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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/incident-report-summaries/>

No further communication is necessary for this report.

3. Background

The Environment Management Division manages environmental pollution via the following:

- 24-hour Incident Response service, addressing pollution complaints, 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 19 September – 31 October 2009

A total of 115 incidents were recorded during this reporting period, as summarised in Figure 1.

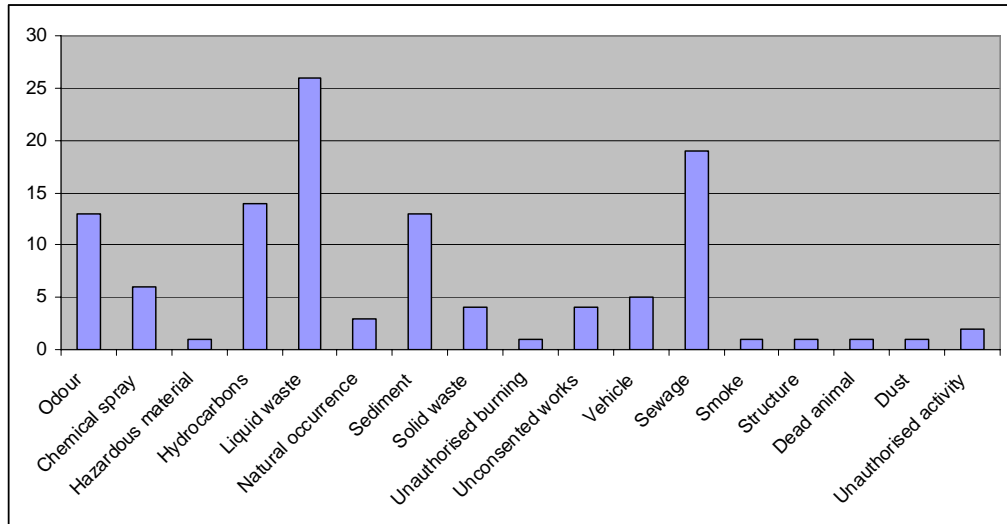


Figure 1: Summary of Incidents for period 19 September to 31 October 2009

During this one and a half month period there has been a significant number of liquid waste incidents. The main source of these incidents were road cutting and maintenance works in urban areas.

Sewage incidents were the second most common incident type. The majority of the sewage incidents in this period occurred due to heavy rainfall events on 9 October.

Odour incidents have decreased relative to the previous period. This is most likely a result of stronger winds mixing the odour discharge at a faster rate.

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 affects and only two of the 269 were considered to be significant. 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.

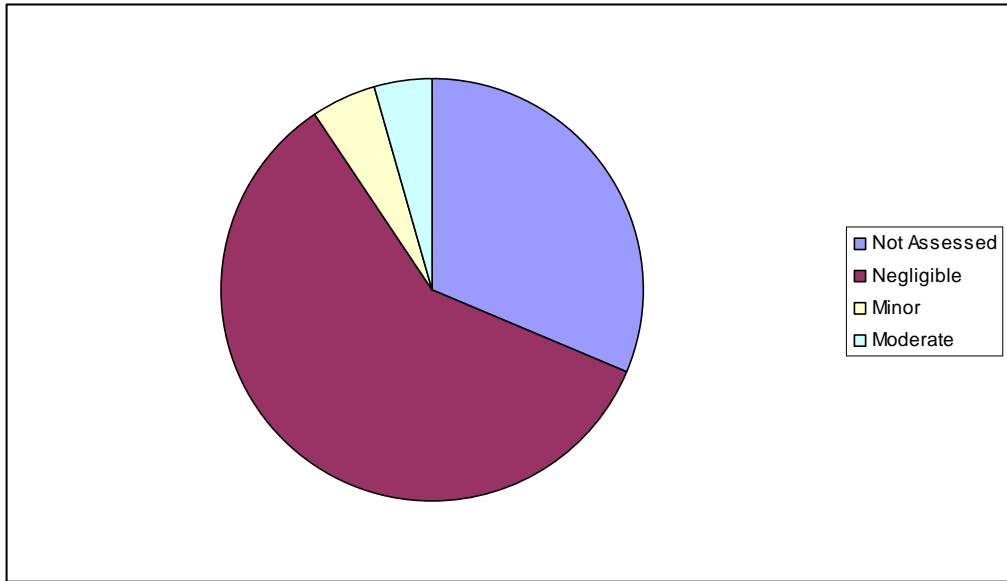


Figure 2: Incident significance for the period 19 September to 31 October 2009

4.3 Significant incidents

No significant incidents were reported in this period.

4.4 Incident distribution

Figure 3 shows the regional distribution of incidents. The majority of the incidents are reported in the urban areas of Wellington and Hutt City.

