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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 24 October 2008 to 28 February 2009

A total of 400 incidents were recorded during this reporting period, as summarised in Figure 1.

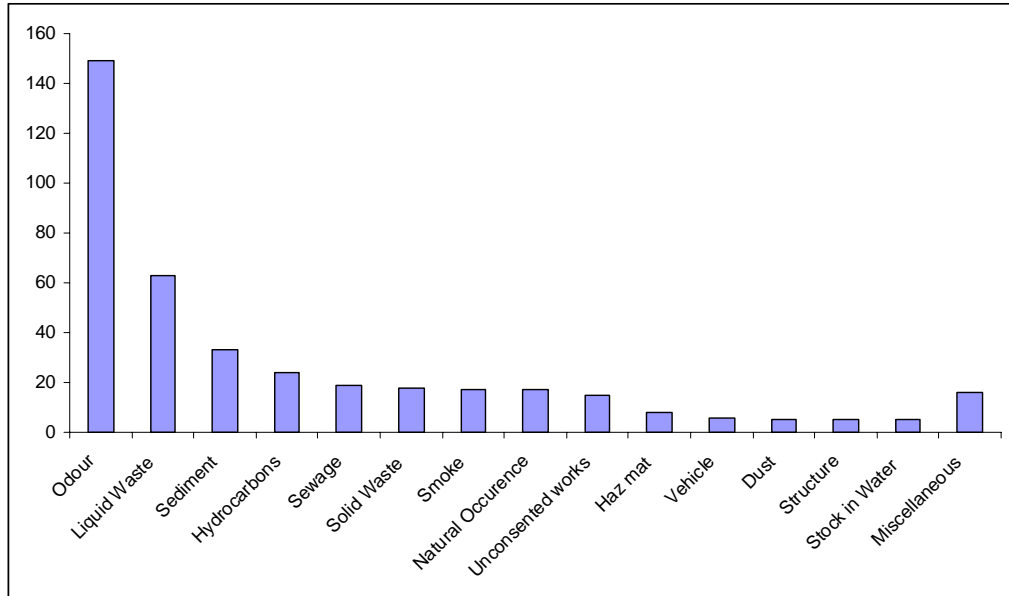


Figure 1: Summary of Incidents for period 24 October 2008 to 28 February 2009

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.

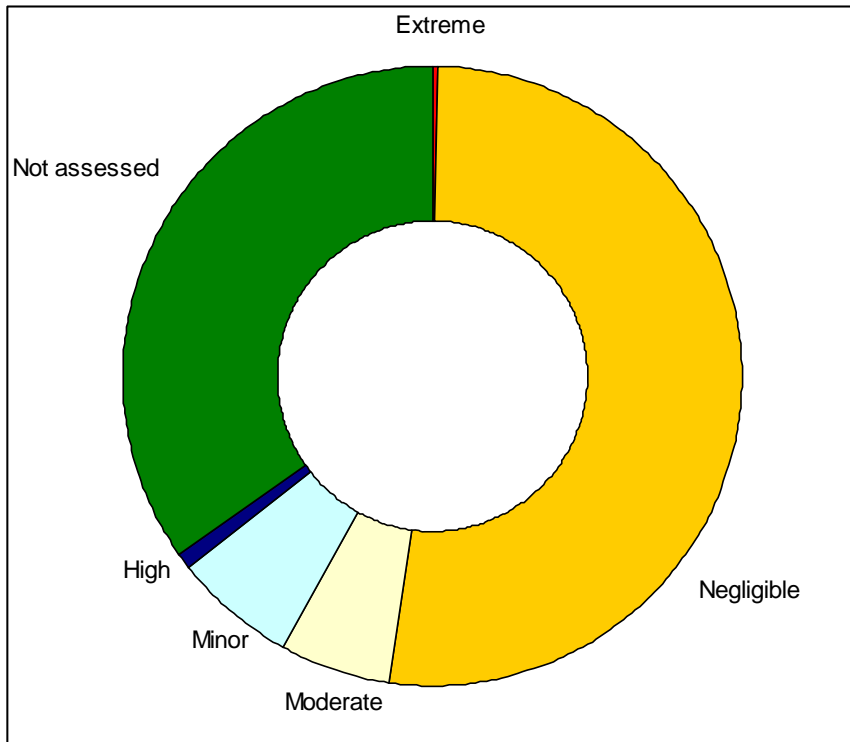


Figure 2: Incident significance for the period 24 October 2008 to 28 February 2009

4.3 Significant incidents

On 26 November 2008, a Greater Wellington enforcement officer confirmed a raw effluent discharge from the Reid’s piggery in Carterton, directly to a tributary of the Parkvale Stream. An abatement notice was issued to cease unauthorised discharges and an investigation is being undertaken by the Enforcement Investigators.

