

Suitably Qualified and Experienced Practitioner (SQEP) Guidance List:

Soil Contamination Assessments

All contaminated land reporting is to be done by a suitably qualified and experienced practitioner (SQEP), under the National Environmental Standard for Assessing and Managing Contaminants in Soil to Protect Human Health Regulations 2011 (NES). For instance, when subdividing or changing the use of land, a preliminary site investigation must exist, to determine the risk to human health.

The following reports are required to be SQEP certified under the NES

- Preliminary Site Investigations
- Detailed Site Investigations
- Remedial Action Plans
- Site Validation Reporting
- Ongoing Monitoring and site Management Plan
- Petrol Tank (UST, ASTs) removal and replacement reports

A SQEP would need to be willing to certify (by signature) that the content of the report complies with good practice and professional standards, and to stand by the conclusions of the report. For example, a person certifying a report should be someone who could ultimately stand in the Environment Court and provide expert testimony, and whose experience and qualifications stand up to Court scrutiny. It's important to note that the practitioner certifying reports is expected to have relevant demonstrated contaminated land experience (up to 10 years). For full details please read the NES users [guide](#) created by the Ministry for the Environment.

The following organisations contain SQEP's. Identification of the consultancies does not imply that the council recommends their professional services, nor is the list exclusive. The list is to provide direction to people seeking professional advice.

Consultant/Companies	Website	Location
EQOnz ltd	https://yellow.co.nz/y/eqo-nz-masterton-3	Masterton/Wairarapa
GHD	https://www.ghd.com/	National/Wellington
Aurecon	https://www.aurecongroup.com	Wellington
Beca	https://www.beca.com	National/Wellington
Geo & Hydro-K8 Limited	https://www.benkeet.com	Napier/Wairarapa
HAIL Environmental	https://hailenvironmental.co.nz	Wellington
NZET	https://www.nzet.org/	Wellington
Tonkin + Taylor	https://www.tonkintaylor.co.nz	National/Wellington
Pattle Delamore Partners (PDP)	https://www.pdp.co.nz/	Wellington
SLR	https://www.slrconsulting.com/	Wellington/National

If you have found a specialist not on the list, existing professional bodies that certify SQEP's in New Zealand include: the Certified Environmental Practitioner (CEnvP) scheme run by the Environment Institute of Australia, and New Zealand and the Institution of Professional Engineers New Zealand (IPENZ).

Find a [CEnvP](#)

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