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Decisions on non-notified resource consent applications

1. Purpose

To report on decisions made under delegated authority on non-notified resource consent applications. This report covers the period 1 April 2012 to 18 May 2012.

2. Consents processed

A total of 55 resource consents were approved between 1 April 2012 and 18 May 2012. This compares with 116 consents that were approved for the same period last year. 3 applications were returned as incomplete under Section 88.

The consents approved are summarised in the table below:

	Coastal permit	Discharge permit	Land use consent	Water permit
CDC		1	2	4
HCC		3	6	
KCDC			4	
MDC		1	4	3
PCC	6			2
SWDC		2	1	4
UHCC				
WCC	1		6	5
Whole region				
Total	7	7	23	18

2.1 Consent trends

The only clear trend common for this time of year, was a continued increase in land use consents for mainly streamwork and general structures. The water permits mainly relate to the water take renewals being processed in the Wairarapa.

2.2 Non-notified consents of interest

Exide Technologies announced in mid February the closure of their Petone battery recycling plant. The plant ceased the recycling of batteries and smelting of lead on 31 March 2012, and began a programme of works to decommission the plant. Decommissioning involves the cleaning and removal of machinery, the removal of the stacks and air treatment systems and the cleaning of the interior and exterior of the building. The decommissioning does not involve the deconstruction of the buildings or the digging up of foundations. Due to the potential for discharges to air from the decommissioning work, Greater Wellington granted Exide resource consent on 24 April 2012. The consent conditions ensure there are effective processes and controls in place to limit any discharges to air to a safe level for the surrounding community. We are actively monitoring the decommissioning at key stages. Lead in air monitoring will continue while the plant is decommissioned.