There have been four confirmed offensive odours at the Transpacific Technical Services waste processing site in Seaview. The Enforcement Investigator has issued abatement notices requiring the site to cease further unauthorised odour discharges and to submit an Odour Management Plan. The company has been served with an infringement notice.

On 1 December 2008, Greater Wellington enforcement officers confirmed unauthorised earthworks in the Long Gully catchment behind the Karori Wildlife Sanctuary. The works were associated with a significant upgrade of existing farm tracks prior to the proposed wind farm development. An abatement notice was issued to cease unauthorised earthworks, tracking and roading discharges.

On 11 February 2009, a Greater Wellington Enforcement Officer attended a spill from an oxidation pond at Featherston Waste Water Treatment Plant. The incident which affected Donalds Creek is under investigation.

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 incident reported in the Hutt City Council region during the period is comparable with incident notifications in Wellington City Council region. The response time to attend incidents in the Hutt City Council area increases the overall time spent by the Enforcement Officer responding to each of these incident.

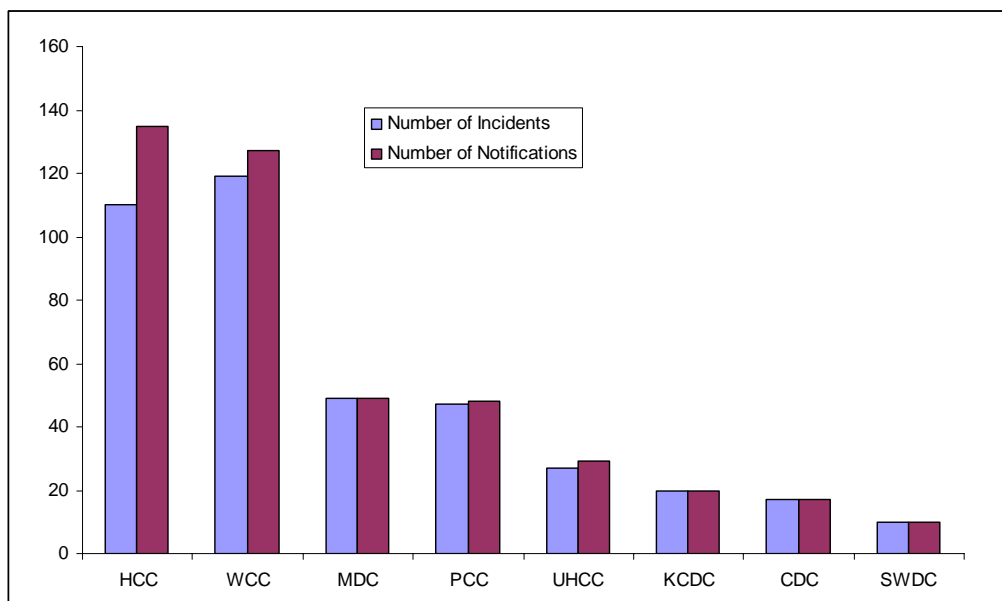


Figure 3: Incident distribution by local authority for the period 24 October 2008 to 28 February 2009

5. Enforcement action

Table 1 summarises enforcement action taken from 24 October 2008 to 28 February 2009.

Table 1: Summary of enforcement action

Regulatory tool	Number issued
Advisory Notices	16
Cost Recovery (invoices)	5
Infringement Notices	15
Abatement Notices	34
Enforcement Orders	0
Prosecutions (& information's laid)	3

5.1 Summary of enforcement action

Cost Recovery

Name and address of recipient	Address	Location	Reason for the Notice	Amount due
Grange Gardens Landscaping	290 South Karori Road	Sandhurst Way and Chartwell Drive	Discharge of sediment to stormwater at Sanhurst Way	\$84.38
Donald Roabert Braid	Mainfreight Transport Limited, 2 Railway Lane, Otahuhu, Auckland 1062	Aotea Quay	Discharge of contaminants to land of hydrogen peroxide onto the quay from Mainfreight container	\$450.00
Chevron New Zealand	PO Box 229, Wellington Attn: Kim Woodgate	Aotea Quay	Discharge of diesel fuel to land	\$450.00
C Johnson Carrying Company Limited	PO Box 38651, Wellington Mail Centre, Lower Hutt 5045	25 Danials Street, Newtown	Cost recovery for confirmed non compliance with regional plan	\$1,297.13
Carol Denny	PO Box 25365, Panama Street, Wellington 6146	Aotea Lagoon, State Highway 1, Porirua	1990 Holden Berlina, registration number PT9831, partly submerged in Aotea Lagoon after accident on State Highway 1, Porirua	\$551.25

