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## Executive summary

This 2015-2016 annual compliance monitoring report is the 22<sup>nd</sup> report by the Taranaki Regional Council (the Council) to be prepared for the monitoring programme in the Waitaha Stream catchment. The monitoring programme was established in 1994 to integrate the monitoring associated with the air and water monitoring of the formaldehyde resin manufacturing plant now owned by AICA (NZ) Ltd (formerly owned by Dynea NZ Ltd) and Taranaki Sawmills Ltd with other discharges in the catchment. Twelve industrial premises were monitored under this programme during the year under review. The monitoring reflects an on-going process of identifying and improving discharges into the catchment in a similar manner to the management of those in the neighbouring Mangati Stream catchment.

A total of 16 consents were included in the monitoring programme during the 2015-2016 monitoring period. Of these, 10 licence discharges to water, one licence a discharge to land, and five licence discharges to air. These consents include a total of 199 special conditions.

**Overall, a good level of environmental performance was achieved by the consent holders in the industrial area of the Waitaha Stream catchment.**

The Council's monitoring included 48 inspections, 41 stormwater samples and 20 receiving water samples collected for physicochemical analysis, a review of consent holder monitoring data, odour surveys, ambient air quality analyses, ambient PM<sub>10</sub> monitoring, and deposition gauging.

During the year under review, inspection found that the sites were generally well managed, with only transient non-compliances found at some sites, most of which were addressed in a timely manner. Non-compliant levels of suspended solids in discharges are still in the process of being resolved at Taranaki Sawmills Ltd and Weatherford New Zealand Ltd. There were no adverse effects found as a result of the non-compliances.

Chemical monitoring of the stream found that although there were measurable changes in some parameters, most of these would have resulted in only minor transient effects at most. In terms of guidelines, the only exceedances of acute exposure criteria found were for dissolved zinc, and were not considered entirely attributable to the consented discharges monitored under this programme. The higher than expected levels of dissolved zinc, dissolved copper, ammoniacal nitrogen and dissolved reactive phosphorus found in receiving waters during wet weather surveys in the previous period, were not noted in this period.

Overall the consented discharges in the Waitaha catchment achieved a good level of environmental compliance and Council is continuously working with consent holders to apply best practice. The Council, in cooperation with New Plymouth District Council (NPDC) as the consented reticulation owners, is also educating and engaging with non-consent holder's in the catchment who may be unaware of their environmental and regulatory obligations.

There were a total of 15 Unauthorised Incidents (UI's) recorded in this catchment during the period under review, nine of which were substantiated at the time of investigation by Council Officers. Nine of the substantiated incidents related to consent holders monitored under this programme (AICA NZ Ltd - 1, C & O Concrete Ltd - 1, Meredith Metals Ltd - 1, New Plymouth District Council - 1, Taranaki Sawmills Ltd - 2, Weatherford New Zealand Ltd - 1, Symons Property Development Ltd - 2).

During the year, AICA (NZ) Ltd demonstrated a high level of environmental performance and a good level of administrative performance. One incident was logged due to non-notification of discharges as set out in consent conditions.

During the year, C&O Concrete Products Ltd demonstrated a good level of environmental performance and a high level administrative performance. There was one exceedance of suspended solids limits in the discharge; however subsequent sampling showed that site had become compliant.

During the year, Greymouth Facilities Ltd demonstrated a high level of environmental performance and a high level of administrative performance.

During the year, Intergroup Ltd demonstrated a high level of environmental performance and a high level of administrative performance.

During the year, New Plymouth District Council (NPDC) demonstrated a good level of environmental performance. Although the suspended solids limit on the consent was exceeded on one occasion, there were no significant increases of stream turbidity recorded and subsequent sampling returned compliant results. There are no administrative requirements in NPDC's consents.

During the year, in regard to stormwater discharges, Symons Property Development Ltd demonstrated a good level of environmental performance and a good level of administrative performance.

During the year, Taranaki Sawmills Ltd demonstrated a high level of administrative performance and an improvement is required in Taranaki Sawmills level of environmental performance. There are persistent issues in regards to suspended solid concentrations at the site and the consent holder currently operates under an abatement notice as a result of this. A subsequent sample of the stormwater discharges from this site was also found to be non-compliant and an infringement fine has been issued.

During the year, TBS Coatings Ltd demonstrated a high level of environmental performance and a high level of administrative performance.

During the year, Weatherford New Zealand Ltd a high level of administrative performance, however an improvement in the level of environmental performance is required. There were two non-compliant results in regard to suspended solids and Weatherfords is working to improve silt control.

During the year, Woodward's 2008 Ltd demonstrated a high level of environmental performance and high level of administrative performance.

During the year, Zelum Ltd demonstrated a high level of environmental performance and high level of administrative performance.

For reference, in the 2015-2016 year, 71% of consent holders in Taranaki monitored through tailored compliance monitoring programmes achieved a high level of environmental performance and compliance with their consents, while another 24% demonstrated a good level of environmental performance and compliance with their consents.

In terms of overall environmental and compliance performance by the consent holder's over the last several years, this report shows that the consent holder's performance remains at a good level in the year under review.

This report includes recommendation for the 2016-2017 year.



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# **1. Introduction**

## **1.1 Compliance monitoring programme reports and the Resource Management Act 1991**

### **1.1.1 Introduction**

This report is the Annual Report for the period July 2015 to June 2016 by the Taranaki Regional Council (the Council) on the monitoring programme associated with 16 resource consents held by 12 consent holders in the Waitaha catchment.

This report covers the results and findings of the monitoring programme implemented by the Council in respect of these consents, which relate to discharges to water and emissions to air within the Waitaha catchment.

One of the intents of *the Resource Management Act 1991* (RMA) is that environmental management should be integrated across all media, so that a consent holder's use of water, air, and land should be considered from a single comprehensive environmental perspective. Accordingly, the Council generally implements integrated environmental monitoring programmes and reports the results of the programmes jointly. This report discusses the environmental effects of water and air discharges by companies within the Waitaha catchment, and is the 22<sup>nd</sup> combined annual report by the Council for this catchment.

### **1.1.2 Structure of this report**

Section 1 of this report is a background section. It sets out general information about:

- consent compliance monitoring under the RMA and the Council's obligations;
- the Council's approach to monitoring sites through annual programmes;
- the resource consents held by the companies in the Waitaha catchment;
- the nature of the monitoring programme in place for the period under review; and
- a description of the activities and operations conducted at each site.

Each company's activity is then discussed in detail in a separate section (sections 2 to 13).

In each subsection 1 (e.g. section 2.1) there is a general description of the industrial activity and its discharges, a photograph or map showing the location of the activity, and an outline of the matters covered by the company's permit/s.

Subsection 2 presents the results of monitoring of the company's activities during the period under review, including scientific and technical data, and any information on the Council's Register of Incidents.

Subsection 3 discusses the results, their interpretation, and their significance for the environment in the immediate vicinity of the sites under discussion.

Subsection 4 presents recommendations to be implemented in the 2016-2017 monitoring year.

Section 1 presents a summary of the information on file about any unauthorised incidents logged on the Council's database that occurred within the Waitaha catchment.

Section 15 discusses the results of the monitoring of the Waitaha Stream, their interpretation and their significance.

Section 16 presents a summary of all the recommendations made in relation to the monitoring of each company's activities.

A glossary of common abbreviations and scientific terms, and a bibliography, are presented at the end of the report.

### **1.1.3 The Resource Management Act 1991 and monitoring**

The *Resource Management Act 1991* (RMA) primarily addresses environmental 'effects' which are defined as positive or adverse, temporary or permanent, past, present or future, or cumulative. Effects may arise in relation to:

- (a) the neighbourhood or the wider community around an activity, and may include cultural and social-economic effects;
- (b) physical effects on the locality, including landscape, amenity and visual effects;
- (c) ecosystems, including effects on plants, animals, or habitats, whether aquatic or terrestrial;
- (d) natural and physical resources having special significance (for example recreational, cultural, or aesthetic); and
- (e) risks to the neighbourhood or environment.

In drafting and reviewing conditions on discharge permits, and in implementing monitoring programmes, the Council is recognising the comprehensive meaning of 'effects' inasmuch as is appropriate for each activity. Monitoring programmes are not only based on existing permit conditions, but also on the obligations of the RMA to assess the effects of the exercise of consents. In accordance with section 35 of the RMA, the Council undertakes compliance monitoring for consents and rules in regional plans, and maintains an overview of the performance of resource users and consent holders. Compliance monitoring, including both activity and impact monitoring, enables the Council to continually re-evaluate its approach and that of consent holders to resource management and, ultimately, through the refinement of methods and considered responsible resource utilisation, to move closer to achieving sustainable development of the region's resources.

### **1.1.4 Investigations, interventions, and incidents**

The monitoring programme for the year was based on what was considered to be an appropriate level of monitoring, review of data, and liaison with the consent holder. During the year matters may arise which require additional activity by the Council, for example provision of advice and information, or investigation of potential or actual courses of non-compliance or failure to maintain good practices. A pro-active approach that in the first instance avoids issues occurring is favoured.

The Council operates and maintains a register of all complaints or reported and discovered excursions from acceptable limits and practices, including non-compliance with consents, which may damage the environment. The Incident Register (IR) includes events where the company concerned has itself notified the Council. The register contains details of any investigation and corrective action taken.

Complaints may be alleged to be associated with a particular site. If there is potentially an issue of legal liability, the Council must be able to prove by investigation that the identified company is indeed the source of the incident (or that the allegation cannot be proven).

### 1.1.5 Evaluation of environmental and administrative performance

Besides discussing the various details of the performance and extent of compliance by the consent holder/s during the period under review, this report also assigns a rating as to each Company's environmental and administrative performance.

**Environmental performance** is concerned with actual or likely effects on the receiving environment from the activities during the monitoring year. **Administrative performance** is concerned with the Company's approach to demonstrating consent compliance in site operations and management including the timely provision of information to Council (such as contingency plans and water take data) in accordance with consent conditions.

Events that were beyond the control of the consent holder and unforeseeable (that is a defence under the provisions of the RMA can be established) may be excluded with regard to the performance rating applied. For example loss of data due to a flood destroying deployed field equipment.

The categories used by the Council for this monitoring period, and their interpretation, are as follows:

#### Environmental Performance

- **High:** No or inconsequential (short-term duration, less than minor in severity) breaches of consent or regional plan parameters resulting from the activity; no adverse effects of significance noted or likely in the receiving environment. The Council did not record any verified unauthorised incidents involving significant environmental impacts and was not obliged to issue any abatement notices or infringement notices in relation to such impacts.
- **Good:** Likely or actual adverse effects of activities on the receiving environment were negligible or minor at most. There were some such issues noted during monitoring, from self reports, or in response to unauthorised incident reports, but these items were not critical, and follow-up inspections showed they have been dealt with. These minor issues were resolved positively, co-operatively, and quickly. The Council was not obliged to issue any abatement notices or infringement notices in relation to the minor non-compliant effects; however abatement notices may have been issued to mitigate an identified potential for an environmental effect to occur.

For example:

- High suspended solid values recorded in discharge samples, however the discharge was to land or to receiving waters that were in high flow at the time;
  - Strong odour beyond boundary but no residential properties or other recipient nearby.
- **Improvement required:** Likely or actual adverse effects of activities on the receiving environment were more than minor, but not substantial. There were some issues noted during monitoring, from self reports, or in response to unauthorised incident reports. Cumulative adverse effects of a persistent minor non-compliant activity could elevate a minor issue to this level. Abatement notices and infringement notices may have been issued in respect of effects.
  - **Poor:** Likely or actual adverse effects of activities on the receiving environment were significant. There were some items noted during monitoring, from self reports, or in response to unauthorised incident reports. Cumulative adverse effects of a persistent moderate non-compliant activity could elevate an 'improvement required' issue to this level. Typically there were grounds for either a prosecution or an infringement notice in respect of effects.

#### **Administrative performance**

- **High:** The administrative requirements of the resource consents were met, or any failure to do this had trivial consequences and were addressed promptly and co-operatively.
- **Good:** Perhaps some administrative requirements of the resource consents were not met at a particular time, however this was addressed without repeated interventions from the Council staff. Alternatively adequate reason was provided for matters such as the no or late provision of information, interpretation of 'best practical option' for avoiding potential effects, etc.
- **Improvement required:** Repeated interventions to meet the administrative requirements of the resource consents were made by Council staff. These matters took some time to resolve, or remained unresolved at the end of the period under review. The Council may have issued an abatement notice to attain compliance.
- **Poor:** Material failings to meet the administrative requirements of the resource consents. Significant intervention by the Council was required. Typically there were grounds for an infringement notice.

For reference, in the 2015-2016 year, 71% of consent holders in Taranaki monitored through tailored compliance monitoring programmes achieved a high level of environmental performance and compliance with their consents, while another 24% demonstrated a good level of environmental performance and compliance with their consents.

## 1.2 Resource consents

Section 15(1)(a) of the RMA stipulates that no person may discharge any contaminant into water, unless the activity is expressly allowed for by a resource consent or a rule in a regional plan, or by national regulations.

Section 15(1)(c) of the RMA stipulates that no person may discharge any contaminant from any industrial or trade premises into air, unless the activity is expressly allowed for by a resource consent, a rule in a regional plan, or by national regulations.

Sections 15(1)(b) and (d) of the RMA stipulate that no person may discharge any contaminant onto land if it may then enter water, or from any industrial or trade premises onto land under any circumstances, unless the activity is expressly allowed for by a resource consent, a rule in a regional plan, or by national regulations.

The resource consents covered by the Waitaha Catchment Joint Monitoring programme are shown in Table 1 and their locations are shown in Figure 1. The programme covered 16 consents during the 2015-2016 year. Ten consents license discharges to water, one for discharges to land, and five are for discharges to air. There are a small number of other consented discharges in the catchment, such as agricultural discharges, which are not covered directly by this monitoring programme.

Outlines of the companies' activities and the special conditions on their consents are presented in Sections 2- 13 of this report, and copies of the full consents are given in alphabetical order in Appendix I.

Most stormwater discharge consents have the most recent standardised special conditions that;

- require the consent holder to adopt best practice;
- limit the area from which stormwater can be discharged;
- require the use of a stormwater treatment system;
- limit constituents of the discharge, with specific regard to pH, suspended solids and oil and grease;
- require that the discharge does not cause certain effects in the receiving waters;
- require that the consent holder maintain a spill contingency plan;
- require that the consent holder maintain and adhere to a management plan;
- require the consent holder to notify Council prior to making any changes to the site or site processes;
- set a lapse date (where applicable); and
- set dates for optional review.

**Table 1** Resource consents covered by this report

Consent holder	Resource consent	Purpose	Review dates	Expiry date	No. of conditions
AICA (NZ) Ltd	2367-2	Discharge up to 150 L/s of stormwater from a chemical manufacturing into a wetland at the headwaters of an unnamed tributary of the Waitaha Stream.	-	1 June 2014 (exercised under Section 142)	6
	2367-3	To discharge stormwater from a chemical manufacturing complex into a wetland at the headwaters of an unnamed tributary of the Waitaha Stream.	-	1 June 2032	13
	4021-3	To discharge emissions into the air from the manufacture of formaldehyde solution and urea formaldehyde resin, together with emissions from associated activities at the plant premises.	June 2020 and 2026	1 June 2032	12
C&O Concrete Products Ltd	4777-2	To discharge stormwater from a concrete products manufacturing premises into the Waitaha Stream.	June 2020 and 2026	1 June 2032	9
New Plymouth District Council	0608-3	Discharge stormwater from the Connett Road industrial subdivision into the Waitaha Stream.	-	1 Jun 2026	5
	0609-2	Discharge up to 1,200 L/s of stormwater from an industrial subdivision to an unnamed tributary of the Waitaha Stream.	-	1 June 2014 (exercised under Section 142)	3
Greymouth Facilities Ltd	9868-1	To discharge treated stormwater from a yard used for storage and maintenance of hydrocarbon exploration drilling equipment into the Waitaha Stream via the New Plymouth District Council reticulated stormwater system, and onto and into land from the skimmer pit (Granted 8 May 2014).	June 2017, 2020, 2023, 2026 and 2029	1 June 2032	15
Energyworks Ltd	9606-1	To discharge emissions into the air associated with abrasive blasting operations, spray painting and associated activities at a permanent site at Connett Road East, Bell Block and from mobile operations throughout the Taranaki region.	-	1 June 2020	19
	9962-1	To discharge stormwater via the New Plymouth District Council reticulated stormwater system into an unnamed tributary of the Waitaha Stream.	June 2020 and June 2026	1 June 2032	8
Meredith Scrap Metals Ltd	9911-1	To discharge contaminants onto and into land associated with scrap metal storage and processing.	June 2020 and 2026	1 June 2032	9

