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## **Environmental Policy Department Report – December 2009**

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### **1. Proposed Regional Policy Statement update**

Hearings on the proposed Regional Policy Statement took place in the first two weeks of November before a committee consisting of Councillors Wilde, Kirton, Baber and Buchanan and Mr Te Waari Carkeek. A total of 45 submitters presented evidence before the Committee.

The committee's deliberations are scheduled to be completed by the end of December and their decisions will be recommended to the Council for approval in the New Year. Following approval by the Council, decisions on submissions will be released and sent to submitters. Submitters then have a period of 30 days in which to appeal the decisions to the Environment Court.

### **2. Staff matters**

Miranda Robinson moved down the corridor from Environmental Regulation to take up her new role as Team Leader, Policy Development with the department on 9 November.

As you will be well aware, Ling Phang was tragically killed while running to work on 13 November. This has been a huge shock for staff but collectively we are supporting one another and working through the grief.

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### **1. Annual reporting**

Environmental Science staff have completed annual monitoring reports for air quality, coastal monitoring, groundwater, hydrology, recreational water quality, river and stream health, and soil quality. Summary report cards have also been prepared and are the subject of a separate committee paper (Report 09.706).

### **2. Hydrological monitoring**

A summary of our rainfall, river and groundwater monitoring for October is set out in sections 3 to 5 below. This is based on the report produced at the end of each month for inclusion on the Greater Wellington web site and for distribution with a media release. The full report can be found at <http://www.gw.govt.nz/monthly-hydrological-summaries>.

### **3. Rainfall and river flows**

#### **3.1 Rainfall**

Rainfall during October 2009 was higher than average throughout most of the Wellington region, except in parts of the Tararua Range. The wet October followed on from a relatively dry August and September.

Rainfall in eastern Wairarapa and southern parts of the Wellington region – such as Wellington City, Lower Hutt, Wainuiomata and the southern Wairarapa plains – was up to double the long-term average for the month. This was due to an unusually high frequency of southerly fronts during October, which also led to record-low average temperatures for the month.

The most significant rainfall events for the month occurred on 8-9 October and 15-16 October. Particularly heavy rainfall around Lower Hutt on 16 October caused surface flooding and high flows in the Waiwhetu Stream.

The high rainfall for the month in most parts of the region pushed rainfall totals for 2009 (to the end of October) back towards average for the time of the year, after being around 10% below average at the end of September.

#### **3.2 Rivers**

River flows were generally around average or above average for October in most parts of the Wellington region. The regular rainstorms resulted in frequent ‘freshes’ through the rivers. Heavy rainfall around Wellington City and Lower

Hutt on 16 October resulted in flood warning alarms being triggered for Porirua and Waiwhetu streams. An estimated 2-year return period flood occurred in the Waiwhetu Stream; the flood peak of 13 m<sup>3</sup>/s at our monitoring site at Whites Line East was the largest recorded in that stream since October 2006.

## **4. Groundwater levels**

Groundwater levels have been average compared to historical levels over much of the region in October. The winter 2009 period has been fairly significant in terms of groundwater recharge and many stressed aquifers have shown some recovery, though stressed areas are still well below long term averages.

### **4.1 Hutt groundwater zones**

Groundwater levels within the Hutt aquifer were average to slightly above average in October.

### **4.2 Kapiti Coast groundwater zones**

Groundwater levels across the Kapiti Coast aquifers have been above average through the winter period.

### **4.3 Wairarapa groundwater zones**

Many of the monitoring sites in the Wairarapa have groundwater levels around average for this time of year. Levels in stressed groundwater zones are still well below long term averages, but after a good winter recharge period have recovered slightly and are now around or just above long term minimums for this time of year.

## **5. Climate outlook**

NIWA's climate outlook for November 2009 to January 2010 favours about average rainfall, river flows and soil moisture in Wellington, and average or below average rainfall, river flows and soil moisture in the Wairarapa. A moderate strength El Nino is likely to persist through summer.

## **6. Floodwarning**

The Environmental Monitoring and Investigations department provides a flood warning and monitoring service for the Wellington region. Rainfall and river level recorders around the region automatically relay information to the Regional Council Centre and the Masterton office. When specified rainfall intensities or river levels are reached the system automatically alerts staff who implement response procedures.

