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## Pollution Control Report

### 1. Purpose

To report on incident response, investigation and audit work undertaken by Greater Wellington's Pollution Control Team in the Wellington Region during the reporting period.

### 2. Background

The Environment Management Division manages the unauthorised use of the environmental 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.

### 3. Incidents

#### 3.1 Incident summary for the period 28 March to 16 May 2008

A total of 126 incidents were recorded during this reporting period, as summarised in Figure 1. All incidents were responded to within the target response times.

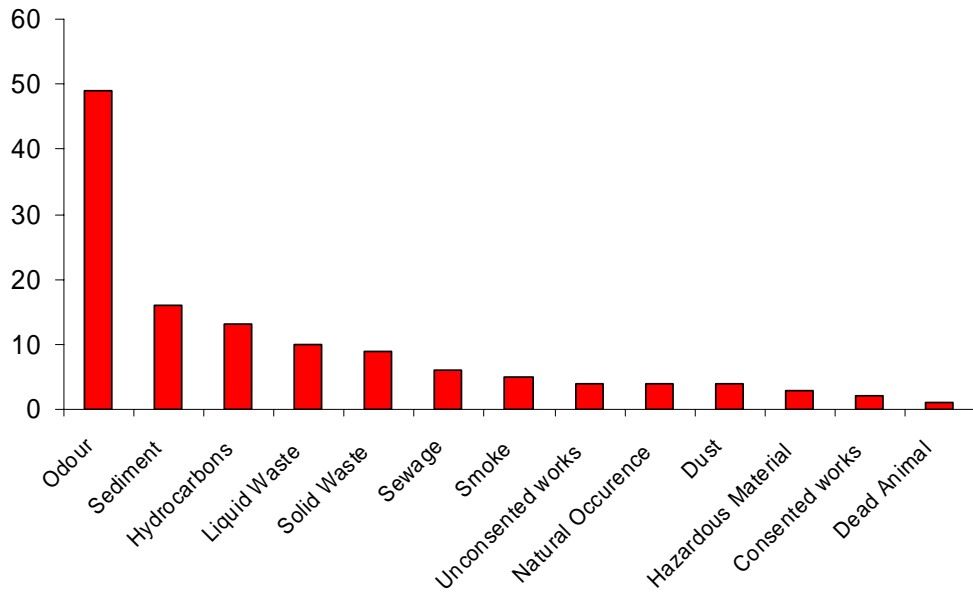


Figure 1: Summary of Incidents for period 28 March to 16 May 2008

### 3.2 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 5 of the 126 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.

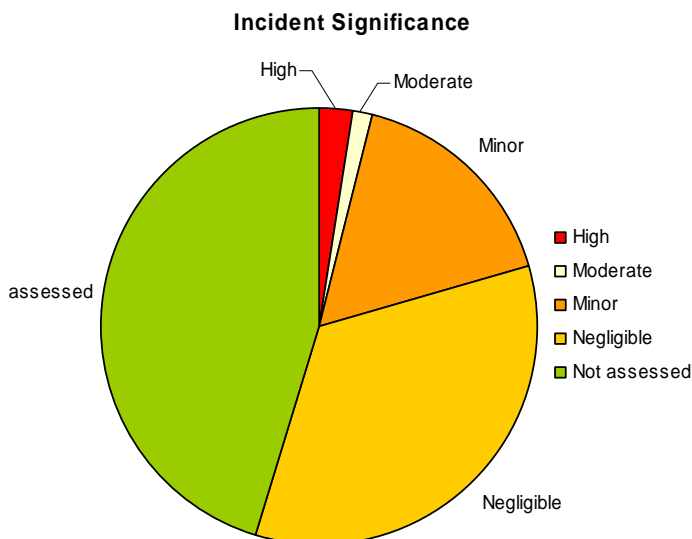


Figure 2: Incident significance for the period 28 March to 16 May 2008

### 3.3 Incident distribution

Figure 3 shows the regional distribution of incidents. The majority of the incidents are reported in the urban areas. However, there are an increasing number of incidents in the Wairarapa in 2007/08 year.