Consent holder	Resource consent	Purpose	Review dates	Expiry date	No. of conditions
	9912-1	To discharge stormwater from scrap metal storage and processing into the Waitaha Stream and into an unnamed tributary of the Mangaoraka Stream via the New Plymouth District Council reticulated stormwater system.	June 2020 and 2026	1 June 2032	9
Symons Property Development Ltd	7805-1	To discharge stormwater from a truck depot and pipe cleaning facility into the Waitaha Stream.	June 2020	1 June 2026	13
Taranaki Sawmills Ltd	2333-4	To discharge stormwater and to temporarily discharge kiln condensate from a sawmill site onto and into land and into the Waitaha Stream and an unnamed tributary of the Waitaha Stream.	June 2020 and 2026	1 June 2032	9
	4096-2	To discharge emissions into the air from sawmilling and untreated timber processing and associated activities including the combustion of wood and/or coal within boilers and wastes in an open fire-pit.	June 2020 and 2026	1 June 2032	21
TBS Coatings Ltd	4056-2	Discharge emissions into the air from abrasive blasting operations and associated processes at a permanent site at Corbett Road, Bell Block, and from mobile operations at various locations throughout the Taranaki region.	June 2017	1 June 2020	20
Intergroup Ltd Formerly held by Transpacific International Ltd	4776-1	Discharge up to 65 L/s of stormwater from a truck depot site to the Waitaha Stream.	-	1 June 2014 (exercised under Section 142)	4
	4776-2	To discharge treated stormwater from a liquid wastes processing and chemical consolidation facility onto and into land and into the Waitaha Stream via the New Plymouth District Council reticulated stormwater system.	June 2020 and 2026	1 June 2032	9
Weatherford New Zealand Ltd	4775-1	To discharge up to 130 L/s of treated stormwater and minor treated wash-down water from an oilfield engineering services premises onto land and into an unnamed tributary of the Waitaha Stream.	-	1 June 2014 (exercised under Section 142)	5
Woodwards 2008 Ltd	7881-1	To discharge emissions into air from the combustion of untreated timber wastes.	June 2020	1 June 2026	9
Zelam Ltd	4059-5	To discharge emissions into the air from industrial agricultural formulation processes and associated processes.	June 2020	1 June 2026	12

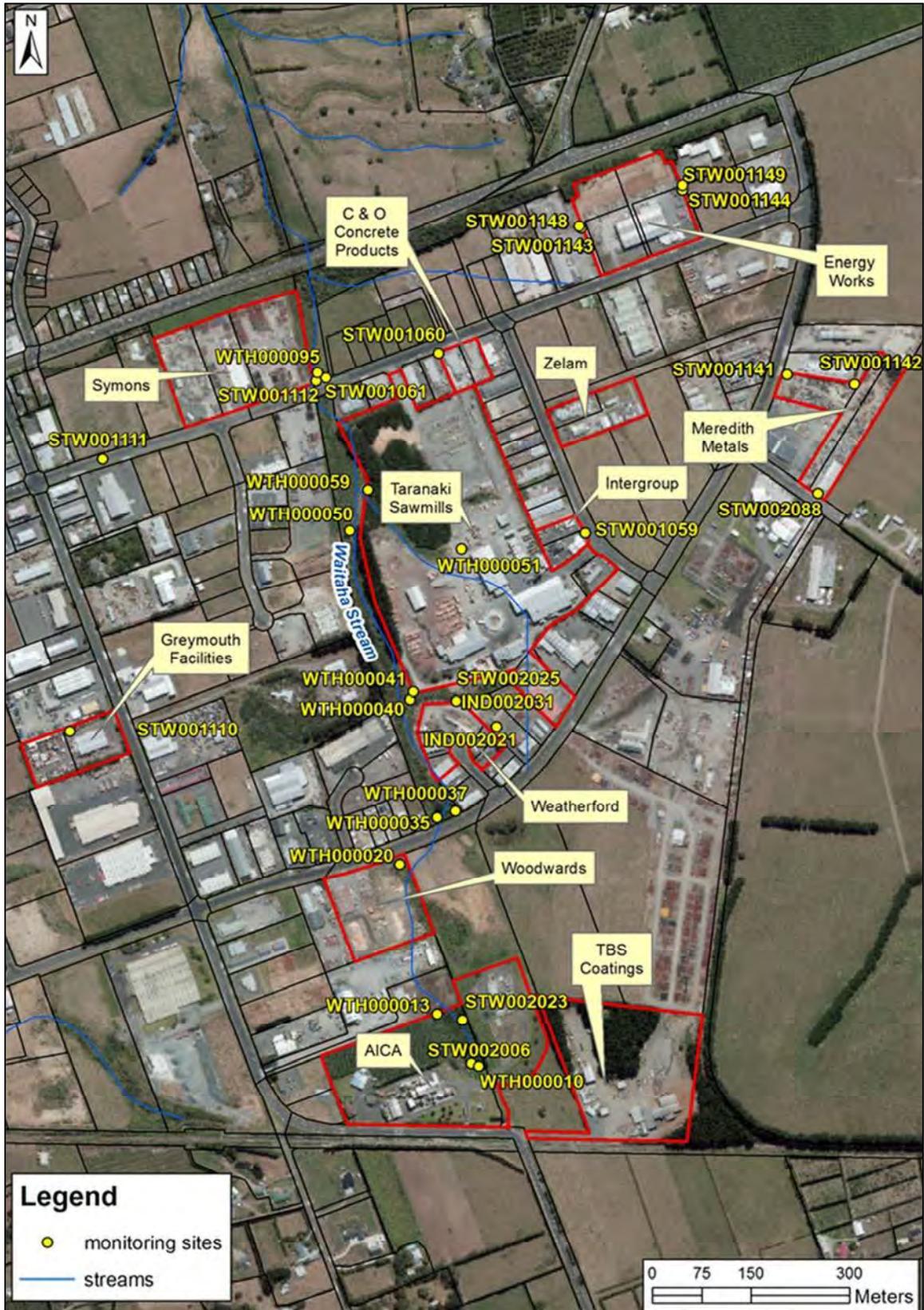


Figure 1 Location of consent holder sites and associate sampling sites

## **1.3 Monitoring programme**

### **1.3.1 Introduction**

Section 35 of the RMA sets out obligation/s upon the Council to gather information, monitor, and conduct research on the exercise of resource consents, and the effects arising, within the Taranaki region and report upon these.

The Council may therefore make and record measurements of physical and chemical parameters, take samples for analysis, carry out surveys and inspections, conduct investigations, and seek information from consent holders.

The monitoring programme for the industries in the Waitaha catchment consisted of six primary components.

### **1.3.2 Programme liaison and management**

There is generally a significant investment of time and resources by the Council in on going liaison with resource consent holders over consent conditions and their interpretation and application, in discussion over monitoring requirements, preparation for any reviews, renewals, or new consents, advice on the Council's environmental management strategies and the content of regional plans, and consultation on associated matters.

### **1.3.3 Site inspections**

Council officers undertook 48 routine site inspections of the consent holder's sites. With regard to consents for discharges to water, the main points of interest were plant processes with potential or actual discharges to receiving watercourses, including contaminated stormwater and process wastewaters. During inspections at sites with air discharge consents, ambient monitoring of suspended particulate and other emissions (as appropriate) were undertaken.

### **1.3.4 Discharge sampling**

The Council took 41 stormwater samples either via integrated wet weather runs or individually during wet weather inspections. Each sample was analysed for the expected contaminants and other physical characteristics of the discharges from each site.

### **1.3.5 Receiving water samples**

The Council took 20 receiving water samples during two integrated wet weather surveys. Each sampling site is located to serve as either an upstream control or downstream impact assessment site for any given discharge.

### **1.3.6 Air monitoring**

Council undertook one 48 hour suspended particulate survey (at Taranaki Sawmills Ltd) and one 20-day dust deposition survey (at TBS Coatings Ltd).

### **1.3.7 Provision of company data**

The consents held by AICA (NZ) Ltd require the collection of data in regards to stormwater quality and volumes and also require the provision of stack testing reports. A report on new air emissions treatment technology is required annually.

The air discharge consent held by Zelum Ltd requires the consent holder to measure the pH and amine content of the air scrubber liquor and provide the results to Council.

## 2. AICA (NZ) Ltd

### 2.1 Introduction

#### 2.1.1 Process description

AICA (NZ) Ltd (AICA) manufactures synthetic resins for the production of wood products at their plant situated above a wetland area at the headwaters of the Waitaha Stream.



**Photo 1** AICA (NZ) Ltd site

There have been a number of changes at the site over the years in order to meet market demands. There are two processing areas on site, Plant 1 predominantly for formaldehyde based products, and Plant 2 which was primarily for phenol based products. In early 2009, due to the economic downturn it was decided that Plant 2 would be decommissioned and phenol production was moved to Nelson.

In 1999 a two tonne mixing vessel was installed at Plant 1 to take advantage of an increase in wood glue sales. This was piped up to the existing utilities and scrubbers.

##### 2.1.1.1 Water

The site has an enclosed stormwater system that directs all road drains to two holding ponds which are lined with butyl rubber. These ponds (pond 1 and pond 2) are 300 m<sup>3</sup> and 100 m<sup>3</sup> respectively. Analysis of the stormwater is carried out by AICA prior to discharge. Should the stormwater be outside the limits given in the consent, it is discharged to the NPDC sewer system as trade waste, or is re-circulated through the

on-site system for further mixing, aeration and biological attenuation. At times, the stormwater is also used to dilute the trade wastes from the plant.

The car park drains directly to the receiving waters of the Waitaha Stream. Roof water from the decommissioned phenolic resins plant (Plant 2) drains to the stormpond.

Areas likely to be contaminated, such as bunds around storage tanks and loading facilities, are directed to the NPDC sewer system.

### 2.1.1.2 Air

#### **Formaldehyde Plant - Plant 1**

The primary source of emissions to the atmosphere is from the 22 metre high formaldehyde absorption tower. The emissions contain formaldehyde, resorcinol, and resin and there are other exhaust gases (including water vapour) from a gas-fired boiler flue, and some steam from the plant's cooling tower, together with minor emissions from storage tanks and the laboratory fume cupboard.

Formaldehyde solution is produced at the plant by the catalytic oxidation and dehydrogenation of methanol in a continuous process. This is then used in the production of urea-formaldehyde and melamine-urea-formaldehyde resins. There are also traces of formaldehyde, methanol and various reaction by-products.

Formaldehyde occurs naturally in meat and some kinds of fruit and vegetables. It is also released in cigarette smoke, from furnishing fabrics, glues, and wood grain panelling. Motor vehicles and domestic solid-fuel combustion are major sources of formaldehyde in the urban environment. It has not been classified as a known human carcinogen by the WHO International Agency for Research on Cancer. The major route for exposure to formaldehyde in humans is inhalation. The main toxic effects for acute exposure are eye, nose and throat irritation and effects on the nasal cavity. Other effects include coughing, wheezing, chest pains and bronchitis. Chronic exposure has also been associated with respiratory symptoms and eye, nose and throat irritation. The limit of detection for formaldehyde odour is about 0.08 mg/m<sup>3</sup>.

The World Health Organisation notes that there is variability in human formaldehyde responses, with significant increases in signs of irritation occurring at levels above 0.1 mg/m<sup>3</sup> and a progression of symptoms occurring above 1.2 mg/m<sup>3</sup>. No lung function alterations were noted in healthy non-smokers and asthmatics exposed to formaldehyde levels up to 3.7 mg/m<sup>3</sup>.

In the national Ambient Air Quality Guidelines (Ministry for the Environment, 2002) a formaldehyde limit of 100 µg/m<sup>3</sup> (0.1 mg/m<sup>3</sup>) was given. It should be noted that the primary consideration by the Ministry for the Environment in setting this guideline, has been to ensure that ambient (outdoor) air can be used to dilute indoor concentrations of formaldehyde. This limit protects against tissue irritation of the eyes, nose and throat.

#### **Melamine expansion**

In late 1991 AICA expanded its activities, by adding a melamine-formaldehyde resin manufacturing process capable of producing 40 tonnes per day. The changes included the introduction of melamine on to the site. Additional storage tanks for formaldehyde

were manifolded to the existing tank scrubber system, and a dust control system installed on the melamine powder handling facilities. The new reaction vessel was also vented to the existing tank scrubber system.

### **2.1.2 Water discharge permit**

Section 15(1)(a) of the RMA stipulates that no person may discharge any contaminant into water, unless the activity is expressly allowed for by a resource consent or a rule in a regional plan, or by national regulations. The stormwater discharge from the site has been consented since 11 November 1987.

AICA held water discharge permit 2367-2 to cover the discharge of up to 150 L/s of stormwater from a chemical manufacturing complex into a swamp at the headwaters of an unnamed tributary of the Waitaha Stream. It expired on 1 June 2014 and was exercised under section 124 and was then superseded by consent 2367-3 on 24 September 2015.

Consent 2367-2 contained six special conditions.

Special conditions 1 and 2 limit the contaminant concentrations in the discharge and the effects that the discharge may have on the receiving waters of the Waitaha Stream.

Special condition 3 requires the consent holder to maintain a contingency plan.

Special condition 4 specifies the records that must be kept in relation to the stormwater discharges from the site.

Special condition 5 prohibits the storage of chemicals in the car park.

Special condition 6 sets out provisions for review of the conditions of the consent.

AICA now holds water discharge permit 2367-3. This consent expires on 1 June 2032 and contains 13 special conditions.

These conditions include the standard special conditions set out in section 1.2 and several additional special conditions, as specified below.

Special condition 3 requires that a flow meter be installed to record discharge rates.

Special conditions 4, 5 and 7 require the consent holder to analyse the discharge from the stormponds for contaminants prior to release and limit contaminant concentrations in discharges from the stormponds, and other discharges. In addition to the standard constituents, limits are given for formaldehyde, oil and grease and ammoniacal nitrogen.

Special condition 6 requires the consent holder to notify the Council prior to discharge.

Special condition 9 requires records of discharge volume and analysis of constituent contaminants to be maintained.

Copies of these permits are attached to this report in Appendix I.

### 2.1.3 Air discharge permit

Section 15(1)(c) of the RMA stipulates that no person may discharge any contaminant from any industrial or trade premises into air, unless the activity is expressly allowed for by a resource consent, a rule in a regional plan, or by national regulations.

AICA holds air discharge permit **4021-3** was issued to AICA by the Council on 26 May 2015 under Section 87(e) of the RMA to discharge emissions into the air from the manufacture of formaldehyde solution and urea formaldehyde resin, together with emissions from associated activities at the plant premises. It is due to expire on 1 June 2032.

Discharge permit 4021-3 has 12 special conditions;

Special condition 1 requires the consent holder to adopt the best practical option.

Special condition 2 requires that the discharge must not give rise certain effects beyond the boundary.

Special condition 3 requires that formaldehyde emissions from the stacks not exceed 1.0 kg/hour.

Special conditions 4 and 5 require the consent holder to undertake stack testing to certain standards.

Special conditions 6, 7, and 8 limit the ambient concentration of formaldehyde, phenol and resorcinol at the boundary.

Special condition 9 places limits on carbon monoxide, nitrogen dioxide, PM10 and sulphur dioxide.

Special condition 10 requires the consent holder to notify Council prior to undertaking any changes at the site.

Special condition 11 requires that consent holder provide an annual report on technological advances in emission control.

Special condition 12 is a review condition.

Copies of these permits are attached to this report in Appendix I.

## 2.2 Results

### 2.2.1 Inspections

AICA's site was inspected on four occasions. These were on 12 August 2015, 4 December 2015, 7 April 2016 and 1 June 2016.

These inspections focussed on evidence of spills, the condition of the stormwater system and receiving water, discharge logs, odour and general housekeeping. Ambient formaldehyde and phenol monitoring were undertaken during the inspections using portable detection equipment.

Generally the site was found to be well managed, some minor spills of urea were noted in and around the loading area and these were addressed by the consent holder upon request.

One issue of note was that during the inspection of 4 December it was noted that there had been several discharges recorded in the log where no notification had been sent to the Council (as required by consent conditions). An incident was raised as a result of this and this is discussed in section 2.2.4.

### 2.2.2 Results of discharge monitoring

Council staff sampled the stormponds during discharge on one occasion (on 24 June 2016) during the year under review. The results are presented in Table 2 and Table 3.

**Table 2** Results of AICA discharge monitoring 24 June 2016 -site STW002006

Parameter	Unit	TRC Lab Results	AICA Lab results	Consent limit
Date/Time	-	24 June 2016 0910	24 June 2016 0726	-
Ammoniacal nitrogen	g/m <sup>3</sup> N	9.08	9.0	10
Conductivity @ 20°C	mS/m	14.6	10.5	-
Formaldehyde	g/m <sup>3</sup>	<0.1	0.05	-
Oil and Grease	g/m <sup>3</sup>	b	-	15
pH	pH	7.5	-	6-9
Phenol	g/m <sup>3</sup>	<0.02	0.05	1.0
Suspended solids	g/m <sup>3</sup>	7	-	100
Temperature	Deg.C	14.0	-	-
Un-ionised ammonia	g/m <sup>3</sup>	0.08733	-	-

**KEY:** b no visible hydrocarbon sheen and no odour

**Table 3** Results of discharge monitoring at stormpond -site STW002023

Parameter	Unit	TRC Lab Results	AICA Lab results*	Consent limit
Time	-	24 June 2016 0915	22 June 2016 11:55	-
Ammoniacal nitrogen	g/m <sup>3</sup> N	3.74	0	10
Conductivity @ 20°C	mS/m@20C	6.7	5.5	-
Formaldehyde	g/m <sup>3</sup>	<0.1	0	-
Oil and Grease	g/m <sup>3</sup>	b	-	15
pH	pH	6.8	-	6-9
Phenol	g/m <sup>3</sup>	<0.02	0	1.0
Suspended solids	g/m <sup>3</sup>	4	-	100
Temperature	Deg.C	13.6	-	-
Un-ionised ammonia	g/m <sup>3</sup>	0.00701	-	-

**KEY:** b no visible hydrocarbon sheen and no odour

All results complied with consent conditions.

The renewed consent (2367-3) requires email notification be made prior to stormwater discharges ensuring that there is more opportunity for in-stream receiving environment monitoring and comparative lab analysis of the discharge quality.

### 2.2.2.1 Results of receiving environment monitoring

Receiving water sampling was undertaken during discharges on one occasion during the period under review. The results are given in Table 4.