There was one flood event in the Western part of the region on 16 October (two river alarms).

There were no flood events in the Wairarapa in October.

The outlet from Lake Onoke closed for one day in the middle of October before reopening naturally.

Lake Wairarapa water levels were above the target (10.0m) for much of the month as a consequence of Lake Onoke's poor opening to the sea. The maximum height reached was 10.8m on 19 October.

## **7. Recreational bathing water monitoring**

The summer recreational water quality monitoring started in the week beginning 9 November - 74 coastal and 21 river sites are being sampled weekly through until the end of March. The results of this monitoring are available to the public on our website with suitability for swimming represented as "traffic lights" on a map of the region.

During the summer period we will be trialling the recommended 'toxic algae' assessment methods in the soon-to-be-released draft national cyanobacteria guidelines.

## **8. Didymo**

Surveillance monitoring was carried out in September. The results indicated the absence of didymo at the 10 river sites sampled.

## **9. Air quality**

### **9.1 National environmental standard for air quality (NES-AQ)**

There were no exceedances of the NES-AQ in any of the airsheds we monitor in the region.

### **9.2 Network review**

We have carried out an internal review of our air quality monitoring network with the objective of ensuring we are fulfilling our requirements in relation to State of Environment (SOE) reporting and measuring compliance with the NES-AQ.

This review confirms our earlier view that, while monitoring in some of our eight gazetted airsheds must continue for SOE reporting (Lower Hutt, Upper Hutt, central Wellington and Masterton) or for NES-AQ compliance (Upper Hutt, Masterton and Wainuiomata), not all of our airsheds need to be monitored given their low levels of airborne particulate matter. This will enable us to reconfigure our network allowing for more effective use of our resources. In particular, a monitoring station will not be established in the Kapiti airshed and the Karori station will be disestablished. The Porirua site at Tawa will continue for a few more years to obtain sufficient data to enable statistically robust decisions regarding the need for continued monitoring. We will continue screening studies to ensure there are no significant changes in the non-monitored airsheds that would require a change in our monitoring strategy.

## **10. Freshwater quality**

### **10.1 Stream ecology**

We are working with NIWA to verify the use of the Auckland Regional Council's Stream Ecological Valuation (SEV) methodology in the Wellington

region. The primary use of this methodology is for ecological assessments undertaken as part of resource consent applications for instream activities (e.g., stream piping).

NIWA has also been contracted to report on the ecological values of intermittently flowing streams (streams that flow for only part of the year) in the Wellington region. Environmental science staff assisted with undertaking macroinvertebrate sampling in six intermittent streams in late October; these streams will be revisited in the summer to assess their flow characteristics. Intermittent streams are under significant pressure from infilling and piping during development and information on their ecological values will help us to provide more appropriate protection to them.

## **10.2 Mangatarere catchment**

Sampling for the Mangatarere catchment water quality investigation ended in early October and we are starting to compile the results of the last 12 months of surface water, groundwater and soil sampling. A progress report is being presented as a separate committee paper (Report 09.707).

## **10.3 South Wairarapa**

Preliminary work is underway in planning an investigation of water quality in South Wairarapa, focusing on the areas draining to Lakes Wairarapa and Onoke.

## **10.4 Lakes**

We are conducting monthly sampling in Lake Waitawa on the Kapiti Coast and Lake Onoke in the south Wairarapa. Weather conditions have hampered sampling in Lake Onoke but some samples have been collected from the Ruamahanga River mouth.

## **11. Coastal**

### **11.1 Porirua Harbour**

Along with staff from the Environmental Policy department, we have participated in the recent Porirua Harbour seminar series, giving presentation on harbour and catchment health, particularly in relation to stormwater contamination.

## **12. Soil quality**

Through “EnviroLink Tools” (funding administered by the Foundation for Research, Science & Technology) we are benefiting by having some of our soils mapped as part of the S-Map project. S-Map is a new digital soil spatial information system for New Zealand. It will for the first time provide consistent and comprehensive national soil data levels to support applications at local and regional scales. The areas of our region that have been or will be mapped are the area from north of Masterton down to the Mangatarere and parts of the Kapiti area.

