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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 26 September – 24 October 2008

A total of 73 incidents were recorded during this reporting period, as summarised in Figure 1.

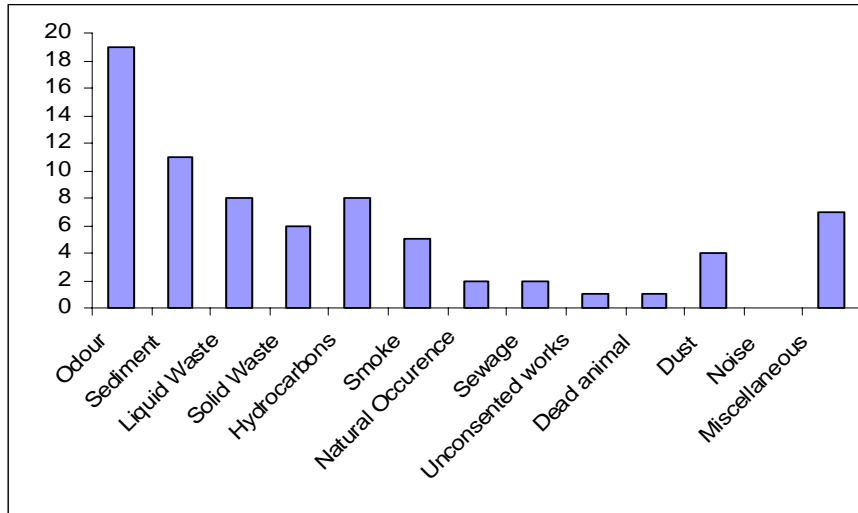


Figure 1: Summary of Incidents for period 26 September – 24 October 2008

### 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.

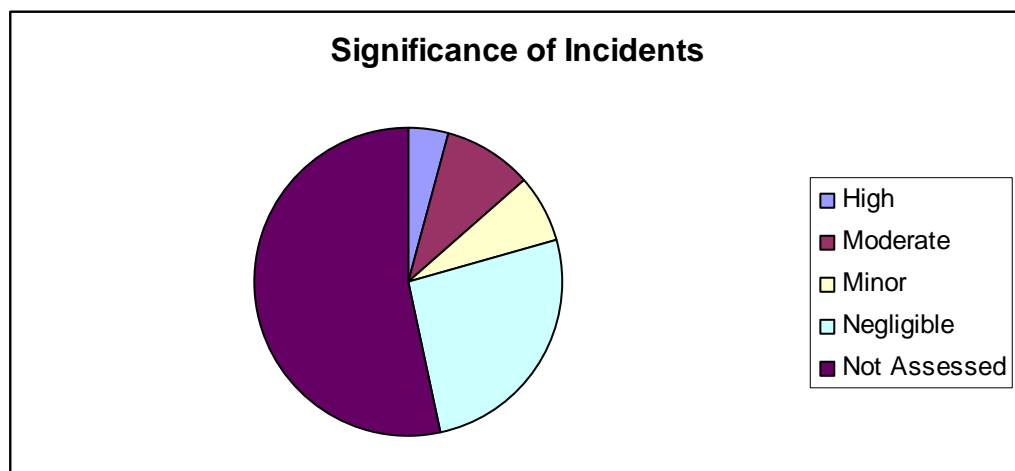


Figure 2: Incident significance for the period 26 September – 24 October 2008

### **4.3 Significant incidents**

#### **Whitebait structure in the Waimeha Stream, Waikanae**

On 14 October 2008, officers from the Environmental Protection team responded to a notification regarding an illegal white baiting structure in the Waimeha Stream, Waikanae. The officers determined that a person had tied a number of logs together to form a structure from which he was fishing. The man said that the logs had come up stream in the last flood event and he tied them in place for his safety. As there was no flood risk, the matter was referred to Department of Conservation (DOC). DOC went to the site later the same day and removed the structure from the stream and issued the man with a trespass order for the site. It has been since reported that the man was arrested for breaking the trespass order. No further action was taken by Greater Wellington.