**Table 4** Results of receiving water sampling downstream of AICA - site WTH000013

Parameter	Unit	24/06/2016	Consent limit
Ammoniacal nitrogen	g/m <sup>3</sup> N	3.42	-
Conductivity @ 20°C	mS/m	11.6	-
Formaldehyde	g/m <sup>3</sup>	<0.1	-
Phenol	g/m <sup>3</sup>	0.01	0.6
pH	-	6.5	-
Temperature	Deg.C	14.2	-
Turbidity	NTU	20	-
Un-ionised ammonia	g/m <sup>3</sup>	0.00336	0.025

The sample taken on 24 June 2016 was found to be compliant with the consent conditions in regard to unionised ammonia and phenol concentrations.

It is envisaged that for future monitoring there will be more opportunity for Council staff to obtain receiving water samples during discharge events as AICA now provides automatic email notification at the commencement of each discharge.

### 2.2.2.2 Provision of company data

The data provided by AICA in relation to their stormwater discharges complied with the majority of the requirements of consent 2367. Temperature data was not being provided, however this has now being rectified.

The data provided showed that all stormwater discharges recorded during the year under review complied with the component concentration limits in AICA's consent. A summary of the data is presented in Table 5.

**Table 5** Summary of AICA provided stormpond self monitoring relating to pond discharges to the Waitaha Stream, 2014-2015

	Pond 1- (18 discharges)					Pond 2 (23 discharges)				
	pH	Condy mS/m @ 25°C	NH <sub>4</sub> g/m <sup>3</sup> -N	Form g/m <sup>3</sup>	Phenol g/m <sup>3</sup>	pH	Condy mS/m @ 25°C	NH <sub>4</sub> g/m <sup>3</sup>	Form g/m <sup>3</sup>	Phenol g/m <sup>3</sup>
Minimum	6.8	4.85	0	0	0	6.23	2.4	0	0	0
Maximum	8.95	38.5	12*	0.4	0	8.9	47.1	5	0.1	0
<i>Consent limit</i>	6-9	-	10*	2	1	6-9	-	10	2	1

\* Result of 12 g/m<sup>3</sup> NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> obtained on 18 September 2015, consent limit of 10 g/m<sup>3</sup> NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> not in force until 24 September 2015 therefore all results were compliant

## 2.2.3 Air

### 2.2.3.1 Inspections

Air inspections were carried out in conjunction with general site inspections. During these inspections no issues were noted.

### 2.2.3.2 Results of receiving environment monitoring

#### Odour surveys

Odour surveys were undertaken in conjunction with site inspections on 12 August 2015, 4 December 2015, 7 April 2016 and 1 June 2016.

There were no odours detected from the plant on any of these monitoring occasions.

#### Gastec monitoring

Ambient Gastec monitoring for phenol and formaldehyde was carried out in conjunction with three of the odour survey and site inspections. The sampling was conducted at two downwind sites. There were no detectable levels of either parameter reported as having been found. As the phenol monitoring would also detect the presence of resorcinol, it can be inferred that the resorcinol concentration was also negligible during these surveys.

### 2.2.3.3 Provision of company data

#### Emissions testing

Special conditions 3, 4, and 5 of consent 4021-3 relate to the standard to which formaldehyde emissions from the plant site must be treated, and outline the frequency and conditions under which formaldehyde emissions testing must be performed to confirm compliance. The timing of the testing, and reporting of the results to Council are also specified.

Testing must be undertaken by a party independent from AICA and as specified in USEPA<sup>1</sup> Method 0011, which is an isokinetic method ensuring a fully representative sample is collected. Acidified dinitrophenyl hydrazine (DNPH) is used to trap the formaldehyde present in the sample. This testing must be undertaken before 1 June each year, comprise not less than three samples taken under production conditions that give rise to maximum emissions, and the results (including all raw data) are to be reported to Council within 20 working days of the testing.

AICA also undertook stack testing on 1 June 2016. AICA informed the Council that the stack testing planned to be undertaken prior to 1 June 2016 was delayed due to weather constraints. The stack testing report found the emissions to be compliant with consent conditions. A copy of the report may be obtained from Council.<sup>2</sup>

#### Emission technology report

Condition 11 of consent 4023 requires that the consent holder provide an annual report in the month of June reviewing the technology available for reduction of emissions. This report was received and it noted that;

*'In April-May 2015 the tubes in the waste heat boiler were changed from carbon steel to carbon steel lined with copper. This was done to reduce the levels of formic acid in the finished product (formalin).*

*In late 2014 the chiller unit which gives better control of the 3rd circulation in the absorber tower was replaced with a more up to date unit. These two changes combined are possibly responsible for the lowering of absorber stack emissions in 2015 and 2016'*

A copy of the report may be obtained from Council.<sup>3</sup>

### 2.2.4 Investigations, interventions, and incidents

In the period under review, it was not necessary for the Council to undertake significant additional investigations, interventions in respect of the site operated by AICA (NZ) Ltd. However one incident was recorded and the details of this are set out below.

#### 1 December 2015

During routine monitoring it was found that five discharges had occurred from the stormponds without the appropriate notification being received by the Council. A letter

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<sup>1</sup> United States Environmental Protection Agency

<sup>2</sup> Document no. 1710768

<sup>3</sup> Document no. 1729654

requesting explanation was issued. AICA subsequently set up an automated email notification service to ensure ongoing compliance.

## **2.3 Discussion**

### **2.3.1 Discussion of plant performance**

Inspections of the AICA site found that housekeeping and general site management were good. There was some minor tracking and spillage noted in an around the urea store, however improvement was noted in a later inspection.

There were no instances of consent non-compliance found in relation to component concentrations in the stormwater discharges to the stream during the period under review.

There was one incident logged in regard to Council not being notified of discharge events as required by consent conditions, however this was addressed in a timely manner.

Air inspections showed compliance with consent conditions on all occasions during the 2015-2016 year. The issues that have been encountered in previous years, in regard to obtaining reliable results, have been resolved and the Company informed Council of the delayed testing. Results of the emissions monitoring confirmed compliance with the absorber tower formaldehyde limit. AICA noted that this was the second year in which emissions had dropped and supplied information on upgrades to the plant that may have contributed to this reduction.

The site contingency plan was last reviewed and updated during the 2015-2016 year.

### **2.3.2 Environmental effects of exercise of consents**

Analysis of the receiving water sample undertaken during a discharge event was compliant with consent conditions and unlikely to cause adverse effects in the receiving waters. It has been outlined that AICA calculates the unionised ammonia content of the discharge to further assess its suitability for discharge in regard to the unionised ammonia limit at the boundary.

AICA has also expressed interest in a land based disposal system that would allow for discharges with elevated levels of ammoniacal nitrogen to be diverted for irrigation. This would also provide for a reduction of ammonia and other contaminants entering the stream.

Ambient odour surveys found no chemical odours downwind of the plant site, and no complaints were reported during the year under review. Gastec monitoring found no detectable levels of phenol (and therefore resorcinol) or formaldehyde off site and stack testing indicated compliant levels of formaldehyde in the discharge.

### 2.3.3 Evaluation of performance

A tabular summary of the AICA's compliance record for the year under review is set out in Table 6, Table 7 and Table 8.

**Table 6** Summary of performance for AICA: Consent 2367-2

<b>Purpose: To discharge up to 150 L/s of stormwater from a chemical manufacturing complex into a wetland at the headwaters of an unnamed tributary of the Waitaha Stream (in force to 24 September 2015)</b>		
<b>Condition requirement</b>	<b>Means of monitoring during period under review</b>	<b>Compliance achieved?</b>
1. Limits on chemical composition of discharge	Self monitoring, Council sampling	Yes
2. Discharge cannot cause specified adverse effects beyond mixing zone	Inspection/sampling	Yes
3. Maintenance of a contingency plan for action to be taken to prevent spillage	Review of documentation provided	Yes
4. Records of chemical monitoring and discharge	Records sighted at inspection, copy provided upon request	Yes
5. No chemicals to be stored in carpark catchment area	Observation at inspection	Yes
6. Optional review provision re environmental effects	No further review provisions prior to expiry	N/A
Overall assessment of consent compliance and environmental performance in respect of this consent		<b>High</b>
Overall assessment of administrative performance in respect of this consent		<b>High</b>

**Table 7** Summary of performance for AICA: Consent 2367-3

<b>Purpose: To discharge stormwater from a chemical manufacturing complex into a wetland at the headwaters of an unnamed tributary of the Waitaha Stream (in force from 24 September 2015)</b>		
<b>Condition requirement</b>	<b>Means of monitoring during period under review</b>	<b>Compliance achieved?</b>
1. Adopt best practice	Inspection/Liaison with consent holder	Yes
2. Limit on catchment size	Inspection	Yes
3. Installation of discharge flow meters by 20 September 2016	Not yet due- works ins progress	Yes
4. Analysis of stormwater prior to discharge	Review of data provided	Yes
5. Limits of stormpond discharge constituents	Sampling/review of data	Yes
6. Notification prior to discharge	Notification received	No
7. Limits of other stormwater discharge constituents	Inspection	Yes

<b>Purpose: To discharge stormwater from a chemical manufacturing complex into a wetland at the headwaters of an unnamed tributary of the Waitaha Stream(in force from 24 September 2015)</b>		
<b>Condition requirement</b>	<b>Means of monitoring during period under review</b>	<b>Compliance achieved?</b>
8. Limits on effects in receiving water	Inspection/sampling	Yes
9. Provision of data	Review of data	Yes
10. Provision of a contingency plan	Review of plan	Yes
11. Provision of management plan	Review of plan	Yes
12. Notifications of changes in site activity	No changes this period	N/A
13. Review of consent	Next option to review in June 2020	N/A
Overall assessment of consent compliance and environmental performance in respect of this consent		<b>High</b>
Overall assessment of administrative performance in respect of this consent		<b>Good</b>

**Table 8** Summary of performance for AICA: Consent 4021-3

<b>Purpose: To discharge emissions into the air from the manufacture of formaldehyde solution and urea formaldehyde resin, together with emissions from associated activities at the plant premises</b>		
<b>Condition requirement</b>	<b>Means of monitoring during period under review</b>	<b>Compliance achieved?</b>
1. Adopt best practice	Site inspection	Yes
2. No objectionable effects beyond boundary	Inspection	Yes
3. 1.0 kg/hr formaldehyde limit on point source emissions	Stack testing	Yes
4. Conduct emission stack testing	Report received	Yes
5. Use approved method for stack testing	Report received	Yes
6. 0.1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> ambient formaldehyde limit at boundary	Gastec sampling during inspection	Yes
7. 0.63 mg/m <sup>3</sup> ambient phenol limit at boundary	Gastec sampling during inspection	Yes
8. 1.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> ambient resorcinol limit at boundary	Gastec sampling during inspection	Yes
9. Minimisation of emissions through control of processes	Discussion and liaison with consent holder	Yes
10. Consultation before alterations to plant or processes	Discussion and liaison with consent holder	Yes
11. Formulation of a written report	Report received	Yes

<b>Purpose: To discharge emissions into the air from the manufacture of formaldehyde solution and urea formaldehyde resin, together with emissions from associated activities at the plant premises</b>		
<b>Condition requirement</b>	<b>Means of monitoring during period under review</b>	<b>Compliance achieved?</b>
12. Optional review provision re environmental effects	No further review provisions, consent expired	N/A
Overall assessment of consent compliance and environmental performance in respect of this consent		<b>High</b>
Overall assessment of administrative performance in respect of this consent		<b>High</b>

During the year, AICA (NZ) Ltd demonstrated a high level of environmental performance and a good level of administrative performance and compliance as defined in Section 1.1.5. One incident was logged due to AICA not notifying the Council prior to discharges as required consent conditions.

### **2.3.4 Recommendation from the 2014-2015 Annual Report**

In the 2014-2015 Annual Report, it was recommended:

THAT monitoring programmed for consented activities of AICA in the 2015-2016 year continues at the level programmed for 2014-2015.

This recommendation was implemented.

### **2.3.5 Alterations to monitoring programmes for 2016-2017**

In designing and implementing the monitoring programmes for air and water discharges in the region, the Council has taken into account the extent of information made available by previous authorities, its relevance under the RMA, the obligations of the Act in terms of monitoring emissions and discharges and effects, and subsequently reporting to the regional community, the scope of assessments required at the time of renewal of permits, and the need to maintain a sound understanding of industrial processes within Taranaki emitting to the atmosphere and discharging to the environment.

## **2.4 Recommendation**

THAT monitoring programmed for consented activities of AICA in the 2016-2017 period continue at a similar level to that of the 2015-2016 period.

### 3. C&O Concrete Products Ltd

#### 3.1 Introduction

##### 3.1.1 Process description

C&O Concrete Products Ltd (C&O Concrete) manufactures concrete products. Their site is located on Connett Road East, Bell Block. The site comprises of 1,926 m<sup>2</sup> of industrial land dominated by a central building and includes outdoor construction and storage areas. The stormwater enters the New Plymouth District Council (NPDC) system and is discharged to the nearby Waitaha Stream.

The potential exists for the contamination of stormwater around the site. At the time the consent was issued the discharge was treated as that of contaminated stormwater, and appropriate special conditions were set on the permit.

The discharge from C&O Concrete is expected to potentially contain elevated suspended solids, high pH and alkalinity. The discharge is to the NPDC stormwater system where it mixes with stormwater from roads and other developed sites before discharging to the Waitaha Stream.



Photo 2 C&O Concrete site

##### 3.1.2 Water discharge permit

Section 15(1)(a) of the RMA stipulates that no person may discharge any contaminant into water, unless the activity is expressly allowed for by a resource consent or a rule in a regional plan, or by national regulations.

C&O Concrete holds water discharge permit 4777-2 to cover the discharge of stormwater from a concrete products manufacturing premises into the Waitaha Stream. This permit was issued by the Council on 9 December 2014 under Section 87(e) of the RMA. It expires on 1 June 2032.

This consent contains the standardised conditions as set out in section 1.2.

A copy of the consent is attached to Appendix I of this report.

## 3.2 Results

### 3.2.1 Inspections

The site was inspected on 29 July 2015, 20 October 2015, 18 February 2016 and 4 May 2016.

Inspections focused on the presence and storage of hazardous substances, evidence of spills, loading and unloading, general housekeeping and operation and maintenance of treatment systems.

The site was generally found to be clean and tidy. Works to improve treatment of the stormwater were ongoing at the time of the 20 October 2015 and 4 May 2016 inspections. However, it is also noted that a non-compliant sample was obtained from the discharge point on 19 August 2015.

### 3.2.2 Results of discharge monitoring

The requirements for the discharge are that the suspended solids concentration must not exceed 100 g/m<sup>3</sup> and the oil and grease concentration must not exceed 15 g/m<sup>3</sup>. The pH must be between 6 and 9.

The discharge from the C&O Concrete site on Connett Road was sampled on three occasions during the period under review. The results of this monitoring are shown in Table 9, along with a summary of the historical results for this site.

**Table 9** Results of C&O Concrete discharge monitoring (STW001060)

Parameter	Conductivity @ 20°C	Oil & Grease (g/m <sup>3</sup> )	pH	Suspended solids	Temperature
Unit	mS/m@20C	(g/m <sup>3</sup> )	pH	g/m <sup>3</sup>	Deg.C
Minimum	2.6	<0.5	7.2	4	10.7
Maximum	118	4.0	11.6	400	20.5
Median	14.5	1.1	8.8	43	14.5
Number	23	10	23	21	21
19 Aug 2015	11.1	a	8.4	<b>400</b>	11.6
10 Jun 2016	14.5	a	7.7	23	15.8
22 Jun 2016	8.8	a	8.5	43	14.4
Consent Limits	-	15	6-9	100	-

**Key:** Results in bold within a table indicate that a consent limit for a particular parameter has been exceeded  
a= hydrocarbons not visible or detected by odour

All results with the exception of the suspended solid concentration found in the sample taken on 19 August 2015 were within consented limits. The breach of suspended solids is discussed in section 3.2.3 and it is noted that all subsequent samples were compliant.

### 3.2.3 Investigations, interventions, and incidents

In the 2015-2016 year, it was necessary for the Council to record an incident in respect of the site operated by C&O Concrete.

#### 19 August 2015

During the analysis of samples collected as part of routine monitoring on 19 August 2015 it was found that the suspended solids concentration exceeded the level allowed by consent conditions.

The consent holder undertook works on site to ensure compliance with consent conditions (as noted in section 3.2.1). All subsequent samples were compliant with consent conditions. No further action was taken.

## 3.3 Discussion

### 3.3.1 Discussion of plant performance

Inspection found that general housekeeping was good throughout the year. One non-compliant sample was collected, indicating that suspended solids control needed improvement. This was rectified by the consent holder and all subsequent samples were compliant.

### 3.3.2 Environmental effects of exercise of consents

Inspections and discharge monitoring showed no adverse effects upon the receiving waters as a result of the activities of C&O Concrete. In particular no effects were noted as a result of the non-compliant sample of 19 August 2015.

### 3.3.3 Evaluation of performance

A tabular summary of the C&O Concrete's compliance record for the year under review is set out in Table 10.