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### **1. Consent statistics**

The following consents processing data reflects the entire region. In the period from 19 September to 31 October 2009 we have received 73 consent applications. This compares with 86 received for the same period last year.

Over the same period, we have processed 33 consents. This compares with 56 over the same period last year.

Our median processing time for non-notified consents (excluding s37 time extensions) for the year to 30 June 2009 remains at 15 working days.

Notified and limited notified consents are discussed in section 2, and a summary of those consents already notified or served on affected parties (limited notified) is also attached for information.

### **2. Major resource consents and other matters**

#### **2.1 Key notified consents update**

Reporting, pre-hearing and hearing or decision work has been reasonably heavy in this period with work on WCC Sludge Dewatering Plant, Petrie groundwater take, HCC Waiwhetu sewage overflows, and Ontrack Mackays Crossing – Waikanae double tracking.

Fully Notified

#### **WCC/UWI Sludge Dewatering Plant**

A decision granting these applications was released in early November following an October hearing. The key features of the decision include the formation of a community liaison group; inclusion of adaptive management conditions to enable possible future odour management problems to be fixed under GW's direction. WCC also will be required in 2019 to submit a long term sludge reuse report to identify future options for sludge disposal (other than disposing to the Southern Landfill). A consent duration of 16 years was assigned to tie in with the expiry of consents for Southern Landfill, enabling major activities in the Carey's Gully complex to be considered in a more integrated fashion in 2026. The panel felt that this application process served as encouraging example of a constructive engagement process between GW,

WCC and the community (including the three pre-hearings). They also noted and fed back on the excellent assessment, reporting, hearing and deliberations support work from my team, all of which assisted a quality outcome in this case.

These are replacement applications to GW and WCC for a continued sludge dewatering plant operation (including discharges of odour from the plant and sludge land filling operations) at the Carey's Gully Complex.

### **J V & LA Petrie – taking groundwater, South Wairarapa**

A decision declining an application to take groundwater (to irrigate pasture) from the fully allocated Tawaha groundwater zone, South Wairarapa, was released on 17 November following an October hearing.

In declining the application, the hearing panel noted the potential long term consequences on the groundwater resource and other groundwater users. While the level of assessment of possible impacts was limited by the fact that Wairarapa groundwater model is not yet complete, the decision recognised the need to exercise caution when considering applications for fully allocated groundwater zones. In this case it was accepted that demand for water in this location was 'probably greater than the resource could sustain', and impacts on other users would be likely.

**Other notified applications** active (post-notification) during the last period include:

- ***HCC Waiwhetu Sewage Overflows:*** Replacement applications to discharge sewage effluent to Waiwhetu Stream caused by heavy rainfall events. Notified in April 2009 with a pre-hearing on 25 September. Draft conditions were prepared with the applicant and subsequently circulated to submitters with a view to seeking a negotiated outcome, which wasn't gained. At the applicant's request, a hearing will now be held in February or March 2010.
- ***Horokiwi Quarries Ltd – Fitzroy Bay gravel extraction:*** Replacement consents for gravel and sand extraction from the coastal margin east of Pencarrow Head. Applications were notified on 15 July and we are waiting on further information from the applicant relating to effects on long shore movement of coastal materials.
- ***Dawsons Waste Services Ltd – air discharges:*** Applications to discharge contaminants to air from a waste dewatering facility in Happy Valley Road, Wellington.
- ***Juken Nissho Limited – air discharges:*** Replacement applications for discharges of contaminants from the woodwaste boiler, veneer driers and presses, and various kilns at their Waingawa, Masterton plant. Lodged in January 2008 with updated AEE provided in May. Peer review of application was completed and discussions with applicant's consultant on technical matters progressing prior to a pre-hearing being arranged. Desired that draft conditions will be formed for a possible negotiated outcome with the applicant and submitters.