Infringement Notices

Offender	Location of offence	Activity giving rise to offence	Fine
Chris Ellis, Director of Aurora Enterprises Limited	31 Hayward Terrace, Waiwhetu, lower Hutt 5010	Breach of an abatement notice A148	750
Ray Craig	Lincoln Road, Carterton	Breach of Resource Management Act	500
Totara Park Panelbeaters	9 Blenheim St, Upper Hutt 5018	Breach of Resource Management Act	300
Jan Holl	Western Lake Road, RD3, Featherston 5773	Unauthorised dairy effluent discharges to land	300

Offender	Location of offence	Activity giving rise to offence	Fine
Hill View Dairy Farm Limited	Western Lake Road, RD3, Featherston 5773	Unauthorised dairy effluent discharges to land	750
Meridian Energy	Terawhiti Station	Discharge of sediment laden water from 4 sediment control devices onto land and into water	750
Meridian Energy	At or adjacent to sediment control structure, pond SPH107	As above	750
Meridian Energy	At or adjacent to sediment control structure, pond SPH109	As above	750
Meridian Energy	Pt Lot 1 A Plan 3091	As above	750
Silverwood Forest Corporation Limited	Adjacent to Navigation Drive, Silverwood Block, Whitby, Porirua	Inadequate erosion and sediment control measures leading to discharge to land, entering water	750
Verplank	Adjacent to Navigation Drive, Silverwood Block, Whitby, Porirua	As above	750
Horokiwi Quarries Limited	Horokiwi Quarry, 39 Horokiwi Road	Discharge of contaminants to land entering water	1000
Supreme Automotive Refinishers Limited	32 Bentley Street, Masterton	Discharge to air, an offensive and objectionable odour	750
Gillies Group Limited	44 Blenheim Street, Upper Hutt	Unauthorised burning at 44 Blenheim Street, Upper Hutt	300
Transpacific Technical Services (NZ) Ltd	57-59 Port Road, Seaview, Lower Hutt	An offensive and objectionable odour beyond the boundary	1000

Abatement Notices

Offender	Location	Activity giving rise to offence	Offence
Kintyre Meats	Gladstone Road	Unauthorised discharges of contaminants to land – breach of consent conditions	Unauthorised discharges of contaminants to land
Selwyn McLachlan	40 Willow Park Drive	Discharges of effluent in such a manner and at such times when the effluent causes runoff across land and discharges to a waterway	Unauthorised discharges of effluent in such a manner and at such times when the effluent causes runoff across land and discharges to a waterway.
Selwyn Hughes	263 Rahui Road, Otaki	Unauthorised discharges of dairy effluent to surface water	Unauthorised effluent discharge to Waimanu Stream
Malcolm and Alma Wallace	263 Rahui Road, Otaki	As above	As above
John and Michelle Auchincloss	32A Manaia Road, RD5	Must comply with all conditions set out in WAR060093, WAR070033	Non-compliance with consent conditions for WAR060093 and WAR070033
Eckersley Autos Limited - E Macdonald	219-227 State Highway 1, Otaki	Storage of hydrocarbons in circumstances where they may enter water	Storage of hydrocarbons in circumstances where they may enter water
Chevron New Zealand	219-227 State Highway 1, Otaki	As above	As above
Kevin James Eckersley	219-227 State Highway 1, Otaki	As above	As above
Totara Park Panelbeaters - Leno Cusin	9 Blenheim Street, Upper Hutt	Unauthorised discharge to air – unauthorised burning	Unauthorised discharges to air
G & D Margrain	Margrain Vineyards of Ponatahi Road, Martinborough	Unauthorised discharge of agrichemicals beyond the site boundary	Unauthorised discharges of agrichemicals beyond the site boundary

Offender	Location	Activity giving rise to offence	Offence
John Gedye	80 River Road, Masterton	The depositing of unauthorised material into or onto the banks of the Ruamahanga River	Depositing unauthorised material into or onto the banks of the Ruamahanga River
Jan Holl	Western Lake Road, RD 3, Featherston	Unauthorised discharge of dairy effluent to land	Unauthorised discharge to dairy effluent to land
LE Wilmshurst	Dairy Farm Fonterra Number 46586, Hilton Road, Carterton	Unauthorised discharge to air	Unauthorised discharge to air
Hillview Dairy Farm Limited	Western Lake Road, RD 3, Featherston	Unauthorised discharge of dairy effluent to land	Unauthorised discharge to dairy effluent to land
N & EE Reid	Dairy Farm 46492 Chester Road, Carterton	Discharge of piggery effluent to land in a manner and in circumstances where the discharge may enter water	Discharging of piggery effluent to land in a manner and in circumstances where the discharge may enter water
Mr Anthony Bruce Stewart	75A Haywards Paremata Road, SH58 Judgeford	Ensure the base flow of the stream is maintained, removed unauthorised pipes from the stream; remove the concrete structure placed in the bed of the stream	Unauthorised works in an unnamed tributary of the Pauatahanui River
Transpacific Technical Services (NZ) Limited	Transpacific Technical Services (NZ) Limited, 57-59 Port Road, Seaview, Lower Hutt	Unauthorised odour discharges and submit an odour management	Unauthorised discharges beyond the boundary
Gregory Shane Campbell	Transpacific Technical Services (NZ) Limited, 57-59 Port Road, Seaview, Lower Hutt	As above	As above