**Table 10** Summary of performance for C&O Concrete: Consent 4777-2

<b>Purpose: To discharge stormwater from a concrete products manufacturing premises into the Waitaha Stream</b>		
<b>Condition requirement</b>	<b>Means of monitoring during period under review</b>	<b>Compliance achieved?</b>
1. Adopt best practice	Observation at inspection	Yes
2. Limits stormwater catchment to 0.415 Ha	Observation at inspection	Yes
3. Stormwater to be directed to treatment system	Observation at inspection	Yes
4. Contaminants in discharge not to exceed certain limits	Sampling	No – One SS exceedance

<b>Purpose: To discharge stormwater from a concrete products manufacturing premises into the Waitaha Stream</b>		
<b>Condition requirement</b>	<b>Means of monitoring during period under review</b>	<b>Compliance achieved?</b>
5. Discharge cannot cause specified adverse effects beyond mixing zone	Observation at inspection and sampling	Yes
6. Maintenance of a contingency plan	Contingency plan received	Yes
7. Maintenance of a management plan	Management plan received	Yes
8. Notification of changes at site	No notification received or changes noted	Yes
9. Optional review provision re environmental effects	Options for review; June 2020 and 2026	N/A
Overall assessment of consent compliance and environmental performance in respect of this consent		<b>Good</b>
Overall assessment of administrative performance in respect of this consent		<b>High</b>

During the year, C&O Concrete Products Ltd demonstrated a good level of environmental performance and a high level administrative performance as defined in Section 1.1.5. There was one exceedance of suspended solids limits in the discharge; however subsequent sampling showed that the site had become compliant.

### **3.3.4 Recommendation from the 2014-2015 Annual Report**

In the 2014-2015 Annual Report, it was recommended:

THAT monitoring programmed for consented activities of C&O Concrete Products Ltd in the 2015-2016 year continues at the level programmed for 2014-2015.

This recommendation was implemented.

### **3.3.5 Alterations to monitoring programmes for 2016-2017**

In designing and implementing the monitoring programmes for water discharges in the region, the Council has taken into account the extent of information made available by previous authorities, its relevance under the RMA, the obligations of the RMA in terms of monitoring discharges and effects, and subsequently reporting to the regional community, the scope of assessments required at the time of renewal of permits, and the need to maintain a sound understanding of industrial processes within Taranaki discharging to the environment.

It is proposed that the monitoring programmed for consented activities of C&O Concrete Products Ltd in the 2016-2017 year continues at a similar level programmed for 2015-2016.

### **3.4 Recommendation**

THAT monitoring programmed for consented activities of C&O Concrete Products Ltd in the 2016-2017 year continues at a similar level programmed for 2015-2016.

## 4. Greymouth Facilities Ltd

### 4.1 Introduction

#### 4.1.1 Process description

Greymouth Facilities Ltd (Greymouth Facilities), operate storage and maintenance yard on Corbett Road, Bell Block. Stormwater generated at the 0.47 ha site is discharged into the NPDC stormwater system, which flows north along Corbett Road then east along Connett Road before discharging to the Waitaha Stream. Small quantities of wash down water were also generated in the cleaning bay, as provided for in the purpose of the consent. This water was treated in an oil separator, and then was also discharged via the stormwater system into the unnamed tributary of the Waitaha Stream, which is now piped (along with the stormwater). The flow from the pipe enters the Waitaha Stream immediately downstream of the Connett Road bridge on the true left bank. It is noted that this wash bay had not been utilised for a number of years.



**Figure 2** Aerial view of Greymouth Facilities yard and sampling site

#### 4.1.2 Water discharge permits

Section 15(1)(a) of the RMA stipulates that no person may discharge any contaminant into water, unless the activity is expressly allowed for by a resource consent or a rule in a regional plan, or by national regulations.

Greymouth Facilities currently holds water discharge permit **9868-1** to cover the discharge of treated stormwater from a yard used for storage and maintenance of hydrocarbon exploration drilling equipment into the Waitaha Stream via the NPDC

reticulated stormwater system, and onto and into land from an interceptor. This permit was issued by the Council on 8 May 2014 under Section 87(e) of the RMA. It is due to expire on 1 June 2032.

Consent 9868-1 contains the standard special conditions set out in section 1.2 as well as some additional conditions specific to the Greymouth site;

Special conditions 1 and 2 clarify the circumstances under which discharges to land can occur.

Special condition 11 prohibits discharges of contaminants beyond the site boundary.

Special condition 12 limits contaminant concentrations in the soil on site.

A copy of the permit is attached to this report in Appendix I.

## **4.2 Results**

### **4.2.1 Inspections**

Inspections were carried out on 31 July 2015, 4 December 2015, 11 March and 10 June 2016.

Inspections focused on the presence and storage of hazardous substances, evidence of spills, general housekeeping, and operation and maintenance of treatment systems.

On all occasions, the site was found to be in a satisfactory state with no significant issues noted. No sheens or stains were observed in the discharge structures and it was noted that the surface drains were becoming vegetated and this would help improve sediment filtering.

### **4.2.2 Results of discharge monitoring**

Stormwater from this storage facility exits the site at the north east corner of the property, flows along Corbett Road and then down Connett Road where it discharges into the Waitaha Stream. The discharge is sampled from within the NPDC reticulated network on Corbett Road before it mixes with stormwater from roadside drains or other properties.

The requirements for the discharge are that the suspended solids concentration must not exceed 100 g/m<sup>3</sup>, oil and grease concentration must not exceed 15 g/m<sup>3</sup>, and pH must lie in the range 6-9.

The discharge from this Corbett Road site was sampled on two occasions during the period under review, with the results provided and a summary of all data to date in Table 11.

**Table 11** Results of Greymouth Facilities' discharge monitoring (STW001110)

Parameter	Conductivity @ 20°C	Oil and Grease	pH	Suspended solids	Temperature
Unit	mS/m	g/m <sup>3</sup>	pH	g/m <sup>3</sup>	Deg.C
Minimum	1.4	0.5	6.5	2	10.1
Maximum	22.4	4.9	7.1	210	18.5
Median	5.3	0.2	6.9	14	14.7
Number	9	8	9	9	9
19 Aug 2015	4.4	<0.5	6.9	25	11.7
10 Jun 2016	5.7	<0.5	7.0	14	14.9
Consent Limits	-	15	6-9	100	-

All results in the period under review were found to be within consented limits.

### 4.2.3 Investigations, interventions, and incidents

In the period under review, it was not necessary for the Council to undertake significant additional investigations, interventions, or record incidents in respect of the Greymouth Facilities site.

## 4.3 Discussion

### 4.3.1 Discussion of plant performance

General housekeeping of the site was found to have been good during the year under review, and the site was well managed.

The ring drains were found to have good grass growth and no non-compliant discharge results were recorded. The level of activity at the site was found to be elevated; despite this no performance issues were noted.

### 4.3.2 Environmental effects of exercise of consents

Inspections and catchment monitoring showed no adverse effects upon the receiving waters as a result of the activities of Greymouth Facilities.

### 4.3.3 Evaluation of performance

A tabular summary of Greymouth Facilities compliance record for the year under review is set out in Table 12.

**Table 12** Summary of performance for Greymouth Facilities: Consent 9868-1

<i>Purpose: To discharge untreated stormwater from a yard used for storage and maintenance of hydrocarbon exploration drilling equipment directly onto and into land, and to discharge treated stormwater into the Waitaha Stream via the NPDC reticulated stormwater system, from an interceptor</i>		
Condition requirement	Means of monitoring during period under review	Compliance achieved?
1. Clarification of circumstances under which discharges to land can occur.	Inspection	Yes

<b>Purpose: To discharge untreated stormwater from a yard used for storage and maintenance of hydrocarbon exploration drilling equipment directly onto and into land, and to discharge treated stormwater into the Waitaha Stream via the NPDC reticulated stormwater system, from an interceptor</b>		
<b>Condition requirement</b>	<b>Means of monitoring during period under review</b>	<b>Compliance achieved?</b>
2. Records to be kept of discharges to land	No such discharges have occurred	N/A
3. Adoption of best practicable option to minimise adverse effects on the environment	Inspection and liaison with consent holder. Best practicable option re-evaluated during the year under review, with revised treatment system proposed	Yes
4. Catchment area limited to 1.065 ha	Inspection	Yes
5. Treatment of all stormwater by 31 October 2015	Inspection and liaison with consent holder	Yes
6. Limits on component concentrations in the discharge	Sampling	Yes
7. Installation and maintenance of discharge sampling point	Inspection and liaison with consent holder	Yes
8. Discharge cannot cause specified adverse effects beyond mixing zone	Visual assessment at inspection and chemical sampling of the stream	Yes
9. Maintenance of contingency plan	Review of Council records and documents submitted	Yes
10. Provision and maintenance of stormwater management plan	Review of Council records and documents submitted	Yes
11. No contaminants beyond the boundary from skimmer pit spillway discharges	Inspection	Yes
12. Soil component concentrations	Visual assessment at inspection	Yes
13. Notification of changes	Review of Council records and liaison with consent holder. Notification of proposed changes to treatment system	Yes
14. Provision for lapse of consent	Consent has been exercised	N/A
15. Optional review provision re environmental effects and/or notification of changes	Next opportunity for review June 2017	N/A
Overall assessment of consent compliance and environmental performance in respect of this consent		<b>High</b>
Overall assessment of administrative performance in respect of this consent		<b>High</b>

N/A: Not applicable or not assessed

During the year, Greymouth Facilities Ltd demonstrated a high level of environmental performance and a high level of administrative performance as defined in Section 1.1.5.

#### **4.3.4 Recommendation from the 2014-2015 Annual Report**

In the 2014-2015 Annual Report, it was recommended:

THAT monitoring programmed for consented activities of Greymouth Facilities Ltd in the 2015-2016 year continues at the same level as programmed in 2014-2015.

This recommendation was implemented.

#### **4.3.5 Alterations to monitoring programmes for 2016-2017**

In designing and implementing the monitoring programmes for water discharges in the region, the Council has taken into account the extent of information made available by previous authorities, its relevance under the RMA, the obligations of the RMA in terms of monitoring discharges and effects, and subsequently reporting to the regional community, the scope of assessments required at the time of renewal of permits, and the need to maintain a sound understanding of industrial processes within Taranaki discharging to the environment.

It is proposed that the monitoring programmed for consented activities of Greymouth Facilities in the 2016-2017 year continues at a similar level programmed for 2015-2016.

A recommendation to this effect is attached to this report.

#### **4.4 Recommendation**

THAT monitoring programmed for consented activities of Greymouth Facilities Ltd in the 2016-2017 year continues at a similar level programmed in the 2015-2016 period.

## 5. Intergroup Ltd

### 5.1 Introduction

#### 5.1.1 Process description

Intergroup Ltd operates a waste disposal company from their site on Hudson Road, Bell Block. The site comprises of 3903 m<sup>2</sup> of industrial land including buildings and mainly sealed areas. The site is used as a transit depot and temporary storage facility for waste materials collected from throughout the Taranaki region prior to transportation on to an appropriate disposal site.

The majority of the waste collected is waste oil, which is stored in tanks located in a bunded area. An open concrete pit contains a series of separators and is used for the separation of sludge and water from the waste oil. The waste water from this process is directed to trade waste and the oily sludge is taken to an off-site location for weathering/bioremediation prior to final disposal. The waste oil is transported up to a sister company in Auckland, who undertake the disposal.



**Photo 3** Intergroup Ltd oil treatment facility

A second open pit is a drive-in facility for the transfer of domestic septic tank effluent from the trucks to the trade waste system.

Stormwater from the yard area enters the NPDC system and is then discharged to the Waitaha Stream. Potential therefore exists for minor amounts of sewage effluent, petroleum products or other contaminants to enter the stormwater system via drains on site.

### **5.1.2 Water discharge permit**

Section 15(1)(a) of the RMA stipulates that no person may discharge any contaminant into water, unless the activity is expressly allowed for by a resource consent or a rule in a regional plan, or by national regulations.

Intergroup held water discharge permit **4776-1** to cover the discharge of stormwater from a truck depot premises into the Waitaha Stream. This permit was originally issued to Burroughs A & G Ltd by the Council on 5 September 1995 under Section 87(e) of the RMA.

Consent 4776-1 expired on 1 June 2014, and until 31 March 2016 the expired consent and was exercised under Section 124 of the RMA. It contained four special conditions;

Special conditions 1 and 2 placed limits on the quality of the discharge, and limit the effects of the discharge on receiving water quality beyond a 10 metre mixing zone.

Special condition 3 contains review provisions.

Special condition 4 requires the provision of a stormwater management plan to ensure that the consent holder is operating activities at the site in a manner that is consistent with the best practicable option to minimise contamination of the stormwater discharged from the site.

Consent 4776-2 was issued on 31 March 2016, superseding consent 4776-1. This consent was issued under section 87(e) of the RMA and expires on 1 June 2032.

Consent 4776-2 contains the standard special conditions set out in section 1.2.

Copies of these permits are attached to this report in Appendix I.

## **5.2 Results**

### **5.2.1 Inspections**

Inspections were undertaken on 29 July 2015, 23 October 2015, 4 May 2016, and 10 June 2016.

Inspections focused on the presence and storage of hazardous substances, evidence of spills, loading and unloading, general housekeeping, and the operation and maintenance of treatment systems.

In general the site was found to be in reasonable order, however some minor issues were noted. The inspection on 23 October 2015 noted some spill of hydrocarbons in the yard area, with some tracking of the spills was also occurring. The 29 July 2015 and 4 May 2016 inspection noted holes in the asphalt yard surface, which on the second occasion contained water with a hydrocarbon sheen present. The 4 May 2016 inspection also noted that works had been undertaken to ensure compliance with the more stringent conditions of consent 4776-2.

## 5.2.2 Results of discharge monitoring

The main stormwater discharge point at Intergroup Ltd was sampled on four occasions during the period under review, with the results presented in Table 13, along with a summary of historical monitoring results.

**Table 13** Results of Intergroup discharge sampling (STW001059)

Parameter	Conductivity	Oil and Grease	pH	Suspended solids	Temperature
Unit	mS/m@20C	g/m <sup>3</sup>	pH	g/m <sup>3</sup>	Deg.C
Minimum	0.7	0.5	6.2	2	9.1
Maximum	47.8	180	8.7	740	22.7
Median	5.4	5.4	7.3	45	15.2
Number	66	62	67	37	64
19 Aug 2015	3.6	4.5	7.0	91	11.8
17 Mar 2016	1.6	3.2	7.0	45	16.5
10 Jun 2016	5.3	a	7.0	14	15.8
22 Jun 2016	2.7	a	7.1	29	14.3
<i>Consent Limits</i>	-	15	6-9	100	-

**Key:** a = no visible sheen or noticeable odour in sample

All results in the period under review were found to be within consented limits.

## 5.2.3 Investigations, interventions, and incidents

In the period under review, it was not necessary for the Council to undertake significant additional investigations, interventions, or record incidents in respect of Intergroup Ltd.

## 5.3 Discussion

### 5.3.1 Discussion of plant performance

Inspection found that activities at the site were generally well managed. However, some minor issues were noted during inspections and ongoing monitoring of these issues will be required.

It was also found that the stormwater interceptor was inspected and maintained on a regular basis throughout the year under review.

### 5.3.2 Environmental effects of exercise of consent

Monitoring and inspections undertaken during the year indicate that the activities at the site were having little, if any, effects on the receiving environment.

### 5.3.3 Evaluation of performance

A tabular summary of Intergroup Ltd's compliance record for the year under review is set out in Table 14 and Table 15.

**Table 14** Summary of performance for Intergroup Ltd: Consent 4776-1

<b>Purpose: To discharge up to 65 L/s of stormwater from a truck depot premises into the Waitaha Stream (in force to 31 March 2016)</b>		
<b>Condition requirement</b>	<b>Means of monitoring during period under review</b>	<b>Compliance achieved?</b>
1. Limits on chemical composition of discharge	Sampling and visual assessment at inspection	<b>Yes</b>
2. Discharge cannot cause specified adverse effects beyond mixing zone	Visual assessment at inspection and receiving water sampling	<b>Yes</b>
3. Optional review provision re environmental effects	Consent reviewed in June 2008. No further review provisions prior to expiry	N/A
Overall assessment of consent compliance and environmental performance in respect of this consent		<b>High</b>
Overall assessment of administrative performance in respect of this consent		<b>N/A</b>

N/A = not applicable

**Table 15** Summary of performance for Intergroup Ltd: Consent 4776-2

<b>Purpose: To discharge treated stormwater from a liquid wastes processing and chemical consolidation facility onto and into land and into the Waitaha Stream via the NPDC reticulated stormwater system (in force from 31 March 2016)</b>		
<b>Condition requirement</b>	<b>Means of monitoring during period under review</b>	<b>Compliance achieved?</b>
1. Adopt best practicable option	Inspection	Yes
2. Bund for unwashed vessels storage	Inspection	Yes
3. Limit stormwater catchment area	Inspection	Yes
4. Limits on chemical composition of discharge	Sampling and visual assessment at inspection	Yes
5. Discharge cannot cause specified adverse effects beyond mixing zone	Visual assessment at inspection and receiving water sampling	Yes
6. Maintain contingency plan	Consent holder liaison and inspection	Yes
7. Maintain management plan	Consent holder liaison and inspection	Yes
8. Notification of changes in site processes	Consent holder liaison and inspection	N/A
9. Optional review provision re environmental effects	No option to review this period. Next review option in June 2020	N/A
Overall assessment of consent compliance and environmental performance in respect of this consent		<b>High</b>
Overall assessment of administrative performance in respect of this consent		<b>High</b>

N/A = not applicable

During the year, Intergroup Ltd demonstrated a high level of environmental performance and a high level of administrative performance as defined in Section 1.1.5.

#### **5.3.4 Recommendation from the 2014-2015 Annual Report**

In the 2014-2015 Annual Report, it was recommended:

THAT monitoring of the stormwater discharge from the Intergroup Ltd site in the 2015-2016 year continues at the same level as programmed for 2014-2015.

This recommendation was implemented.

#### **5.3.5 Alterations to monitoring programmes for 2016-2017**

In designing and implementing the monitoring programmes for water discharges in the region, the Council has taken into account the extent of information made available by previous authorities, its relevance under the RMA, the obligations of the RMA in terms of monitoring discharges and effects, and subsequently reporting to the regional community, the scope of assessments required at the time of renewal of permits, and the need to maintain a sound understanding of industrial processes within Taranaki discharging to the environment.