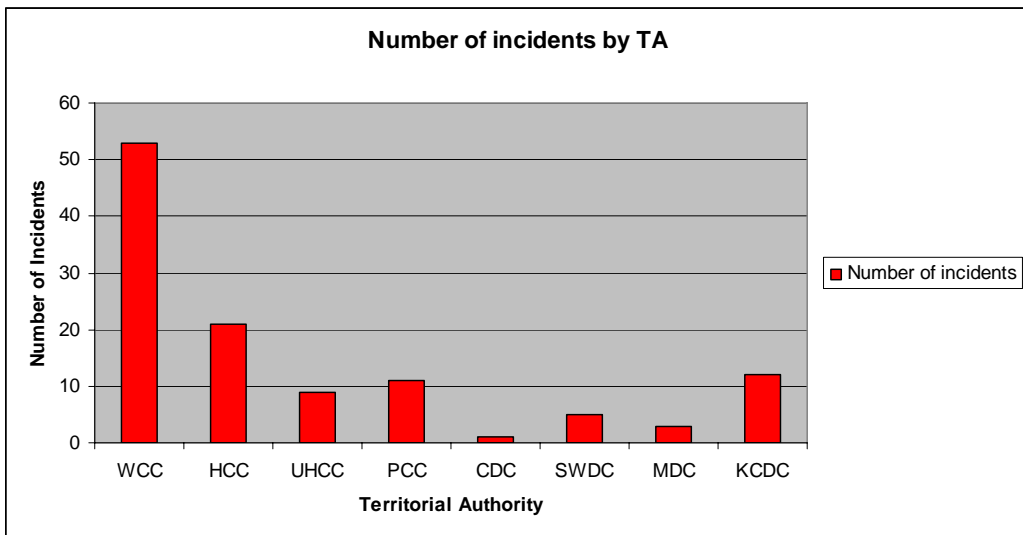


Figure 3: Incident distribution by local authority

5. Enforcement action

Table 1 summarises enforcement action taken during this reporting period.

Table 1: Summary of enforcement action

Regulatory tool	Number issued
Advisory Notices	3
Infringement Notices	4
Abatement Notices	13
Enforcement Orders	0
Prosecutions (& information's laid)	0

5.1 Summary of enforcement action

Advisory Notices

Offender	Location	Activity giving rise to Advisory Notice	Advisory Request
Leisure Active, Hutt City Council	McKenzie Pool, Udy Street, Petone	Discharges of filter backwash to stormwater system during summer bathing season	Prevent further discharges to stormwater system
Kapiti Carpenters	Wainuiomata Intermediate gymnasium construction	Sediment discharges to the stormwater network and entering adjacent stream	Cease sediment discharges to stormwater and stream
Stratum Management	233-245 Wakefield Street, Wellington	Pouring waste water in stormwater drain	Cease discharges to stormwater system and arrange for sump to be cleaned out

Infringement Notices

Name/Company name	Reason for the Notice	Location of incident - street address	Infringement Fee (Incl. GST) \$
Best Farm Limited	Discharge of sediment to land entering water	Best Farm subdivision, between Amesbury Drive and Stebbings Road	750
Garry Daniell	Excavation and disturbance of the bed of the	Lot 2 DP 415730 & Part Lot 5 DP 986	500

Name/Company name	Reason for the Notice	Location of incident - street address	Infringement Fee (Incl. GST) \$
	watercourse		
PF Olsen Limited	Soil disturbance on erosion prone land	Kaipaitangata Forest, Kaipaitangata Road, Carterton	300
Masterton District Council	Excavation and disturbance of the bed of the watercourse	Lot 2 DP 415730 & Part Lot 5 DP 986	500

Abatement Notices

Name/Company name	Location	Reason for Notice	Instruction
Brian Daniel McKeown	55 Emerald Glen Road, Paraparaumu 5032	Unauthorised discharge of hydrocarbons to land from all Mana Coach Services Limited buses	Cease the unauthorised discharge of hydrocarbons from all Mana Coach Services Limited buses
Stewart Barton	Lake Wairarapa	Unauthorised works in the bed of Lake Wairarapa	Cease unauthorised works in the bed of Lake Wairarapa
Mike Moran	Lake Wairarapa	Unauthorised works in the bed of Lake Wairarapa	Cease unauthorised works in the bed of Lake Wairarapa
Elizabeth Jacqueline Jackson	55 Emerald Glen Road, Paraparaumu 5032	Unauthorised discharge to air from the incineration of rubber and plastics	Cease unauthorised discharges to air
Jennifer Mary Jackson	55 Emerald Glen Road, Paraparaumu 5032	Unauthorised discharge to air from the incineration of rubber and plastics	Cease unauthorised discharges to air
Colton Bros Limited	Huangarua River off Ponatahi Rd, Martinborough	Unauthorised extraction of gravel from the bed of any lake or river	Cease unauthorised extraction of gravel from the bed of any lake or

Name/Company name	Location	Reason for Notice	Instruction
			river
James Alpe	Huangaarua River off Ponatahi Rd, Martinborough	Unauthorised extraction of gravel from the bed of any lake or river	Cease unauthorised extraction of gravel from the bed of any lake or river
Amy Colton	Huangaarua River off Ponatahi Rd, Martinborough	Unauthorised extraction of gravel from the bed of any lake or river	Cease unauthorised extraction of gravel from the bed of any lake or river
Douglas Colton	Huangaarua River off Ponatahi Rd, Martinborough	Unauthorised extraction of gravel from the bed of any lake or river	Cease unauthorised extraction of gravel from the bed of any lake or river
Robert Gawith	Huangaarua River off Ponatahi Rd, Martinborough	Unauthorised extraction of gravel from the bed of any lake or river	Cease unauthorised extraction of gravel from the bed of any lake or river
Philip Reid	Huangaarua River off Ponatahi Rd, Martinborough	Unauthorised extraction of gravel from the bed of any lake or river	Cease unauthorised extraction of gravel from the bed of any lake or river
Bahrat Morar	Hong Kong Takeaways, Shop 3, First Street, Masterton	Unauthorised burning of hazardous materials	Ceased unauthorised burning of hazardous materials
Sudha Morar	Hong Kong Takeaways, Shop 3, First Street, Masterton	Unauthorised burning of hazardous materials	Ceased unauthorised burning of hazardous materials

6. Take Charge

Take Charge is Greater Wellington's Pollution Prevention Programme to improve site environmental management.

With the departure of Take Charge Coordinator, Christina Parnell-Harris from Greater Wellington this position is now vacant and recruitment for the role will take place shortly. As such, Take Charge audits are currently on hold.

7. Recommendations

That the Committee:

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

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