- ***South Wairarapa District Council – coastal erosion works:*** An application for a ‘global’ consent to undertake sporadic erosion protection works along a 25km section of the South Wairarapa Coast. Applications notified on 5 June and nine submissions received. Further information being sought from the applicant to define more precisely the nature and scale of the suite of proposed coastal erosion protections.
- ***Masterton District Council - Masterton Landfill closure:*** Applications notified and a pre-hearing completed in early June. Further information being reported back to submitters by the applicant. Issues include the management of ongoing discharges of landfill gas and leachate (to groundwater and the Ruamahanga River) from the fill.
- ***Carterton District Council - Carterton Wastewater Treatment Plant:*** Replacement applications for discharges and upgraded treatment from the Carterton Wastewater Treatment Plant, lodged in October 2008 and waiting for further information to be submitted.
- ***South Wairarapa District Council - Greytown Wastewater Treatment Plant:*** Replacement applications for discharges and upgraded treatment from the Greytown Wastewater Treatment Plant, lodged in December 2007 and waiting for further information. A final decision from SWDC on treatment options is expected.
- ***CnD Landfill – landfill extension:*** Extension of the existing CnD demolition fill at Happy Valley, Wellington. Requiring further information with a focus on landfill stability and integrity issues.
- ***Best Farms Ltd – subdivision development:*** A subdivision and associated activities including 300,000 cubic metres of earthworks over nearly 15 hectares, and stream reclamation, at Best Farms, Churton Park. Applicant providing further information on ecological impacts and sediment control, and a strong possibility that the applications will not be notified.

Limited Notified

### **NZ Railways Corporation (Ontrack) - North Island Main Trunk Railway**

A decision granting consents on the latest proposal for earthworks, discharges and stream works associated with the North Island Main Trunk Railway double tracking between Waikanae and McKays Crossing was released on 16 October. Ancillary matters raised by the lone submitter regarding access were not considered by the hearing Commissioner as relevant in deciding the consent.

### **Precision (Dixon Engineering) - spray painting operation**

These are applications for a discharge of contaminants to air arising from the spray application of paint and from a jig stripper at Wingate, Lower Hutt. Submissions closed on 22 October, with three received. Draft conditions have been circulated and following feedback it now appears that a negotiated outcome will be possible.

## **2.2 Upcoming consent applications**

**South Waitohu Stopbank:** A proposed 780m stopbank adjacent Mangapouri Stream in Otaki, by Greater Wellington, Flood Protection. Lodgement pending.



**Hutt River stopbank, Boulcott:** Applications by Greater Wellington, Flood Protection to construct a new stopbank in the vicinity of Boulcott and Hutt Golf Courses. Lodgement expected later in 2009.

**Kaitoke abstraction - GW Water Group:** Applications to increase water abstraction from the Hutt River at Kaitoke (to lower the minimum flow from 600L/sec to 400L/sec).

**Lincolnshire Cleanfill:** A large cleanfill proposed for the Lincolnshire Farm area north of Newlands.

**Aotea Block Stages 10 and 11:** Earthworks associated with subdivision at Aotea, Porirua.

**Silverwood Stages 3 and 4:** Earthworks associated with subdivision at Silverwood, Whitby.

**J Burrell:** Establishing a cleanfill at Eastern Hutt Road in the vicinity of Silverstream bridges. Processing of GW applications deferred while UHCC process notified applications.

## **2.3 Other applications**

Significant non-notified consents from the period are reported in the non-notified consents report (Report 09.708).

## **3. Consent appeals and objections**

### **3.1 Appeals**

Work continued on five appeals in the last period.

#### **Masterton District Council: Masterton Waste Water Treatment Plant**

In a rapid turn of events, appeals have now all but been resolved in mediation by way of draft memoranda setting out the terms of the resolved matters. These included:

- both the reduced frequency and altered location of water quality monitoring
- changes to base water quality standards for Ruamahanga River
- a discharge protocol to further minimise impacts on Ruamahanga River
- requirements for MDC to further evaluate added discharge to land options; and
- iwi consultation to identify on the mauri of the Ruamahanga River.

Only one outstanding matter surrounds the current appeals process which is the outcome of the current consent applications for flood protection levees (small stopbanks) for some of the border dyke irrigation areas adjacent to the Ruamahanga River. MDC desire to keep this one aspect of the appeal open until applications have been decided.

This outcome is quite an achievement given the number of parties involved in the appeal process, and the wide range of matters raised ranging from wholesale objections to the activity to concerns over land based treatment, monitoring requirements and flood hazards.