It is proposed that the monitoring programmed for consented activities of Intergroup Ltd in the 2016-2017 year continue at a similar level programmed for 2015-2016.

### **5.4 Recommendation**

That the monitoring programmed for consented activities of Intergroup Ltd in the 2016-2017 year continue at a similar level programmed for 2015-2016.

## **6. Meredith Metals Ltd**

### **6.1 Introduction**

#### **6.1.1 Process description**

Meredith Metals Ltd (Meredith Metals) operates a scrap metal and car recycling yard on Catalina Place, Bell Block. Fluids are drained from the cars on a concrete pad prior to being crushed and sold for scrap.

Stormwater from the site discharges at three points, two of which flow into the Waitaha catchment via the NPDC reticulation and the third to the Waiongana catchment.

#### **6.1.2 Water discharge permits**

Section 15(1)(a) of the RMA stipulates that no person may discharge any contaminant into water, unless the activity is expressly allowed for by a resource consent or a rule in a regional plan, or by national regulations.

Meredith Metals holds water discharge permit **9912-1** to cover the discharge stormwater from scrap metal storage and processing into the Waitaha Stream and into an unnamed tributary of the Mangaoraka Stream via the NPDC reticulated stormwater system. This permit was issued by the Council on 10 July 2014 under Section 87(e) of the RMA.

The consent contains the standard special conditions set out in Section 1.2.

A copy of the permit is attached to this report in Appendix I.

Section 15(1)(c) of the RMA stipulates that no person may discharge any contaminant from a trade or industrial premise onto or into land, unless the activity is expressly allowed for by a resource consent or a rule in a regional plan, or by national regulations.

Meredith Metals holds water discharge permit **9911-1** to cover the discharge of contaminants onto and into land associated with scrap metal storage and processing. This permit was issued by the Council on 4 June 2014 under Section 87(e) of the RMA.

Special condition one requires the consent holder to adopt the best practical option.

Special condition two requires that the discharges do not result in the contaminants reaching adjacent property.

Special condition three limits effects on groundwater.

Special conditions four and five limits metals and hydrocarbons in soil.

Special condition six deals with notification of changes in site processes.

Special condition seven and eight deal with allowable limits of contaminants in soil prior to surrender of the consent.

Special condition nine is a review condition.

A copy of the permit is attached to this report in Appendix I.

## 6.2 Results

### 6.2.1 Inspections

Inspections were carried out on 12 August 2015, 9 December 2015, 11 March, and 4 May 2016.

Inspections focused on the presence and storage of hazardous substances, evidence of spills, general housekeeping, and the operation and maintenance of treatment systems.

The site was found to be generally clean and tidy. However, the 4 May 2016 inspection found some hydrocarbon staining in the yard area.

It is also noted that a non-compliant sample was obtained from one of the discharge points on 19 August 2015.

### 6.2.2 Results of discharge monitoring

The discharge to the Mangaoraka Stream was sampled on two occasions during the period under review, and the results are presented in Table 16.

**Table 16** Results of Meredith Metals discharge sampling (STW002088)

Parameter	Unit	19 Aug 2015	10 Jun 2016	Consent limit
Conductivity @ 20°C	mS/m	6.6	7.4	-
Acid soluble copper	g/m <sup>3</sup>	0.08	0.02	-
Dissolved copper	g/m <sup>3</sup>	0.01	0.015	
Acid soluble lead	g/m <sup>3</sup>	0.07	<0.05	-
Oil and Grease	g/m <sup>3</sup>	4.7	2.7	15
pH	pH	7.4	7.8	6.0-9.0
Suspended solids	g/m <sup>3</sup>	45	11	100
Temperature	Deg.C	11.7	15.5	-
Turbidity	NTU	70	16	-
Acid soluble zinc	g/m <sup>3</sup>	0.373	0.197	-
Dissolved zinc	g/m <sup>3</sup>	0.084	0.084	-

All samples were in compliance with consent conditions in regard to suspended solids, oil and grease and pH.

The discharges to the Waitaha Stream were visited for sampling on two occasions during the period under review. These results are given in Table 17 and Table 18.

**Table 17** Results of Meredith Metals discharge sampling (STW001141)

Parameter	Unit	19 Aug 2015	10 Jun 2016	Consent limit
Conductivity @ 20°C	mS/m	9.3	b	-
Acid Soluble Copper	g/m <sup>3</sup>	0.23	b	-
Dissolved Copper	g/m <sup>3</sup>	0.01	b	
Acid Soluble Lead	g/m <sup>3</sup>	0.16	b	-
Oil and Grease	g/m <sup>3</sup>	1.4	b	15
pH	pH	7.4	b	6.0-9.0
Suspended solids	g/m <sup>3</sup>	<b>200</b>	b	100
Temperature	Deg.C	11.7	b	-
Turbidity	NTU	220	b	-
Acid Soluble Zinc	g/m <sup>3</sup>	1.22	b	-
Dissolved Zinc	g/m <sup>3</sup>	0.178	b	-

**Key:** Results in bold within a table indicate that a consent limit for a particular parameter has been exceeded  
b = no discharge at time of sampling

**Table 18** Results of Meredith Metals discharge sampling (STW001142)

Parameter	Unit	19 Aug 2015	10 Jun 2016	Consent limit
Conductivity @ 20°C	mS/m	9.3	12.2	-
Acid Soluble Copper	g/m <sup>3</sup>	0.05	0.02	-
Dissolved Copper	g/m <sup>3</sup>	<0.01	0.020	
Lead Acid Soluble	g/m <sup>3</sup>	0.05	<0.05	-
Oil and Grease	g/m <sup>3</sup>	0.9	<0.5	15
pH	pH	7.3	7.7	6.0-9.0
Suspended solids	g/m <sup>3</sup>	82	7	100
Temperature	Deg.C	11.7	14.7	-
Turbidity	NTU	86	7.1	-
Acid Soluble Zinc	g/m <sup>3</sup>	0.809	0.212	-
Dissolved Zinc	g/m <sup>3</sup>	0.429	0.163	-

The sample collected from discharge point STW001141 on 19 August 2015 had elevated suspended solids concentrations. This site could not be sampled on the subsequent sampling occasion because it was not discharging. All other parameters were within consented limits for both discharges to the Waitaha Stream.

The non-compliance is discussed further in Section 6.2.3

### 6.2.3 Investigations, interventions, and incidents

In the period under review, it was necessary for the Council to record an incident in respect of Meredith Metals.

### 19 August 2015

During the analysis of samples collected as part of routine monitoring on 19 August 2015 it was found that the suspended solids concentration exceeded the level allowed by consent conditions. The consent holder was contacted and it was outlined that in order to clear access to the drain, the surrounding ground had been disturbed and this may have resulted in sediments becoming entrained in the stormwater. This explanation was accepted.

## 6.3 Discussion

### 6.3.1 Discussion of plant performance

Inspection found that activities at the site were generally well managed. A stormwater management plan and contingency plan were supplied early in the year and the consent holder undertook works to provide access to the sampling sites. One non-compliant sample was collected during the period under review; however this may have been a result of the soil being disturbed when clearing access to the sampling site.

### 6.3.2 Environmental effects of exercise of consent

Monitoring and inspections undertaken during the year indicate that the activities at the site were having little, if any, effects on the receiving environment.

### 6.3.3 Evaluation of performance

A tabular summary of Meredith's compliance record for the year under review is set out in Table 19 and Table 20.

**Table 19** Summary of performance for Meredith Metals: Consent 9912-1

<b>Purpose: To discharge stormwater from scrap metal storage and processing into the Waitaha Stream and into an unnamed tributary of the Mangaoraka Stream via the NPDC reticulated stormwater system</b>		
<b>Condition requirement</b>	<b>Means of monitoring during period under review</b>	<b>Compliance achieved?</b>
1. Adopt best practice	Inspection	Yes
2. Stormwater catchment not to exceed 1.7 Ha	Inspection	Yes
3. Discharge quality standards	Sampling	One non compliant sample possibly due to soil disturbance to access sampling site
4. Receiving quality standards	Sampling	Yes
5. Contingency Planning	Plan received	Yes
6. Stormwater management planning	Plan received	Yes

<b>Purpose: To discharge stormwater from scrap metal storage and processing into the Waitaha Stream and into an unnamed tributary of the Mangaoraka Stream via the NPDC reticulated stormwater system</b>		
<b>Condition requirement</b>	<b>Means of monitoring during period under review</b>	<b>Compliance achieved?</b>
7. Notification of changes on site	No changes made	N/A
8. Lapse condition	Consent exercised	N/A
9. Review condition	Review options in June 2020 and June 2026	N/A
Overall assessment of consent compliance and environmental performance in respect of this consent		<b>Good</b>
Overall assessment of administrative performance in respect of this consent		<b>High</b>

N/A = not applicable

**Table 20** Summary of performance for Meredith Metals: Consent 9911-1

<b>Purpose: To discharge contaminants onto and into land associated with scrap metal storage and processing</b>		
<b>Condition requirement</b>	<b>Means of monitoring during period under review</b>	<b>Compliance achieved?</b>
1. Adopt best practice	Inspection	Yes
2. Discharge not effect adjacent properties	Inspection	Yes
3. Groundwater not to be affected	Assessed via periodic soil sampling - not assessed this period	N/A
4. Metal limits in soils	Assessed via periodic soil sampling - not assessed this period	N/A
5. Hydrocarbon limits in soils	Assessed via periodic soil sampling - not assessed this period	N/A
6. Notification of changes on site	No changes made	N/A
7. Pre-surrender contaminant limits in soils	N/A	N/A
8. Surrender of consent not to occur without compliance with condition seven	N/A	N/A
9. Review condition	Review options in June 2020 and June 2026	N/A
Overall assessment of consent compliance and environmental performance in respect of this consent		<b>Good</b>
Overall assessment of administrative performance in respect of this consent		<b>High</b>

N/A = not applicable

During the year, Meredith Metals Ltd demonstrated a good level of environmental performance and a high level of administrative performance as defined in Section 1.1.5.

There was one non-compliant sample in regard to suspended solids, however a subsequent sample found that the levels of suspended solids were compliant.

#### **6.3.4 Recommendation from the 2014-2015 Annual Report**

The 2014 -2015 Annual report recommended that;

THAT monitoring of the discharges from the Meredith Metals site in the 2015-2016 year continues at the same level as programmed for 2014-2015.

#### **6.3.5 Alterations to monitoring programmes for 2016-2017**

In designing and implementing the monitoring programmes for water discharges in the region, the Council has taken into account the extent of information made available by previous authorities, its relevance under the RMA, the obligations of the Act in terms of monitoring discharges and effects, and subsequently reporting to the regional community, the scope of assessments required at the time of renewal of permits, and the need to maintain a sound understanding of industrial processes within Taranaki discharging to the environment.

It is proposed that monitoring programmed for consented activities of Meredith Metals Ltd in the 2016-2017 year continues at a similar level programmed for 2015-2016.

### **6.4 Recommendation**

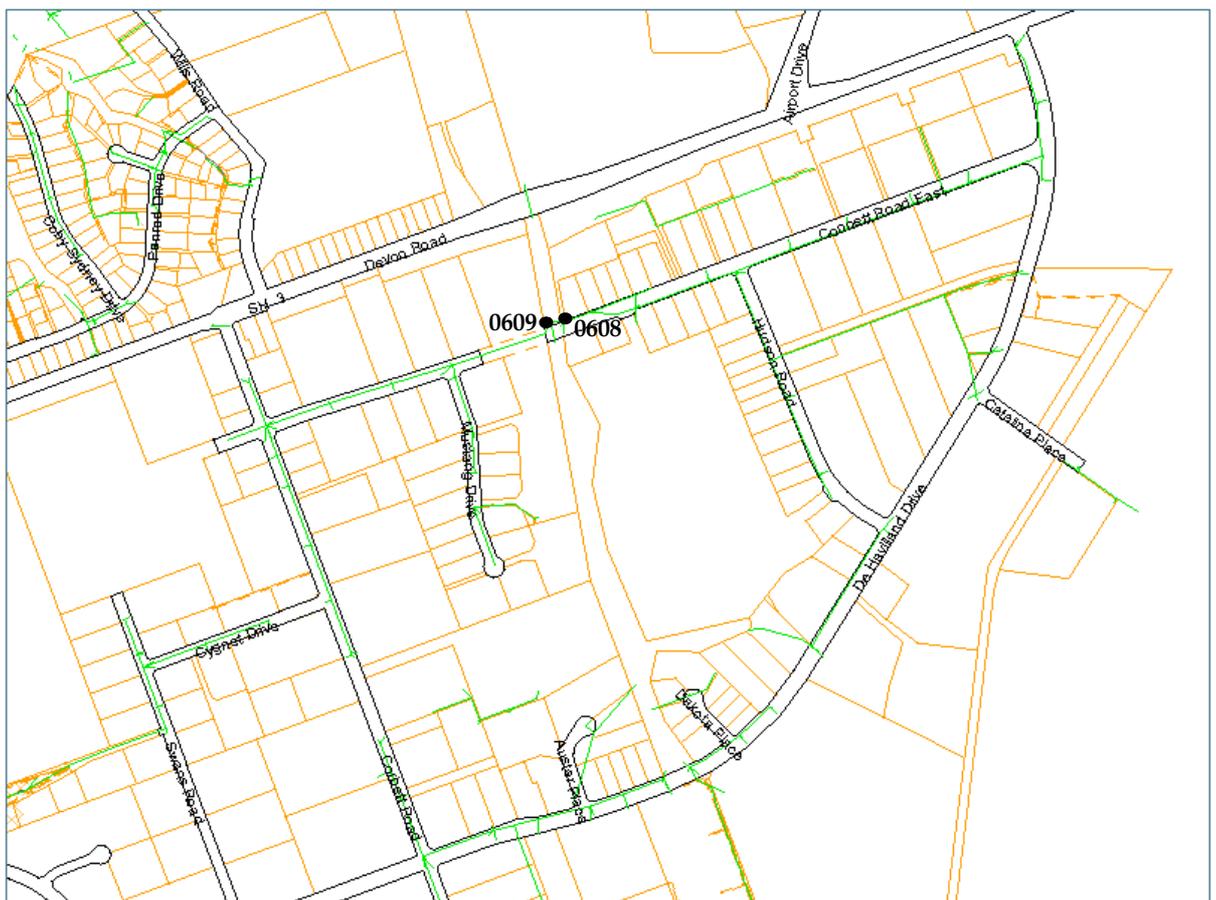
THAT monitoring programmed for consented activities of Meredith Metals Ltd in the 2016-2017 year continues at a similar level programmed for 2015-2016.

## 7. New Plymouth District Council

### 7.1 Introduction

#### 7.1.1 Process description

The New Plymouth District Council (NPDC) stormwater system carries discharges from the roads and industrial subdivisions in the Corbett Road, Connett Road and De Havilland Drive areas to the Waitaha Stream. The consented discharge points were on the eastern side of the stream at the end of Connett Road (consent 0608) and previously into an unnamed tributary/open drain through farm land on the western side of the stream (consent 0609). However, Connett Road has been extended to meet at the Waitaha Stream, and the discharge point for consent 0609 is now just below the culvert where Connett Road crosses the stream.



**Figure3** NPDC stormwater drainage plan

#### 7.1.2 Water discharge permit

Section 15(1)(a) of the RMA stipulates that no person may discharge any contaminant into water, unless the activity is expressly allowed for by a resource consent or a rule in a regional plan, or by national regulations.

NPDC holds water discharge permit **0608-3** to cover the discharge of stormwater from the Connett Road industrial subdivision into the Waitaha Stream. This permit was originally issued on 20 November 1979 as a water right pursuant to Section 21(3) of the *Soil and Water Conservation Act 1967*. Permit 0608-2 was issued by the Council on 2

December 1992 under Section 87(e) of the RMA. It expired on 1 June 2008. The renewed consent, **0608-3**, was issued to NPDC on 10 June 2008 and is due to expire on 1 June 2026.

There are five special conditions attached to this consent:

Special condition 1 requires the adoption of the best practicable option to prevent or minimise effects on the environment.

Special conditions 2 and 3 control erosion and prohibit a number of specific effects on the water quality of the stream beyond a 10 metre mix zone.

Special conditions 4 and 5 contain standard provisions for the lapsing of the consent and review of the consent conditions.

NPDC also holds water discharge permit **0609-2** to cover the discharge of up to 1,200 L/s of stormwater from an industrial subdivision (on Corbett Road) into an unnamed tributary of the Waitaha Stream. This permit was originally issued on 20 November 1979 as a water right pursuant to Section 21(3) of the *Soil and Water Conservation Act 1967*. The current permit was issued by the Council on 6 December 1995 under Section 87(e) of the RMA. It expired on 1 June 2014.

An application to renew this consent was received by Council on 12 December 2013. The application covers the discharge of stormwater from multiple outlets in the industrial area of the Waitaha catchment, with the intent being that consent 0608 will be surrendered once the renewal of this consent has been granted.

The application to renew 0609 was lodged more than three months before expiry, therefore as per Section 124 of the RMA, the Council has exercised its discretion, allowing the activity to continue under the conditions of the expired consent until a decision is made on the renewal.

Special conditions 1 and 2 place limits on the quality of the discharge, and limit the effects of the discharge on receiving water quality beyond a 10 metre mix zone.

Special condition 3 contains review provisions.

Copies of the permits are attached to this report in Appendix I.

## **7.2 Results**

### **7.2.1 Inspections**

Specific inspections are undertaken in relation to the NPDC consents, and any issues found whilst the inspecting officer is in the area are also noted on file.