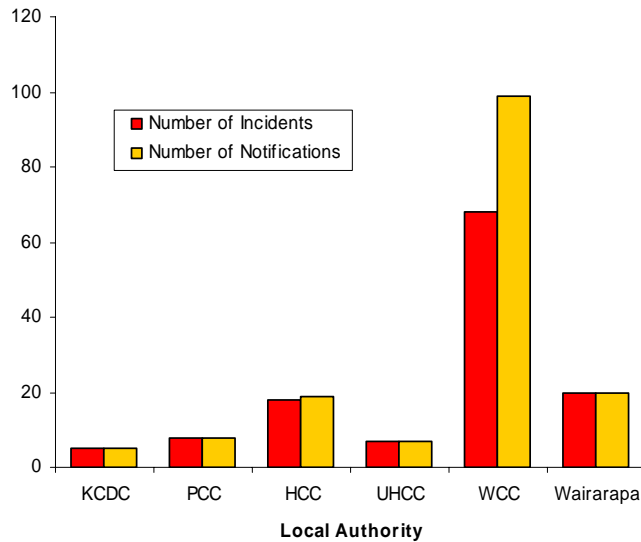


Figure 3: Incident distribution by local authority

## 4. Enforcement action

Table 1 summarises enforcement action taken from 28 March to 16 May 2008.

Table 1: Summary of enforcement action

Regulatory tool	Number issued
Advisory Notices	11
Infringement Notices	10
Abatement Notices	7
Enforcement Orders	0
Prosecutions (& information's laid)	10

## 4.1 Summary of enforcement action

### Infringement Notices

*David Osborne, DB Osborne Trust:* Unauthorised discharge of dairy effluent to land entering water (Fine \$750), Te Marie Road, RD 1, Featherston

*Alistair Smith:* Unauthorised water abstraction (Fine \$500), Chester Road, RD1, Carterton

*R & C Scott:* Unauthorised discharge of dairy effluent to land (Fine \$750), Papawai Road, RD1, Greytown

*Westbourne Farms Ltd:* Unauthorised discharge of dairy effluent to land (Fine \$750), 30 Woodlands Road, RD2, Carterton

*Mr Carel Ferdinand Lampe (director, Boyz Toyz Limited):* Discharge of hydrocarbons into the Porirua Stream, (Fine \$750), 63 Kenepuru Drive, Unit 5, Porirua

*Boyz Toyz Limited:* Discharge to land from trade premise, (Fine \$1000), 63 Kenepuru Drive, Unit 5, Porirua

*Andrew and Angela Reisch:* Unauthorised stream works in tributary of Waikanae river, (Fine \$500), 11 Lanyon Place, Whitby, Porirua

*Hillview Property Investments Limited:* Unauthorised water abstraction (Fine \$500), C/- Andy Sutherland, 233 Fraters Road, RD 1, Martinborough

*Blue Star Print Group (New Zealand) Limited (trading as Webstar):* Discharge to Air from trade premise, (Fine \$1000), Webstar site at 43 Ngamutawa Road, Masterton

*Marc Brame:* Unauthorised discharge of dairy effluent to land (Fine \$750), 11 Matahiwi Road, Masterton

### Abatement Notices

*John Tasman Cook:* Authorise or reinstate the illegal tracking earthworks, Land near McLaughlin Drive, Castlepoint.

*John Randell:* Cease unauthorised discharges of waste materials to land along the Tauherenikau River, Underhill Road, Greytown

*Gillian McConway:* Remove or authorise the impermeable erosion protection structure in the bed of Waitohu Stream, 5a Dodds Street, Otaki

*Carol and John Deal:* Ensure the base flow of the stream is maintained; mitigate risks from flood effects to any boundary within 50 metres; mitigate the effects of increased temperatures; mitigate the effects of contaminants accumulating in the pond. 91A Kakariki Way, Mangaroa

## **Advisory Notices**

A reduced number of advisory notices were issued in this reporting period marking the end of the dairy effluent compliance inspections.

## **5. Take Charge**

There have been no *Take Charge* audits undertaken in the Wairarapa since 2004. The Pollution Control Team has reinitiated auditing in the Wairarapa, beginning with Waggs and Harcombe (service station and mechanic, Masterton). The programme intends to revisit the service stations visited back in 2004/05 to ensure that all site improvements recommended have been undertaken where necessary.

Two businesses have been audited which have been involved in illegal discharges. These audits form part of the outcome from the enforcement decision making process and Greater Wellington has received a positive response from each business below.

- Allied Concrete (concrete manufacturer)
- Crawfords Carrying Co Ltd (materials transport company)

The Pollution Control Team is finishing the initial site audits of businesses in the geographical area project in Grenada North.

Revisits have continued over the period with eight businesses successfully completing the Envirosmart programme. These now qualify for the Take Charge Sustainable Business Achievement certificate.

## **6. Special Projects**

The Pollution Control Team has organised and undertaken a rural Agri-chemical collection in late May. There has been considerable interest from the public and a registrar of landowners with these unwanted chemicals is being collected.

The Pollution Control Team has prepared the 2006/07 annual report and this is available for review and forms report 08.118.

## **7. Communication**

No further public communication is necessary for this report.

## 8. Recommendations

*It is recommended that the Committee:*

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

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