Offender	Location	Activity giving rise to offence	Offence
Trevor John Coonan	Transpacific Technical Services (NZ) Limited, 57-59 Port Road, Seaview, Lower Hutt	As above	As above
Harold William Grundell	Transpacific Technical Services (NZ) Limited, 57-59 Port Road, Seaview, Lower Hutt	As above	As above
Thomas Harvey Nickels	Transpacific Technical Services (NZ) Limited, 57-59 Port Road, Seaview, Lower Hutt	As above	As above
Terrence Elmore Peabody	Transpacific Technical Services (NZ) Limited, 57-59 Port Road, Seaview, Lower Hutt	As above	As above
Terry Alfred Woods	Transpacific Technical Services (NZ) Limited, 57-59 Port Road, Seaview, Lower Hutt	As above	As above
FRST Developments Limited	Long Gully Station,	Unauthorised earthworks, tracking and roading, discharges, reclamations, diversions, deposits	Unauthorised earthworks, tracking and roading, discharges, reclamations, diversions, deposits
Stephen Mathew Watson	Long Gully Station,	As above	As above
Windflow Technology Limited	Long Gully Station,	As above	As above
Shenval Wind Farm and Developments Limited	Long Gully Station,	As above	As above
Brian William Willman	Long Gully Station,	As above	As above

Offender	Location	Activity giving rise to offence	Offence
Horokiwi Quarries Limited	Horokiwi Quarry, 39 Horokiwi Road, Wellington	Unauthorised discharges of contaminants, namely sediment laden water to land entering water and the Coastal Marine Area (CMA)	Unauthorised discharges, sediment laden water to land entering water and the Coastal Marine Area (CMA)
Glen Morgan	Matarawa Road, Carterton	The unauthorised extraction of water	Unauthorised extraction of water
Sander Van Den Bosh	Matarawa Road, Carterton	The unauthorised extraction of water	Unauthorised extraction of water
Alistair Williams	Morris Road, Masterton	Large excavated hole exposing groundwater	Authorise or backfill unauthorised groundwater hole
Noaln Terry	Park Road, RD 2, Carterton	Maintain an unimpeded flow of water through the low flow pipe at all times	Water not being able to flow through dam via low flow pipe as required by your resource consent WAR04109
Stolte Dairy Farm	Wiltons Road, Carterton	Unauthorised extraction of water, and comply with WAR050169& WAR010351	Unauthorised extraction of water, breaching consent WAR050169& WAR010351

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.

Sustainable Business Achievement certificates, and new Take Charge vehicle

Eleven "Take Charge Sustainable Business Achievement" certificates were issued in December to businesses that had successfully completed audit recommendations. The presentation of these certificates was used as an opportunity to put out a media release promoting the Take Charge programme, and to launch the new image of the Take Charge vehicle. The photograph below shows Councillor Sally Baber presenting Prestige Print with their certificate, in front of the newly decaled Vitara.



New industry and area assessment projects

- Initial consultation began regarding the selection of a new area assessment location

- Contact was made with IAG, and background research was undertaken regarding the beginning of audits within the panel and paint industry

Assessments and reports

Three new take charge visits were undertaken between 24 October 2008 and 31 January 2009 and 18 sites were revisited to follow-up on recommendations made earlier. These visits included the following sites:

Company name	Current activities	Risk at site	Compliance status
Ice Point	Ice making and distribution	Med-High	Minor non-compliance
Excell Corporation Ltd	Infrastructure maintenance	Med	Minor non-compliance
Prestige Print	Printers	Med	Minor non-compliance
Resene Paints	Paint manufacturer	Med	Minor non-compliance
Waggs and Harcombe	Service Station and mechanic	High	Fully compliant
Rapid Metal Developments	Scaffolding store yard	High	Minor non-compliance
Turners and Growers	Fresh Produce warehouse	Med	Minor non-compliance
Five Star Fmeg	Storage and distribution of beverages	Med	Minor non-compliance
Advanced Engineering	Fabrication of steel	Med	Minor non-compliance
McKee Fehl	Plant yard and store/maintenance	High	Minor non-compliance
Promax (Freshmax)	Fruit and vege distribution	Med	Minor non-compliance
Macbilt Engineering	Engineering firm	med	Minor non-compliance
Motex Partsworld & Bodycorporate	Car dismantlers	High	Significant non-compliance
Maritime Steam	Repair of steam trains and engines	Med-High	Minor non-compliance

7. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee:

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

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