Inspections were carried out on 28 July and 20 October 2015, and 22 January and 4 May 2016. Inspections focused on the receiving environment, evidence of staining or sheens on discharge structures and the quality of the discharge.

There were generally found to be no adverse effects occurring, however the 28 July 2015 inspection found some turbidity in a culvert discharge causing a visual effect on the receiving water within the mixing zone. Despite this consent compliance was being achieved beyond the mixing zone at the time. The 20 October 2015 inspection found some sediment which had settled within the same culvert.

## 7.2.2 Results of discharge monitoring

The Connett Road stormwater drains receive stormwater from Connett Road, Corbett Road and from a number of adjacent industries. The flow that discharges from the stormwater outlet on the eastern bank of the Waitaha Stream includes discharges from C&O Concrete and Intergroup. The flow that discharges from the outlet on the western bank of the Waitaha Stream includes the discharge from Greymouth Facilities. The discharges from both the Connett Road eastern and western drains to the Waitaha Stream were sampled on two occasions, with the results presented in Table 21 and Table 22.

There are no numerical contaminant limits given on consent 0608, however the discharge quality at site STW001061 can be compared to the standards given for permitted activities in Rule 23 of the Regional Freshwater Plan (Appendix III), which have also been incorporated as limits on the consents issued for industrial sites in the catchment discharging via this outlet. Consent 0609, which is currently being renewed, does have discharge standards of suspended solids 100 g/m<sup>3</sup>, a pH of between six and nine and oil and grease of less than 15 g/m<sup>3</sup>.

**Table 21** Connett Rd eastern drain sampling results (site STW001061)

Parameter	Conductivity @ 20°C	Oil and Grease	pH	Suspended solids	Temperature
Units	mS/m@20C	g/m <sup>3</sup>	pH	g/m <sup>3</sup>	Deg.C
Minimum	3.4	0.5	6.4	2	11.5
Maximum	51.1	230	10.3	680	20.2
Median	8.9	2.6	7	68	15.1
Number	42	38	42	39	39
19 Aug 2015	5.8	1.1	7.3	<b>130</b>	12.2
10 Jun 2016	9.0	<0.5	7.1	32	16.8
<i>RFWP guideline</i>	-	15	6-9	100	-

**Table 22** Connett Rd, western drain sampling results (site STW001112)

Parameter	Conductivity @ 20°C	Oil and Grease	pH	Suspended solids	Temperature
Units	mS/m@20C	g/m <sup>3</sup>	pH	g/m <sup>3</sup>	Deg.C
Minimum	2.4	1	6.4	2	11.6
Maximum	18.3	102	9.1	890	20.9
Median	10.2	2	6.7	64	15.7
Number	17	13	17	17	16
19 Aug 2015	8.2	a	7.8	<b>240</b>	12.3
10 Jun 2016	10.2	1.0	7.1	96	16.8
<i>Consent limit</i>	-	15	6-8.5	100	-

**Key:** Results in bold within a table indicate that a RFWP guideline for a particular parameter has been exceeded  
a = no visible sheen or noticeable odour in sample

Both discharges were found to have a non-compliant or elevated level of suspended solids on 19 August 2015. During this survey non-compliances in regards to suspended solids were noted in C & O Concrete's and Meredith Metals discharges and this are likely to have contributed to the elevated result for STW001061. It is noted that subsequent results from both sites were found to have dropped back to below the RFWP guideline and consent limits for suspended solids.

### **7.2.3 Investigations, interventions, and incidents**

In the period under review, it was not necessary for the Council to undertake significant additional investigations, interventions, or record incidents in respect of the stormwater discharges of NPDC in the Waitaha catchment.

The Council however did receive one complaint in regard to a sewage odour emanating from the Connett Road pumping station.

#### **19 October 2015**

A complaint was received regarding a sewage type odour on Connett Road, Bell Block. Investigation found the occasional intermittent odour being discharged from the NPDC Connett Road pumping station. NPDC were advised and it was outlined that they were taking action to rectify the issue by installing new carbon filters to absorb odours. No breach of Regional Air Quality Plan rules was noted.

## **7.3 Discussion**

### **7.3.1 Discussion of plant performance**

It is recognised that NPDC has limited control over the actions of third parties making inappropriate discharges into the stormwater network. During the year under review there were unsourced and/or unauthorised discharges via the NPDC reticulated stormwater network from each of the discharge points on one of the monitoring occasions.

In regards to the general maintenance and operation of the stormwater network, NPDC performed satisfactorily.

### **7.3.2 Environmental effects of exercise of consents**

Inspections and sampling of the Waitaha Stream below the mixing zone found that there was little, if any, adverse effects as a result discharges from the stormwater system, or from any maintenance undertaken by NPDC of the outlets themselves.

### **7.3.3 Evaluation of performance**

A tabular summary of NPDC's compliance record for the year under review is set out in Table 23 and Table 24.

**Table 23** Summary of performance for NPDC: Consent 0608-3

<b>Purpose: To discharge stormwater from the Connett Road industrial subdivision into the Waitaha Stream (true right bank - east)</b>		
<b>Condition requirement</b>	<b>Means of monitoring during period under review</b>	<b>Compliance achieved?</b>
1. Adoption of best practicable option to minimise effects	Inspection	Yes
2. Mitigation of erosion where possible	Inspection. No erosion issues found	Yes
3. Discharge cannot cause specified adverse effects beyond mixing zone	Visual assessment at inspection, and receiving water sampling	Yes
4. Provision for consent to lapse if not exercised	Consent exercised	N/A
5. Provision for review of consent conditions	N/A	N/A
Overall assessment of consent compliance and environmental performance in respect of this consent		<b>High</b>
Overall assessment of administrative performance in respect of this consent		<b>N/A</b>

N/A = not applicable

**Table 24** Summary of performance for NPDC: Consent 0609-2

<b>Purpose: To discharge stormwater from the Connett Road industrial subdivision into the Waitaha Stream (true left bank - west)</b>		
<b>Condition requirement</b>	<b>Means of monitoring during period under review</b>	<b>Compliance achieved?</b>
1. Limits on chemical composition of discharge	Sampling	one suspended solid exceedance due to un sourced unauthorised discharges
2. Discharge cannot cause specified adverse effects beyond mixing zone	Visual assessment at inspection and receiving water sampling	Yes
3. Optional review provision re environmental effects	Option for review in June 2008 not exercised. No further review provisions prior to expiry	N/A
Overall assessment of consent compliance and environmental performance in respect of this consent		<b>Good</b>
Overall assessment of administrative performance in respect of this consent		<b>N/A</b>

N/A = not applicable

During the year, NPDC demonstrated a good level of environmental performance. Although the suspended solids limit on the consent was exceeded on one occasion, there were no significant increases of stream turbidity recorded and subsequent sampling returned compliant results. There are no administrative requirements on the NPDC consents.

### **7.3.4 Recommendations from the 2014-2015 Annual Report**

In the 2014-2015 Annual Report, it was recommended:

THAT monitoring programmed for consented activities of NPDC in this catchment in the 2015-2016 year continues at the same level programmed for 2014-2015.

This recommendation was implemented.

### **7.3.5 Alterations to monitoring programmes for 2016-2017**

In designing and implementing the monitoring programmes for water discharges in the region, the Council has taken into account the extent of information made available by previous authorities, its relevance under the RMA, the obligations of the RMA in terms of monitoring discharges and effects, and subsequently reporting to the regional community, the scope of assessments required at the time of renewal of permits, and the need to maintain a sound understanding of industrial processes within Taranaki discharging to the environment.

It is proposed that monitoring programmed for consented activities of NPDC in the 2016-2017 year continues at a similar level programmed for 2015-2016.

## **7.4 Recommendation**

THAT monitoring programmed for consented activities of NPDC in this catchment in the 2016-2017 year continues at a similar level programmed for 2015-2016.

## 8. Symons Property Development Ltd

### 8.1 Introduction

#### 8.1.1 Process description

Symons Property Developments Ltd (Symons Property) holds a consent to discharge stormwater from their truck depot and pipe washing facility on Connett Road East, Bell Block. The site was recently developed, and formal drainage was being established. The companies operating from the site are: Symons Transport Ltd, who operate road tankers that are used to transport bulk liquids between processing plants; and Symons Energy Ltd, who provide support services to the oil and gas industry including transportation and cleaning of drilling pipes, and storage and distribution of products such as those used in drilling mud. Collectively, these companies are known as the Symons Group.

The Symons Property site has three main sections; the upper yard is occupied by Symons Transport and is used for truck washing and truck storage. The middle yard has amenities block, and administration building and pipe storage areas. The lower yard is used for pipe storage and pipe preparation / washing.



**Figure 4** Symons Property's site layout

### **8.1.3 Water discharge permit**

Section 15(1)(a) of the RMA stipulates that no person may discharge any contaminant into water, unless the activity is expressly allowed for by a resource consent or a rule in a regional plan, or by national regulations.

Symons Property Ltd holds water discharge permit **7805-1** to discharge stormwater from a truck depot and pipe cleaning facility into the Waitaha Stream. This permit was issued by the Council on 9 May 2011 under Section 87(e) of the RMA. It is due to expire on 1 June 2026.

This consent has the standard special conditions as set out in section 1.2. It also has four conditions which are specific to the site.

Special condition 3 requires stormwater for one section of the site be treated to certain specifications.

Special condition 4 sets out requirements for hazardous substances storage.

Special condition 10 requires the consent holder to review and update the management and contingency plans prior to making any significant changes at the site.

Special condition 11 requires that the consent holder make any data gathered on stormwater detention tanks at site available to Council.

The permit is attached to this report in Appendix I.

## **8.2 Results**

### **8.2.1 Inspections**

Inspections were undertaken on 31 July, 14 December 2015, 18 February, and 22 June 2016.

Inspections focused on the presence and storage of hazardous substances, evidence of spills, site operations, general housekeeping, and the operation and maintenance of treatment systems.

The site was generally found to be clean and tidy, however the 31 July 2015 inspection found some tracking of metals from the metaled yard into roadside drainage. This inspection also observed some works with associated drainage being undertaken. The 22 June 2016 inspection found some evidence of small spills.

### **8.2.2 Results of discharge monitoring**

The stormwater from the central section of the site combines with the stormwater from the eastern section of the site, after the eastern stormwater has passed through the detention tanks. This combined flow is sampled at site STW002083 (Figure 5).



**Figure 5** Symons Property Developments Ltd property and monitoring site locations

Three discharge samples were obtained during the year under review. The results of this sampling are presented in Table 25, along with the limits imposed on the consent and a summary of all data.

**Table 25** Results of Symons Property discharge monitoring (STW002083)

Parameter	Conductivity	Oil and Grease	pH	Suspended solids	Temperature	Turbidity
Units	mS/m@20C	g/m <sup>3</sup>	pH	g/m <sup>3</sup>	Deg.C	NTU
Minimum	5.8	0.5	5.8	2	10.5	0.66
Maximum	17.1	0.5	7.7	260	18.8	740
Median	9.1	0.2	7.1	27	14.7	45.5
Number	9	7	9	9	8	8
19 Aug 2015	7.6	<0.5	7.1	27	10.5	37
17 Mar 2016	8.9	<0.5	6.7	4	15.1	3.5
22 Jun 2016	5.8	a	7.7	40	14.0	54
Consent limits	-	15	6-9	100	-	-

**Key:** a = no visible sheen or noticeable odour in sample

All results collected during the period under review were within consented limits.

### 8.2.3 Investigations, interventions, and incidents

In the period under review, it was not necessary for the Council to undertake significant additional investigations, interventions, or record incidents in respect of the Symons Property's stormwater discharges.

However, two incidents were recorded in regard to dust emissions from the site.

### **30 October 2015**

A complaint was received concerning dust discharging from a transport depot in Bell Block, New Plymouth. An inspection of the site from the boundary found that a water cart was being used to suppress dust. No dust was being generated at the time of inspection. The company was contacted and advised to continue to use the water cart.

### **12 November 2015**

A complaint was received regarding dust from a transport operator yards affecting a property on Devon Road. Dust was recorded and observed discharging from multiple yards owned by the Symons group. Dust control measures were being employed at the time however these measures were insufficient. Abatement Notice EAC-12345 was issued requiring that no offensive or objectionable dust discharge beyond the boundary of the property. Re-inspection found that the abatement notice was being complied with at the time of inspection.

## **8.3 Discussion**

### **8.3.1 Discussion of plant performance**

On the whole, general housekeeping of the site was found to have been good during the year under review, and the site was generally well managed.

All samples collected during the period under review were found to be within consented limits and no incidents were recorded by the Council in regard to stormwater discharges. Yard works were undertaken, resulting in the need to provide updated stormwater management plans, which have not yet been received by the Council.

There were two incident were logged in regards to complaints received about dust emanating from the site. An abatement notice was issued on one occasion to directing Symons Property not to breach the Regional Air Quality Plan (RAQP). Subsequent inspection found that this abatement notice was being complied with.

It is noted that Symons Property has applied a dust suppressant product to parts of its yard and no further complaints were received after November 2015.

### **8.3.2 Environmental effects of exercise of consent**

In relation to the exercise of Symons Property's stormwater consent and general management of activities in the stormwater catchment, no significant adverse effects were noted during the inspections of the site, or sampling of the stream.

Dust emissions were found to be likely to be breach the RAQP and this was addressed in a timely manner. No significant effects were noted.

### 8.3.3 Evaluation of performance

A tabular summary of Symons Property's compliance record for the year under review is set out in Table 26.

**Table 26** Summary of performance for Symons Property; Consent 7805-1

<b>Purpose: To discharge of stormwater into the Waitaha Stream</b>		
<b>Condition requirement</b>	<b>Means of monitoring during period under review</b>	<b>Compliance achieved?</b>
1. Adopt best practicable option	Inspection and programme supervision	No- improved silt and dust control required
2. Catchment not to exceed 3.14 ha	Inspection	Yes
3. Stormwater from Lot 24 DP376382 to be treated	Inspection	Yes
4. Hazardous substance to be stored correctly	Inspection	Yes
5. Discharge parameters not to exceed certain limits	Sampling	Yes
6. Discharge not to give rise to certain effects in receiving waters	Observations at inspection and during sampling	Yes
7. Prepare and maintain a contingency plan	Review of Council records	Plan provided, update required
8. Prepare and maintain a stormwater monitoring plan	Review of Council records	Plan provided, update required
9. Notify Council of changes at the site	Observations at inspection and review of Council records	No significant changes noted
10. Review and update plans to suit any changes at the site	Observations at inspection and review of Council records. No changes made	Plan provided, update required
11. Provide Council data on stormwater tank investigations	Investigation is optional and not yet undertaken	N/A
12. Lapse conditions	N/A	N/A
13. Review condition	N/A	N/A
Overall assessment of consent compliance and environmental performance in respect of this consent		<b>Good</b>
Overall assessment of administrative performance in respect of this consent		<b>High</b>

N/A = not applicable or not assessed

During the year, in regard to stormwater discharges, Symons Property Development Ltd (Symons) demonstrated a good level of environmental performance and a good level of administrative performance as defined in Section 1.1.5.

### **8.3.4 Recommendations from the 2014-2015 Annual Report**

In the 2014-2015 Annual Report, it was recommended:

THAT monitoring programmed for the consented activities of Symons Property Development Ltd in the 2015-2016 year continues at the same level as programmed for 2014-2015.

This recommendation was implemented.

### **8.3.5 Alterations to monitoring programmes for 2016-2017**

In designing and implementing the monitoring programmes for water discharges in the region, the Council has taken into account the extent of information made available by previous authorities, its relevance under the RMA, the obligations of the RMA in terms of monitoring discharges and effects, and subsequently reporting to the regional community, the scope of assessments required at the time of renewal of permits, and the need to maintain a sound understanding of industrial processes within Taranaki discharging to the environment.

It is proposed that monitoring programmed for consented activities of Symons Property Development Ltd in the 2016-2017 year continues at a similar level programmed for 2015-2016.

## **8.4 Recommendation**

THAT monitoring programmed for consented activities of Symons Property Development Ltd in the 2016-2017 year continues at a similar level programmed for 2015-2016.

## 9. Taranaki Sawmills Ltd

### 9.1 Introduction

#### 9.1.1 Process description



Photo 4 Taranaki Sawmills site

##### 9.1.1.1 Stormwater

Taranaki Sawmills Ltd's (Taranaki Sawmills) sawmilling and timber processing site is situated on the banks of the Waitaha Stream. The majority of the site is gravelled or undeveloped. Stormwater generally soaks to ground; however, overland flow occurs during heavy rain. The site has a stormwater drainage system where stormwater is channelled and contoured into underground stormwater pipes and open stormwater drains (Figure 6).

Stormwater near the southern boundary of the site flows into and over land and into an unnamed tributary of the Waitaha Stream. Stormwater from neighbouring sites also flows into this tributary.

The area between the administration building and sorting table is contoured so that stormwater flows into an underground stormwater pipe system. The underground system has an outlet into the top of a second open stormwater wetland drain in the headwaters of unnamed tributary 2 of the Waitaha Stream. This tributary is approximately 100 m long and drains from approximately the middle of the site in a north-westerly direction.

Stormwater from the northern area of the site flows over and into land and into unnamed tributary 3. The third tributary is approximately 100 m long and drains in a westerly direction.

Car parks and vehicle working areas are mostly unsealed, so that any fuel leaks or spillages will soak into the ground rather than run into the stormwater system. To reduce yard dust problems, the site is routinely sprayed with water, and historically, oil was placed on the access tracks.