### **Wellington City Council/Capacity - Western Wastewater Treatment Plant**

As previously reported, all parties, except West Wellington Environmental Protection Society (WWEPS), have effectively signed up to the mediation agreement which involves an earlier replacement of the effluent pipeline. WWEPS' outstanding matter relates to land access, and discussions continue with a progress report due on 27 November.

These are appeals against a decision (and recommendation to the Minister in regard to Restricted Coastal Activities) to grant consents to discharge treated effluent to the South Coast, and milliscreened or untreated effluent to both Karori Stream and the South Coast (also including discharges of odour).

### **Meridian Energy Limited: Project Mill Creek**

Several mediation sessions have been held and discussions between Meridian and appellant groups are now taking place on the range of appeal matters. We have held a number of meetings both on and off-site with Meridian between mediation sessions, and we are making reasonable headway through these. Outstanding issues between GW and Meridian centre on the frequency and scale of monitoring sediment conditions and treatment options at the source of discharges via flocculation.

Appeals have been lodged by seven parties including Meridian Energy Ltd, Ngati Tama, Makara Guardians, Ohariu Preservation Society, and several individuals, against the joint GW-WCC-PCC decision to grant consents for 29 turbines at Mill Creek north of Makara. Matters raised by appellants (other than Meridian) in contention relate to landscape and visual effects, impacts on the receiving environment including Makara Estuary, and cumulative effects relating to Project Westwind. The more significant issues relating to GW consents primarily concern the requirements on Meridian through environmental baseline monitoring conditions, flocculation requirements and reporting.

## **3.2 Objections**

Currently there is one objection before us relating to consent processing charges. The Committee will consider this objection at the February 2010 meeting, unless it is resolved in the meantime.

## **4. Compliance and enforcement**

### **4.1 Abatement notices**

We issued 13 abatements between 19 September and 31 October 2009 (down from 29 for the previous reporting period), including stream and lake bed

excavations, unauthorised air discharges including discharges from burning, and unauthorised gravel extraction.

Abatement notices served are detailed in the Environmental Protection Report (report 09.710).

#### **4.2 Infringement notices**

We issued 4 infringement notices in the reporting period (down from three issued in the previous period), for stream excavations and sediment discharges, including one to forestry company PF Olsen Ltd for a poorly maintained forestry operation which resulted in discharges to Kaipaitangata Stream.

Infringements issued are detailed in the Environmental Protection Report (report 09.710).

#### **4.3 Appeals against notices served**

An appeal against an abatement notice issued to Lloyd Raynor is yet heard by the Court. The notice effectively requires Mr Raynor to cease excavating a watercourse and diverting water from a wetland.

#### **4.4 Prosecution and enforcement orders**

Five prosecutions were before the Court in the last period.

##### **Sandy Bidwell and PJ Warren Earthmoving Ltd: excavating a stream within JK Donald Reserve Wetland**

On 2 November, we laid charges against Sandy Bidwell and PJ Warren Earthmoving Ltd for the alleged illegal excavation (in April 2009) of around 1200 metres of Mangatete Stream within the JK Donald Reserve, bordering Lake Wairarapa.

Three charges each were laid relating to disturbing the stream bed, disturbance of aquatic plant and animal habitat, and diverting water.

The District Court is yet to set a timetable for the first call.

##### **Remaining prosecutions in summary:**

- Lloyd Raynor - illegal stream works and diverting wetland water from Simmonds Lagoon: adjourned until 4 December for sentencing.
- Lloyd Raynor and Hauroa Farms Ltd – alleged illegal stream works and diverting wetland water from Tauherenikau Delta Wetland: adjourned until 4 December for the first call over.
- Selwyn McLachlan - discharges of dairy effluent to water: adjourned until 4 December for sentencing.

- CnD Landfill and Alex Burrell – discharge of waste to a demolition fill in excess of consented fill height limits: adjourned until 1 December for a plea to be entered.

#### **4.5 Significant incidents**

Significant incidents are reported in the Environmental Protection Report (report 09.710).

