburban Block VII Wairarapa   | Unauthorised use of water, pumping of sediment laden water into Tauherenikau Seepage drain, unauthorised diversion of ground water | Cease unauthorised use of water, pumping of sediment laden water into Tauherenikau Seepage drain, unauthorised diversion of ground water |
| Wayne Jarvis          | 154 Gear Road, RD2, Otaki  | Deposits in the bed of the stream causing erosion  | Undertake the reinstatement works.   |
| Rylib Dairies Limited | Diversion Road, Featherston  | Unauthorised discharges of dairy effluent to land  | Cease unauthorised discharges of dairy effluent to land  |
| Mr John Crimp         | 333 Grays Road, Pauatahanui  | Unauthorised works in an unnamed tributary of the Pauatahanui River  | Mitigate the effects of the works  |
| Gloria Lewis          | 272 Dalefield Road, Carterton  | Disposal of non-cleanfill material   | Cease disposal of non-cleanfill material   |
| Gloria Lewis          | 272 Dalefield Road, Carterton  | Unauthorised fill material   | Remove all unauthorised fill material  |
| Sheryl Pearce         | 272 Dalefield Road, Carterton  | Disposal of non-cleanfill material   | Cease disposal of non-cleanfill material   |
| Sheryl Pearce         | 272 Dalefield Road, Carterton  | Unauthorised fill material   | Remove all unauthorised fill material  |



## 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 Service Station re-visits

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

### 6.2 New industry and area assessment projects

Naenae commercial/industrial area has been selected for the next area assessment to be undertaken. A report on the selection process and the advantages of targeting the Naenae area will be presented at the next regulatory committee

### 6.3 Assessments and reports

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

- Three new visits
- Nine re-visits

| New sites visited under Take Charge |   |   |                      |
|-------------------------------------|---|---|----------------------|
| Company name                        | Current activities  | Risk at site  | Compliance status    |
| Mainline Steam                      | Plimmerton Railway Yard,<br>91 St Andrews Road,<br>Paremata | Repair<br>and<br>running of<br>steam<br>trains and<br>engines | Minor non-compliance |
| Autospray and<br>Panelworks         | 7 Majoribanks St, Mt<br>Victoria                            | Panel and<br>Paint  | Minor non-compliance |
| Rollrich Panel and<br>Spray limited | 34 Victoria Street, Petone                                  | Panel and<br>Paint  | Minor non-compliance |

## 7. Recommendations

*It is recommended that the Committee:*

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

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