#### **9.1.1.2 Air discharges**

Sawmilling activities at the site generate wood waste. The sawdust, wood shaving, and wood chip components of this waste are reused on site for generating energy for the timber drying kilns. No timber tanalising occurs on site, so no tanalised timber wastes are incinerated. Incineration occurs in either an open fire-pit, or in boilers.

The open fire-pit is approximately 10 m wide x 10 m long x 2 m deep. The material incinerated in the open pit is dried untreated timber off-cuts, and occasionally other non-toxic materials such as paper, cardboard, and timber strapping.

There are boilers operated on the site, which run 24 hours a day, seven days a week, with emissions discharged via stacks. Emissions from the original 2 megawatt (MW) Entec Boiler discharge through a 12 m tall stack, which achieves dust/smoke emissions containing less than 500 mg/m<sup>3</sup> of particulate. The second and third boilers are 4 MW Vekos Boilers, and the single stack for these boilers is 24 m high.

There are a number of potential contaminants which could be discharged into the air from the combustion of wood products. Modelling of the stack emissions undertaken by Taranaki Sawmill's has shown that contaminant concentrations at ground level are well below guideline levels

The potential contaminant and effects area;

- Visibility and visual/aesthetic impacts
- Nitrogen oxides
- Dust
- Odour
- Sulphur dioxide
- Carbon monoxide (CO)
- Particulates

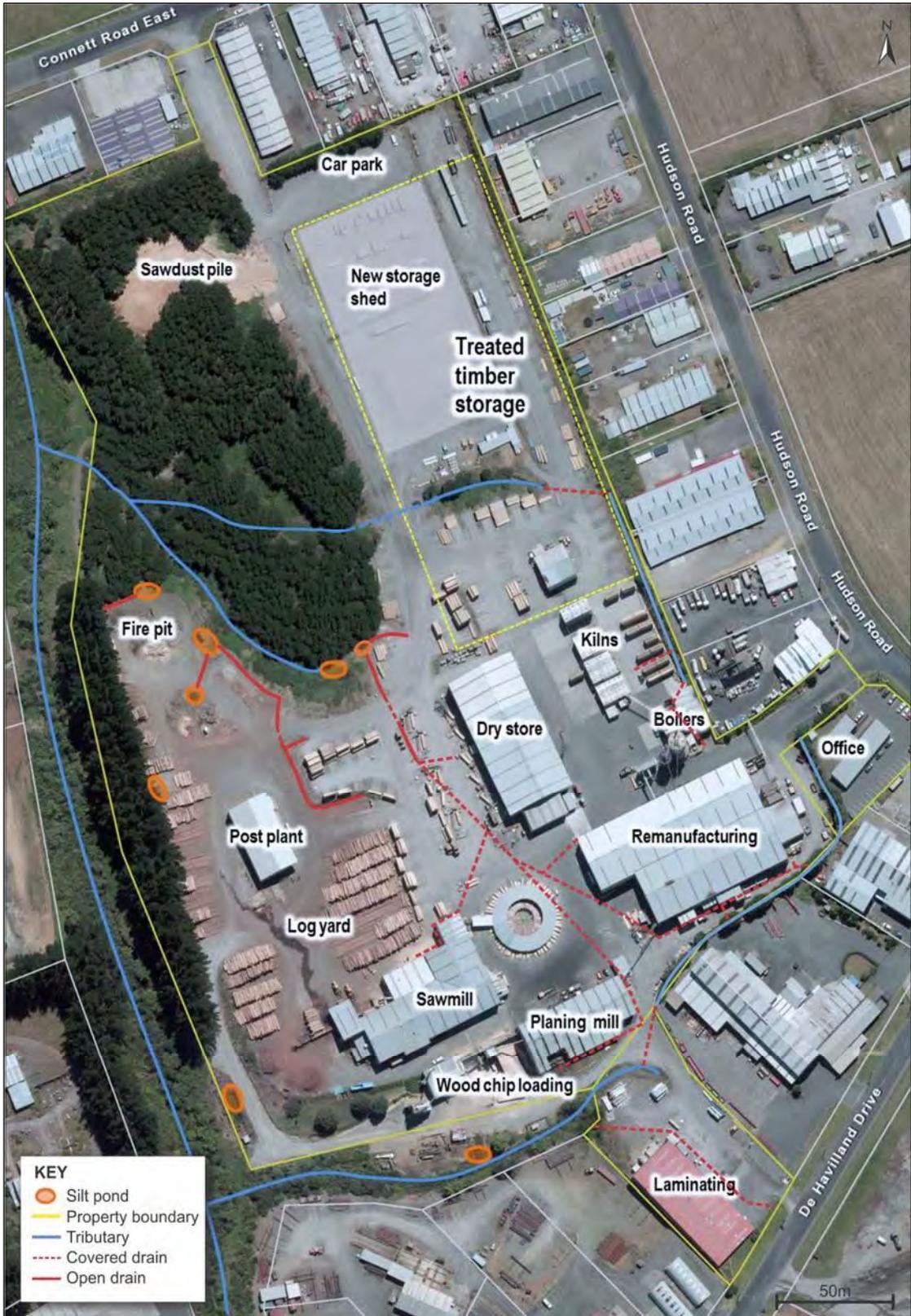


Figure 6 Taranaki Sawmills site drainage systems

### 9.1.2 Water discharge permit

Section 15(1)(a) of the RMA stipulates that no person may discharge any contaminant into water, unless the activity is expressly allowed for by a resource consent or a rule in a regional plan, or by national regulations.

Taranaki Sawmills holds water discharge permit **2333-4** to cover the discharge of stormwater from a sawmill operating site onto and into land and into the Waitaha Stream. This permit was issued by the Council on 11 November 1987 as a water right pursuant to section 21(3) of the *Water and Soil Conservation Act 1967*. A renewed permit was issued by the Council on 7 February 1996 under Section 87(e) of the RMA, which was renewed again on 8 December 2000 and 20 May 2015. The current consent also allows for the temporary discharge of kiln condensate to land and into the Waitaha Stream.

It contains the standard consent conditions and one additional consent condition specific to the site.

Special condition 3 requires that kiln condensate and associated contaminants shall not be included in the discharge after 31 October 2016.

A copy of the consent is attached to this report in Appendix 1.

### 9.1.3 Air discharge permit

Section 15(1)(c) of the RMA stipulates that no person may discharge any contaminant from any industrial or trade premises into air, unless the activity is expressly allowed for by a resource consent, a rule in a regional plan, or by national regulations.

Taranaki Sawmills holds air discharge permit **4096-2** to cover discharge of emissions into the air from sawmilling and untreated timber processing and associated activities including the combustion of wood and/or coal within boilers and wastes in an open fire-pit. The Council originally issued this permit on 29 July 1992 as a resource consent under Section 87(e) of the RMA. The consent was varied on 14 September 1993 to allow for a second boiler, and was renewed removing the limit on the number of boilers on 27 January 2004. It is due to expire on 1 June 2032.

Special conditions 1 and 2 require the consent holder to adopt the best practicable option to prevent or minimise effects and to minimise emissions and their effects by selection, operation and management of the best practicable equipment and processes. Special conditions 3 and 4 require that the activity is undertaken in accordance with documentation provided in support of the two renewals of this consent.

Special condition 5 requires consultation with the Council prior to significant changes to the emissions from the site.

Special conditions 6 and 7 contain notification and record keeping requirements that relate to the use of coal as a fuel for the boilers.

Special conditions 8 and 9 relate to the provision and adherence to a management plan for the combustion of materials in the fire-pit.

Special condition 10 requires the consent holder to keep an incident log.

Special condition 11 prohibits significant adverse ecological effects.

Special conditions 12 to 14 deal with odour and dust considerations.

Special conditions 15 and 16 impose limits on the ground level concentration of sulphur dioxide and particulate matter of less than 10 microns diameter in line with the National Environmental Standard.

Special condition 17 prohibits noxious or toxic levels of contaminants at or beyond the site boundary.

Special condition 18 imposes limits on the emission of dark smoke from the boiler stacks.

Special condition 19 specifies a minimum height for stack discharges.

Special condition 20 gives the circumstances under which the consent may lapse, and special condition 21 contains provision for review of the conditions on the consent.

A copy of the permit is attached to this report in Appendix I.

## **9.2 Results**

### **9.2.1 Inspections**

Inspections were undertaken on 6 August 2015, 14 December 2015, 11 March 2016, 28 April 2016 and 28 June 2016.

The inspections focussed on the maintenance of the treatment systems, condition of the discharges, general housekeeping, the fire pit, and any evidence of spills. Air emissions were also measured using hand held equipment on three occasions.

Generally it was found that the fire pit was well maintained and that the maintenance of silt control measures had improved. Ambient dust measurements taken on 14 December 2015, 11 March 2016, and 28 June 2016 found that ambient dust levels were in acceptable ranges.

During the inspection of 6 August 2016 it was noted that due to onsite construction, some areas of the site had become muddy and that extra care would be required to ensure compliance with consent conditions.

The inspection of 28 June 2016 noted that the forest on the north end of the site was being harvested and the removal of trees had allowed for further modification of silt and sediment controls.

### 9.2.3 Results of stormwater discharge monitoring

The stormwater discharge from Taranaki Sawmills is sampled from an unnamed tributary of the Waitaha Stream (WTH000059). The headwaters sampling site (WTH000051) is situated in the middle of the sawmill site and emanates from a stormwater drain adjacent to the dry store. This stormwater system drains the sawmill site from between the administration building and the sorting table. However, other inflows to the system have been identified. The monitoring locations are shown in Figure 7. Discharge sampling was undertaken at two sites (WTH000051 and WTH000059) on up to three occasions, the results of which are presented in Table 27 and Table 28.

Observations and results of the sampling in the Waitaha Stream upstream and downstream of the confluence of the tributary that are relevant to the monitoring of the Taranaki Sawmills site are summarised and discussed in section 9.3.2, with the full receiving water monitoring results presented and discussed in section 15.

The special conditions of resource consent 2333 require that the oil and grease and suspended solids concentrations in the discharge must not exceed 15 g/m<sup>3</sup> and 100 g/m<sup>3</sup> respectively, and that the pH shall lie in the range 6.0-9.0. The consent also specifies that BOD in the discharge shall not exceed 10 g/m<sup>3</sup>.

For the purpose of assessing compliance against these limits, Council has previously designated the tributary, just upstream of the confluence with the Waitaha Stream, as the discharge point (WTH000059).

**Table 27** Results of sampling at Taranaki Sawmills – tributary headwaters (WTH000051)

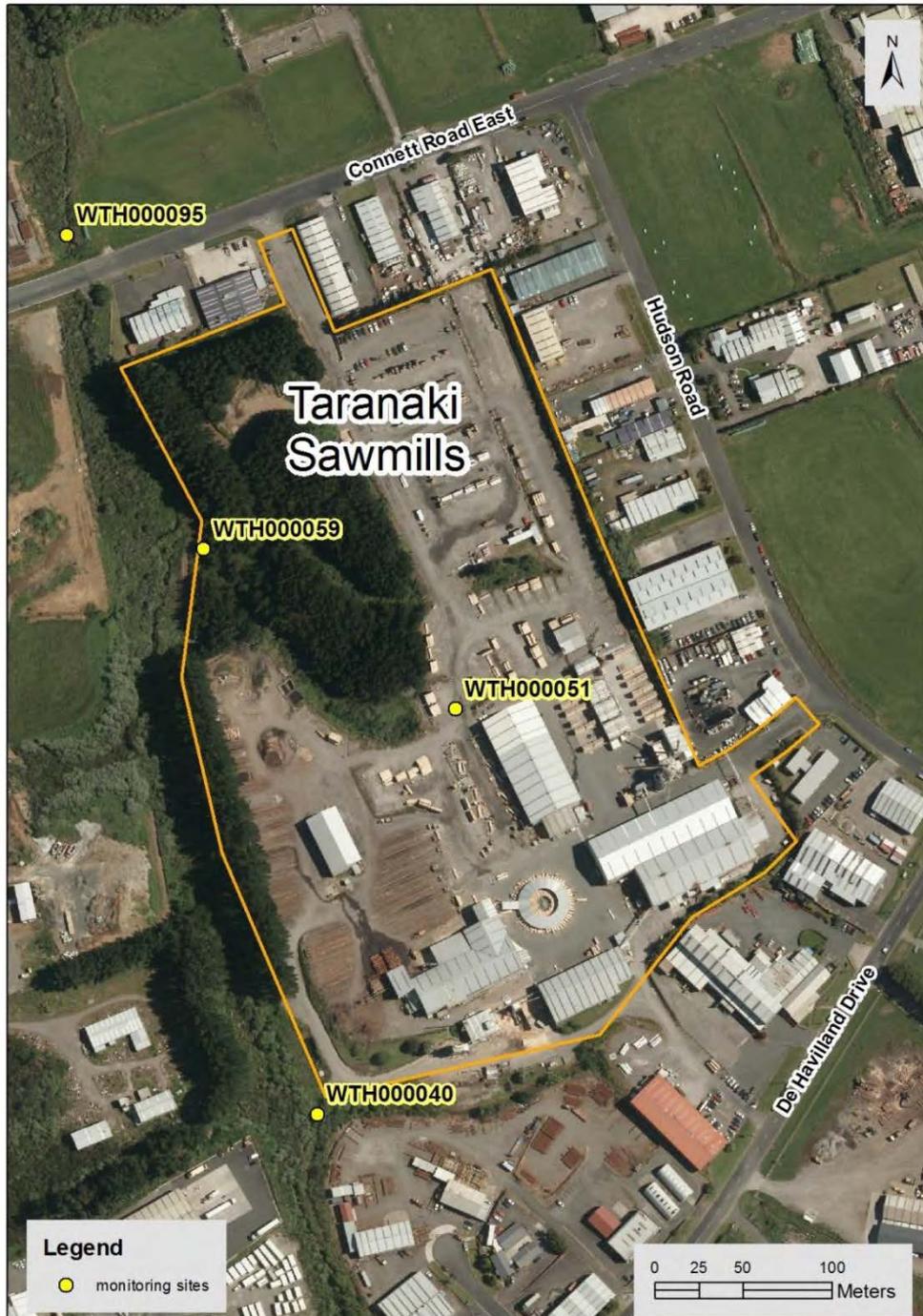
Parameter	Boron	Conductivity @ 20°C	pH	Suspended solids	Temperature	Turbidity
Unit	g/m <sup>3</sup>	mS/m@20C	pH	g/m <sup>3</sup>	Deg.C	NTU
Minimum	0.02	2.9	6.3	8	11	13
Maximum	0.8	25.4	7.7	3600	22.5	1400
Median	0.16	12	6.8	190	15	185
Number	35	34	35	20	32	20
19 Aug 2015	0.02	5.9	6.8	260	11.9	320

**Table 28** Results of stormwater sampling at Taranaki Sawmills – tributary upstream of confluence with Waitaha Stream (WTH000059)

Parameter	Biochemical oxygen demand	Boron	Conductivity @ 20°C	Oil and Grease	pH	Suspended solids	Temperature	Turbidity
Unit	g/m <sup>3</sup>	g/m <sup>3</sup>	mS/m@20C	g/m <sup>3</sup>	pH	g/m <sup>3</sup>	Deg.C	NTU
Minimum	1.8	0.04	3.8	0.5	5.8	10	12.1	14
Maximum	21	1.1	25.8	110	7.2	1600	21.5	1300
Median	9.5	0.23	15.8	0.6	6.6	180	15.4	170
Number	10	43	45	36	46	30	45	27
19 Aug 2015	<b>17</b>	0.09	11.0	a	6.8	<b>290</b>	12.9	380
17 Mar 2016	9.3	0.06	5.7	a	6.6	<b>300</b>	15.8	190
10 Jun 2016	-	0.16	16.4	<0.5	6.7	10	15.9	14
Consent limit	10	-	-	15	6-9	100	-	-

**Key:** Results in bold within a table indicate that a consent limit for a particular parameter has been exceeded  
a = odour or no visible sheen detected

During the monitoring period there were two samples at site WTH000059 that did not comply with the consented limit of 100 g/m<sup>3</sup> suspended solids. The exceedances were not excessive and no adverse effects were noted in the Waitaha Stream. However it is noted that this has been a persistent issue at this site over the past two years. It is also noted that the sample taken on 19 August 2015 was also non-compliant in regard to the concentration of BOD. These non-compliances are discussed in more detail in Section 9.2.5.



**Figure 7** Taranaki Sawmills Ltd stormwater and receiving water monitoring sites

## 9.2.4 Air discharge monitoring

### 9.2.4.1 Inspections

Air inspections were carried out in conjunction with general site inspections. During each inspection a Dust-Trak dust monitor was used to measure dust both up and downwind of the site. During the monitoring year no non-compliant dust readings were recorded.

Each site inspection also included an inspection of the fire pit and during the year it was found that improvements had been made to the pit and that no issues in regard to smoke discharges were noted.

### 9.2.4.2 Results of receiving environment monitoring

Particulates can derive from many sources, including motor vehicles (especially diesels), solid and oil-burning processes for industry and power generation, incineration and waste burning, photochemical processes, and natural sources such as pollen, abrasion and sea spray.

PM<sub>10</sub> particles are linked to adverse health effects that arise primarily from the ability of particles of this size to penetrate the defences of the human body and enter deep into the lungs. Health effects from inhaling PM<sub>10</sub> include increased mortality and the aggravation of existing respiratory and cardiovascular conditions such as asthma and chronic pulmonary diseases.

Taranaki Sawmill's air discharge consent limits the maximum ground level concentration of particulate of effective diameter of less than 10 micron (PM<sub>10</sub>) so that it does not exceed 50 µg/m<sup>3</sup> (one hour average exposure), on more than five occasions per year cumulative across any and all monitoring sites, and does not exceed 120 µg/m<sup>3</sup> (one hour average exposure) at any time, at or beyond the boundary of the site.