### **5. Other Environmental Regulation projects**

#### **5.1 National Best Practice and Process Quality Audit**

In August 2009 I lead the national audit of regional council consent processes over two days in Christchurch, focussing on ‘topical’ processes that reject applications, request information and extend timeframes; as well as reviewing the quality of officer reports and consent decisions, and enforceability of consent conditions. Previously I had lead a review team from our national Consents Managers Group (regional council and unitary authorities) to review our existing audit structure – with the aim of making the audit less about competition between councils and more about sharing best practice advice and resources between us. The audit structure enabled more open feedback between Councils with a standard format for reporting back to respective councils. Reporting back to Greater Wellington found our processes to be in good order with a high quality of assessment reports.

#### **5.2 Annual Report Cards**

This is the second year which we have produced a full set of regulatory report cards. They are presented in report 09.713.

### Notified and limited notified consents – in progress

Applicant	Proposal	Date Consent Lodged	Date Submissions Closed	Number of Submissions Received	Pre-hearing Held	Hearing Held/ Process Delay	Hearing Committee Members	Date decision released	Granted or Declined
Masterton District Council WAR 060047 WAR 980159	To discharge contaminants to land and air associated with the operation of Masterton landfill, transfer station and composting plant, Homebush, Masterton	30/03/06	15/05/09	6	9/6/09	Further information requested from applicant following pre-hearing meeting.			
Stronvar Properties Ltd WAR 060160	Various activities associated with subdivision including discharges of communal waste water, soil disturbance, taking water, and constructing an amenity and treatment dam, Stronvar, Masterton	24/07/06	15/12/06	24	-	Further information supplied late February 2008. Information externally reviewed and further response provided by applicant. Applicant has now requested for application to be placed on hold indefinitely.			

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Hutt City Council (Limited Notified) WGN070019	To undertake erosion mitigation works in Wainuiomata River, including disturbance and diversion work	07/08/06	20/10/06	1	20/12/06 15/02/07	HCC revising plans (reducing the scope of the works). Amended proposal to be submitted.	-	-	-
Wellington City Council WGN070230	To discharge contaminants to land and air from a sludge dewatering plant, Wellington	27/04/07	13/07/07	95	16/10/07 Second pre-hearing held, 19/05/08 Third pre-hearing held 07/04/09	Hearing scheduled for 5-9 October 2009.	Cnr Chris Laidlaw (Chair), Cnr Nigel Wilson, Kevin Rolfe (Independent, air discharge specialist).	30/10/09	Granted
South Wairarapa District Council WAR 080254	To undertake various activities associated with the proposed long term upgrade and operation of the Greytown Wastewater Treatment Plant at Papawai, east of Greytown	28/12/07	On hold for further information. Agreed to timeline for updated AEE to be submitted by 31/03/09. Presently chasing up applicant						

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Juken Nissho Ltd WAR 080250	To discharge contaminants to air from woodwaste boiler, veneer driers and presses, kilns at Waingawa, Masterton	29/12/07	06/11/08	7	No	Independent peer review undertaken. Negotiated outcome being progressed.			
J V & L A Petrie WAR 080367	To take groundwater from a bore for irrigation purposes	12/03/08	15/05/09	4	04/8/09	23/10/09	Cr Baber, Cr Donaldson, Liz Burge		
Wairarapa Aggregates Ltd WAR 080518	To discharge stormwater from a gravel extraction and associated cleanfill operation to water	04/06/08	01/04/09	13	No	Hearing scheduled for 03/09/09 – deferred following release of s42a officer reports.	Christine Foster Hamish Lowe		
Car Haulways WGN080520	Earthworks associated with new car haulway area, at Lincolnshire Farms, Newlands	17/06/08	On hold for further information. Yet to be notified						

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Hunter Hills Ltd WGN090003	Earthworks associated with a 100 lot subdivision, at Lincolnshire Farms, Newlands	03/07/08	On hold for further information. Yet to be notified						
JR's Orchards Ltd WAR 080557	To take and dam water from the Papawai Stream and to take groundwater from a bore for irrigation purposes at Papawai, east of Greytown	30/06/08	25/11/09						
CnD Landfill WGN090036	Extension of construction and demolition fill	04/08/08	On hold for further information and affected party approval						
Carterton District Council WAR 090120	To discharge contaminants to water, land, and air associated with the Carterton Wastewater Treatment Plant at Dalefield Rd, Carterton	30/09/08	On hold for further information. Yet to be notified						