#### **Dairy shed discharge to Waipipi Stream, Carterton**

On the 23 October 2008, an officer investigated a notification regarding a discharge of dairy effluent to the Waipipi Stream, Carterton. The officer observed a significant discharge of effluent to the stream. The consent holder (Selwyn McLachlan) for the effluent system has received an abatement notice to cease further illegal discharges.

#### **Sediment discharge to Waiwhetu Stream, Lower Hutt**

On 18 October 2008, officers responded to a notification of sediment discharging to the Waiwhetu Stream. The investigating officers observed a thick layer of sediment on the bed of the stream. The main source of the sediment was a slip that had occurred on a landowner's property. He informed Greater Wellington that the Earthquake Commission would undertake remedial works to remedy the problem. The incident is still 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. However, there is a continuing increase in Wairarapa based incidents for the 2007/08 year.

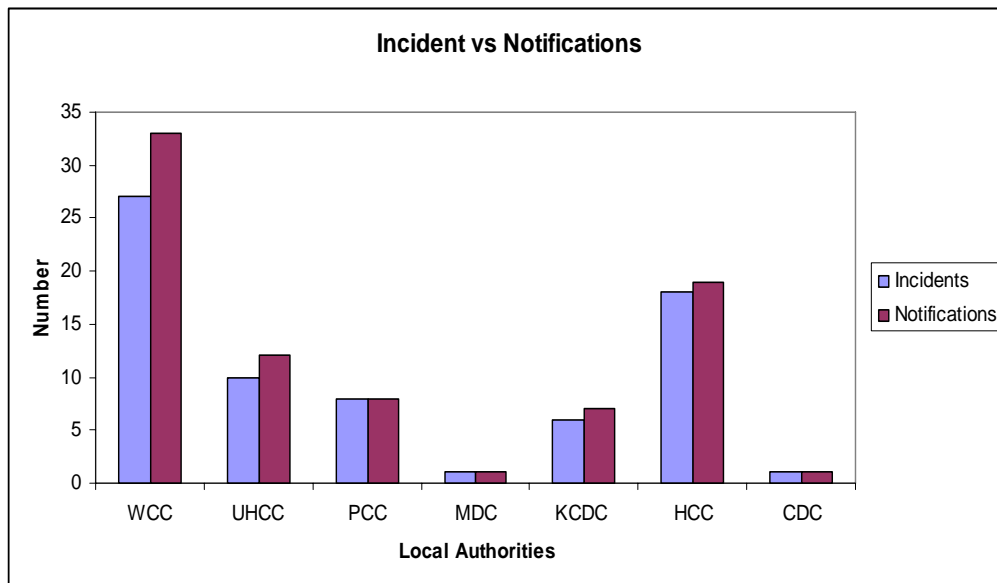


Figure 3: Incident vs Notification distribution by local authority

## 5. Enforcement action

Table 1 summarises enforcement action taken from 26 September – 24 October 2008.

Table 1: Summary of enforcement action

Regulatory tool	Number issued
Advisory Notices	12
Cost Recovery (invoices)	5
Infringement Notices	3
Abatement Notices	8
Enforcement Orders	0
Prosecutions (& information's laid)	2

## 5.1 Summary of enforcement action

### Cost Recovery

Name	Location	Reason for the Notice	Amount due
Seaview Marina Limited	PO Box 33230 Petone Lower Hutt	Discharge of sediment to Wellington Harbour from the Seaview Marina, Seaview	\$2401.88
MAJ Holdings Limited	C/- Impact Legal Level 2 138 The Terrace Wellington	Discharge of sediment laden water to a tributary of Taupo Swamp, Plimmerton	\$382.50
Kaiwairai Dairies Limited	C/- Neil Greiner Accountant, 108 Princess Street, Hawera	Discharge of Dairy effluent to land entering surface water, Hawera	\$441.00
Thurline Transport Services	2 Barnes Street, Seaview	Discharge of contaminants to storm water and to the harbour at Queens Wharf, Wellington	\$191.25
Invent Solutions Limited	161 West Street, Greytown	Discharge of silt from construction site that entered stormwater sump, Greytown	\$191.25