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WCC (Capacity) WGN090219	Stormwater discharges to Wellington Harbour and the South Coast	19/12/08	On hold for further information. Yet to be notified.						
WCC WGN090226	Westchester Drive Extension	22/12/08	21/02/09	53 (but includes multiple late submissions)	29/4/09	25-27 May	Crs Baber, Bruce and Stuart Kinear	Decision released 08/07/09	Granted. Appealed
South Wairarapa District Council WAR090322	Coastal structures along 25 km stretch of Palliser Bay	27/04/09	05/06/09	9		Further info sought from application on nature and scope of application.			
HCC Waiwhetu overflows WGN090321	Overflows of sewage effluent to the Waiwhetu Stream	27/04/09	04/08/09	6	25/09/09	Draft conditions circulated to applicant and submitters following the pre-hearing meeting. Negotiated outcome not reached. Hearing to be arranged.			

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Horokiwi Quarries WGN090117	To conduct activities associated with the extraction of gravel and sand at Fitzroy Bay, Pencarrow Coast	09/10/08	15/07/09	14		On hold for further information	Byrdie Eyres Stuart Kinnear		
NZ Railways Corporation (Ontrack) WGN090380 (Limited Notified)	Discharge to water/land and culvert extension in relation to double tracking of the Nth Island Main Trunk Railway Line	15/06/09	23/07/09	3	N/A	24/08/09	Peter Coop	16/10/09	Granted
Masterton District Council WAR 090346 (Limited)	To undertake various activities associated with the new Riversdale Beach Wastewater Treatment Plant	11/05/09	07/08/09	4		Working towards negotiated outcome			

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BP pipeline WGN090320	Coastal permit to change the use of an existing pipeline. Discharge permit to discharge operational water and 10 groundwater bores	24/4/09	21/7/09	7		17 August 2009 – 21 August 2009	Robert Schofield (Chair), Angus Finlayson, Ian Buchanan	18 September 2009. Minor correction required under s133A.	Granted
Woodridge Estates Ltd WGN100002	Earthworks (including sediment laden water) and reclamation of streambed. Possibility of triggering dangerous dam consent	09/07/09				On hold awaiting further information. Possibility of non notified, or limited notified.			
Dawsons Waste Services Ltd WGN100057	To discharge contaminants to air from a waste dewatering facility, Happy Valley Road	18/08/09 Awaiting Limited Notified application fee.							

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Precision (Dixon Engineering)	To discharge contaminants to air arising from the spray application of paint and from a jig stripper at Wingate, Lower Hutt	28/07/09	22/10/09	3					
Wairarapa Funeral Services WAR100023	To discharge contaminants to air from the operation crematorium, Masterton	31/07/09	On hold for further information, yet to be notified.						
Masterton District Council WAR 100118 (Limited)	To divert floodwaters by constructing a levee/stopbank adjacent to the Ruamahanga River	06/10/09	23/11/09						

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### **1. Navigation aids**

The submarine power cable to Kings Wharf pile light failed and was replaced by a new cable.

### **2. Oil pollution**

Two reports of “oil pollution” in the harbour were received. None required any clean-up action by the Department.

### **3. Harbour events**

On 1 October, a function was held in the Museum of Wellington to launch the reprint of the amended Wellington Regional Navigation and Safety bylaws booklet. The opportunity was also taken to combine this with a pre-season thank you function for our Honorary Enforcement Officers.

In conjunction with ERMA and CentrePort Ltd, revised procedures were put in place for ships visiting the port carrying Class 1 explosives in transit.

### **4. Beacon Hill**

The construction of the new Beacon Hill building should be completed by the end of November. Various meetings have been held with the equipment suppliers, and this should be installed by mid-January 2010.

### **5. Other**

During October Harbours workboat “Seacare” was lifted from the water and transported to our storage shed for fitting of new outboard engines, survey and refurbishment. Most of this work was carried out by Harbour Rangers Grant Nalder and John Tattersall.

On 17 October a marine safety day was held in Masterton, as well as handing out boating safety information, over forty lifejackets were tested.

The 5 November fireworks display in Lambton Harbour was attended by Harbour Rangers Grant Nalder and John Tattersall in the ‘Seacare’. They worked alongside Police and Coastguard to ensure that fireworks safety zones/requirements were complied with.