### Infringement Notices

Offender	Location	Offence	Fine
GW - Flood Protection Department	34 Chapel Street, Masterton 5810	Breach of resource consent and RMA arising from excavation of the bed, re-contouring and channel realignment work, Upper Ruamahanga River, Masterton	500
Aurora Enterprises	31 Hayward Terrace, Waiwhetu, lower Hutt 5010	Breach of Abatement Notice A148/breach of WGN080227. Unauthorised works in the Waiwhetu Stream, Helvetia Grove, Naenae	750
Mark Best	780 Ohariu Valley Road	Unauthorised works in the bed of Ohariu Stream, Ohariu Valley	500

## Abatement Notices

Offender	Address	Abatement	Offence
MAJ Holdings Limited	C/- Impact Legal Level 2 138 The Terrace Wellington	Cease the unauthorised discharge of contaminated stormwater, into Taupo Swamp, Plimmerton	Unauthorised discharge of sediment laden storm water into Taupo Swamp, Plimmerton
The O'More Partnership	346 Paremata Haywards Road, Judgeford 5301	Undertake maintenance to the true right hand side of the existing ford crossing to ensure unauthorised sediment discharges entering the Pauatahanui Stream cease	Alleged breach of resource consent WGN080209, Pauatahanui Stream, Hayward's Hill
John McFadzean	Mangatere Valley Road, RD 1, Carterton 5791	Cease unauthorised works in the bed of the Mangatarere Stream, Carterton	Unauthorised stream works, Mangatarere Stream, Carterton
D R Wines Limited	C/- Martelli McKegg Wells & Cormack, Pricewaterhousecoopers Tower, Level 20, 188 Quay Street, Auckland 1010	Cease discharge of contaminants to land beyond the property boundary, between Regent Street and Puruatanga Road, Martinborough	Unauthorised discharges to land, between Regent Street and Puruatanga Road, Martinborough
Elmstead Developments Ltd	C/- Wairarapa Building (Styleline Homes), 200 Chapel Street, Masterton	Cease unauthorised works in the bed of the Kuripuni Stream including any placement of structures	Unauthorised structure in stream bed, Kuripuni Stream at 9 Rosewood Grove, Masterton
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Styleline Homes Ltd	PO Box 479, Masterton 5840	Cease unauthorised placement of structures (posts) in the bed of the Kuripuni Stream	Breach of consent WAR080267, Kuripuni Stream at 7 Rosewood Grove, Masterton
Styleline Homes Ltd	PO Box 479, Masterton 5840	Remove unauthorised post structures in the bed of the Kuripuni Stream	Unauthorised structure in stream bed, Kuripuni Stream at 7 Rosewood Grove, Masterton

## 6. **Take Charge**

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

Currently the programme is completing follow-up visits in the Grenada North area with the assessments planned to be completed by mid November.

Within the Grenada North area, eight businesses have successfully completed the *Take Charge* program and they will be presented with the *Take Charge* sustainable business achievement programme certificates (see example of certificate, below).

The Environmental Protection team is in the process of determining the next location that the *Take Charge* program will be undertaken in. This process involves identifying key areas of potential non-compliance and environmental risk for commercial/industrial sites within the Wellington region in making a decision on final selection.



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### Orangebox Ltd

Successfully completed Greater Wellington's compliance and pollution prevention programme to improve site environmental management.

*"We pledge to do our best to minimize our impact on the environment while encouraging our customers and suppliers to do the same."*

Al Cross  
Manager, Environmental Regulation

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## 7. Assessments and reports

The following sites completed *Take Charge* audits with Greater Wellington between 26 September and 24 October.

Company name	Location	Current activities	Site Risk	Compliance Status
Advanced Engineering	23c Dragon Street, Grenada North	Fabrication of steel	Med	Minor non-compliance
Five Star Fmeg	36 Dragon St, Grenada North	Storage and distribution of beverages	Med	Minor non-compliance
Prestige Print	72 Abel Smith St, Te Aro	Printers	Med	Minor non-compliance
Ice Point	3-5 Cashew Street	Ice making and distribution	Med-High	Minor non-compliance



## 8. Recommendations

*It is recommended that the Committee:*

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

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