In addition to this, in September 2004 the Ministry for the Environment introduced National Environmental Standards (NES) relating to certain air pollutants. The NES for PM<sub>10</sub> is 50 µg/m<sup>3</sup> (24-hour average). This standard must also be met irrespective of any conditions on the consent holders.

Continuous ambient PM<sub>10</sub> monitoring was conducted in the vicinity of the Taranaki Sawmills site from 21 March 2016 at 15:13 to 23 March 2016 at 08:10, four days after any significant rainfall. The PM<sub>10</sub> monitor was located on the north boundary of the site. Fifteen minute wind direct data obtained from the New Plymouth waste water treatment plant weather station is given in Figure 9. The wind direction and strength, is presented in. The PM<sub>10</sub> data expressed in terms of a one hour average, as per Taranaki Sawmill's consent condition, is shown in Figure 11, and the 24 hour average PM<sub>10</sub> is shown in Figure 12. The PM<sub>10</sub> monitor was downwind of the activities occurring on the Taranaki Sawmills site for more than 50 % of the time it was deployed. The results show that neither the consent limit of 120 µg/m<sup>3</sup> (1 hour average), nor the NES standard of 50 µg/m<sup>3</sup> (24 hour average) were exceeded during the monitoring period.



Figure 8 Location of air monitoring site (Taranaki Sawmills)

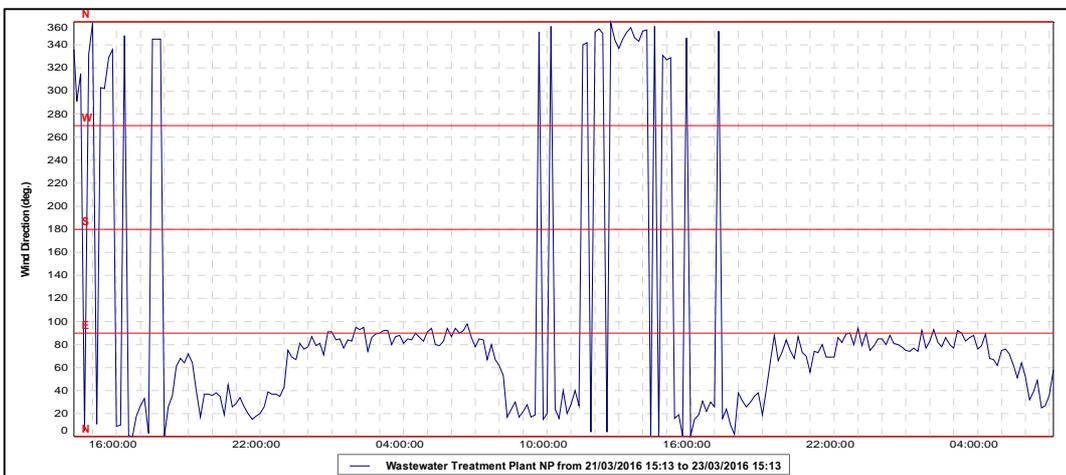


Figure 9 15 minute wind direction data (Taranaki Sawmills)

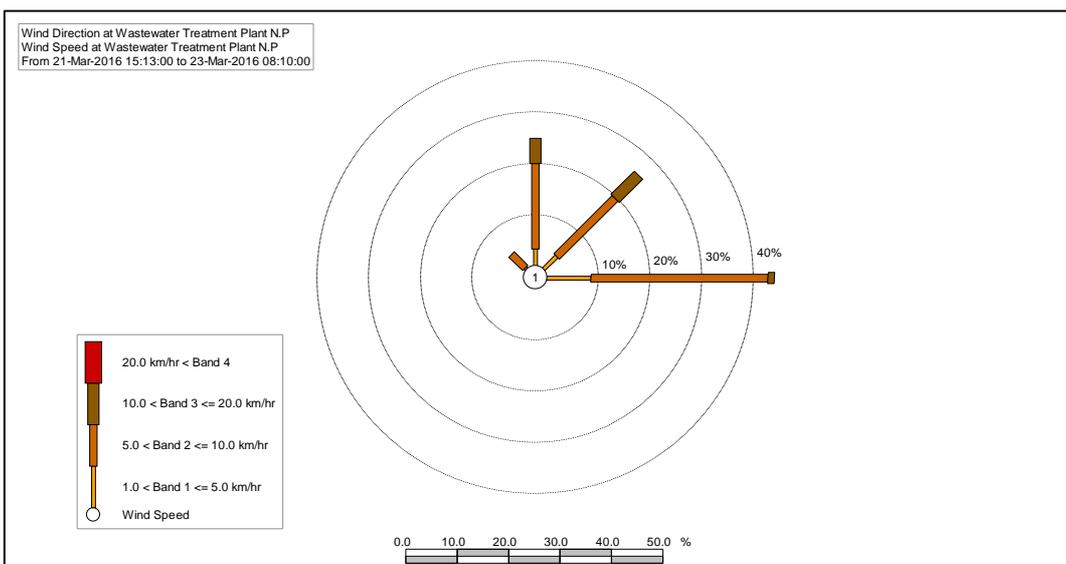
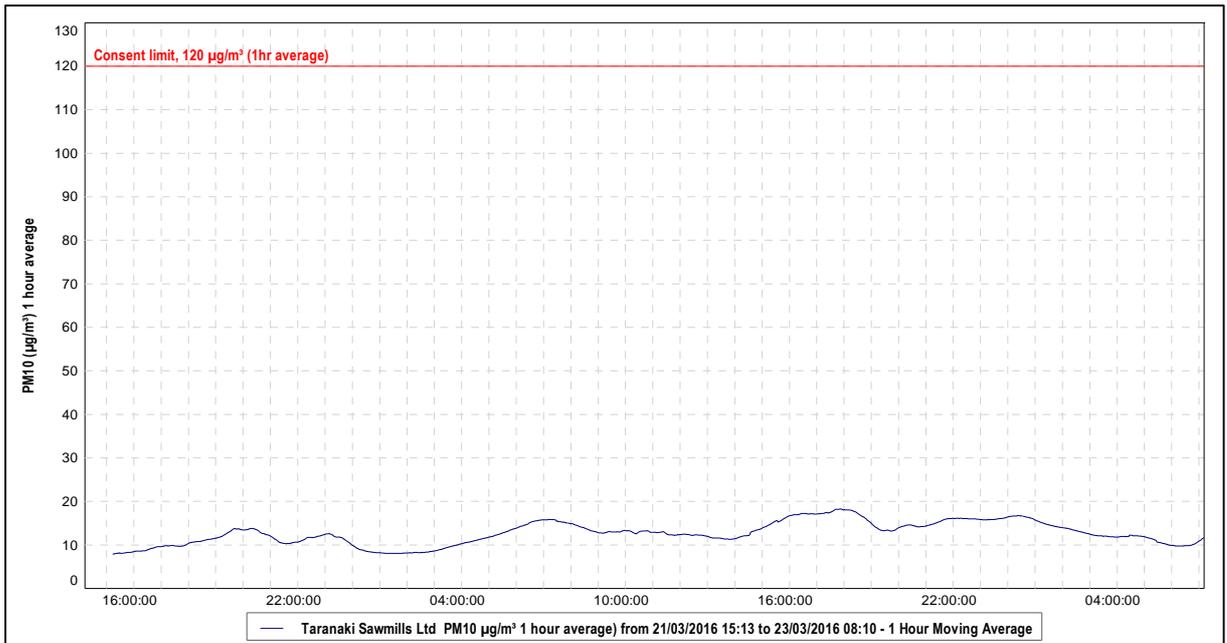
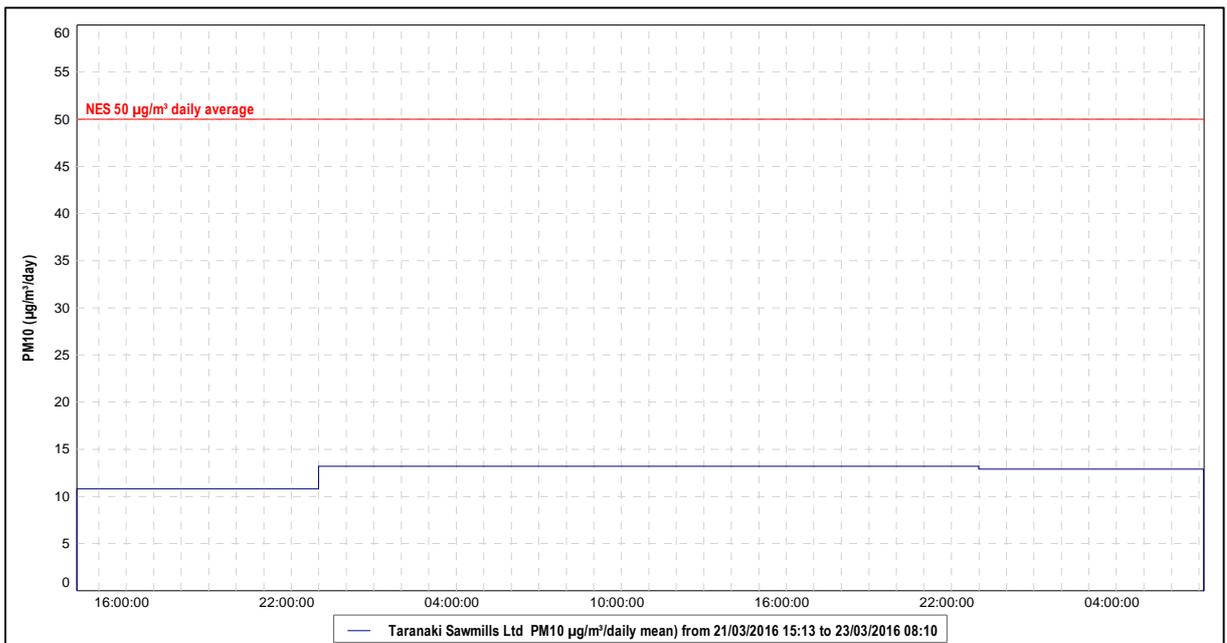


Figure 10 Prevailing wind direction during air monitoring (Taranaki Sawmills)



**Figure 11** Graph of PM10  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  one hour average (Taranaki Sawmills)



**Figure 12** Graph of PM10  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  24 hour averages (Taranaki Sawmills)

### 9.2.5 Investigations, interventions, and incidents

In the period under review, it was necessary for the Council to record incidents in respect of Taranaki Sawmill's site in the Waitaha catchment. Two incidents were raised relating to breaches in consent conditions.

#### 19 August 2015

During analysis of samples during routine sampling of the Waitaha catchment on 19 August 2015, it was found that resource consent conditions were not being complied with. Sample results showed a breach in suspended solids and BOD concentrations.

The consent holder was directed to undertake a review of site practices to ensure compliance with consent conditions.

### **17 March 2016**

During analysis of a discharge sample taken as part of routine compliance monitoring it was found that there was an exceedance of suspended solids in contravention of resource consent limits. A letter requiring an explanation was issued and a response was received that asserted that the level of suspended solids was due to the contribution made by the forest through which the stream ran rather than the activity of Taranaki Sawmills. The Council will continue to closely monitor the suspended solid discharge from this site to ascertain the veracity of this.

## **9.3 Discussion**

### **9.3.1 Discussion of plant performance**

There were two incidents logged as a result of discharge samples not being compliant with suspended solids and BOD. This site has had persistent issues over the two years in regard to compliance with suspended solids. The consent holder has been making efforts to improve various treatment measures around the site and it is noted that the last sample taken during the monitoring period was compliant with consent limits in regard to suspended solids.

### **9.3.2 Environmental effects of exercise of consents**

There were two breaches of the suspended solids concentration given in the conditions however only small increases in turbidity in the Waitaha Stream were noted as a result.

It is noted that no hydrocarbons were found in the discharges or observed in the receiving waters immediately downstream of Taranaki Sawmills discharge point.

Although the discharge exhibited an elevated biochemical oxygen demand on one of the three monitoring occasions, no sewage fungus was reported to have been present in the stream at the time the sample was collected.

The PM<sub>10</sub> monitoring indicated the emissions from the site are continuing to comply with consent conditions and national environmental guidelines for particulates, and no smoke, dust or odour complaints were received by Council.

### 9.3.3 Evaluation of performance

A tabular summary of Taranaki Sawmill's compliance record for the year under review is set out in Table 29 and Table 30.

**Table 29** Summary of performance for Taranaki Sawmills: Consent 2333-4

<b>Purpose: To discharge of stormwater onto land and into the Waitaha Stream</b>		
<b>Condition requirement</b>	<b>Means of monitoring during period under review</b>	<b>Compliance achieved?</b>
1. Adoption of best practicable option to minimise adverse effects on the environment	Inspection and discussion with consent holder	No
2. Implementation of a contingency plan for action to be taken to prevent spillage	Revised plan reviewed and accepted January 2013	Yes
3. Maximum stormwater discharge rate	Visual assessment during inspection and at sampling	Yes
4. Limits on chemical composition of discharge	Chemical sampling of discharges	No- Suspended solids limit exceeded in two samples, BOD exceeded in one sample
5. Discharge cannot cause specified adverse effects beyond mixing zone	Visual assessment at inspection and receiving water sampling	Yes
6. Optional review provision re environmental effects	No further review provisions prior to expiry	N/A
Overall assessment of consent compliance and environmental performance in respect of this consent		<b>Improvement required</b> <b>High</b>
Overall assessment of administrative performance in respect of this consent		

**Table 30** Summary of performance for Taranaki Sawmills: Consent 4096-2

<b>Purpose: Discharge of emissions into the air</b>		
<b>Condition requirement</b>	<b>Means of monitoring during period under review</b>	<b>Compliance achieved?</b>
1. Adoption of best practicable option to minimise adverse effects on the environment	Inspection and discussion with consent holder	Yes
2. Minimisation of emissions due to control of plant and processes	Inspection and discussion with consent holder	Yes
3. Exercised in accordance with application	Inspection and discussion with consent holder	Yes
4. Boiler and stack operated in accordance with application	Inspection and discussion with consent holder	Yes

<b>Purpose: Discharge of emissions into the air</b>		
<b>Condition requirement</b>	<b>Means of monitoring during period under review</b>	<b>Compliance achieved?</b>
5. Consultation prior to alterations to plant and processes	Inspection and discussion with consent holder	Yes
6. Notification in the event of coal usage for more than 72 hours in 14 days	No notifications received	N/A
7. Records of coal usage	No notifications received	N/A
8. Preparation and adherence to management plan	Observation at inspection	Yes
9. Level of environmental performance for fire-pit to be commensurate with management plan	Observation at inspection	Yes
10. Notification in the event of an incident having offsite effects	Observation of the surrounding area on inspection or when in the area on other business; any complaints received by Council	Yes
11. Adverse ecological effects in Taranaki from discharge not permitted	Observation of the surrounding area on inspection or when in the area on other business; any complaints received by Council	Yes
12. Objectionable odour at boundary not permitted	Observation of the surrounding area on inspection or when in the area on other business; any complaints received by Council	Yes
13. Definition of factors constituting an objectionable odour	N/A	N/A
14. Limits on objectionable suspended or deposited dust	Observation and/or ambient suspended particulate monitoring at inspection	Yes
15. Limit for ground level ambient concentration of sulphur dioxide	Not measured during the year under review. Only applicable when coal is used in the boilers	N/A
16. Limit for ground level ambient concentration of suspended particulate matter <10 microns	Two day deployment of 'Dust Trak' PM <sub>10</sub> monitor	Yes
17. Noxious or toxic discharges not permitted at boundary	Observation of the surrounding area on inspection or when in the area on other business; any complaints received by Council	Yes
18. Limit on duration of emission of dark smoke	Observation of the surrounding area on inspection or when in the area on other business; review of any complaints received by Council	Yes
19. Minimum height of discharge	Observation during inspection. No decrease in stack height	Yes
20. Lapsing of consent	Consent exercised	N/A
21. Optional review provision re environmental effects	Provision for review in June 2014	N/A

Purpose: <i>Discharge of emissions into the air</i>		
Condition requirement	Means of monitoring during period under review	Compliance achieved?
Overall assessment of consent compliance and environmental performance in respect of this consent		High
Overall assessment of administrative performance in respect of this consent		High

During the year, Taranaki Sawmills demonstrated a high level of administrative performance and an improvement is required in Taranaki Sawmills level of environmental performance as defined in Section 1.1.5. There are persistent issues in regards to suspended solid concentrations at the sampling point and the consent holder currently operates under an abatement notice as a result of this. A subsequent sample of the stormwater discharges from this site was also found to be non-compliant and an infringement fine has been issued.

### 9.3.4 Recommendations from the 2014-2015 Annual Report

In the 2014-2015 Annual Report, it was recommended:

THAT monitoring programmed for consented activities of Taranaki Sawmills Ltd in the 2015-2016 year continues at the same level as programmed for 2014-2015.

This recommendation was implemented.

### 9.3.5 Alterations to monitoring programmes for 2016-2017

In designing and implementing the monitoring programmes for air and water discharges in the region, the Council has taken into account the extent of information made available by previous authorities, its relevance under the RMA, the obligations of the RMA in terms of monitoring emissions and discharges and their effects, and subsequently reporting to the regional community, the scope of assessments required at the time of renewal of permits, and the need to maintain a sound understanding of industrial processes within Taranaki emitting to the atmosphere and discharging to the environment.

It is proposed that the monitoring programmed for consented activities of Taranaki Sawmills in the 2016-2017 year continues at a similar level to that programmed for 2015-2016.

## 9.4 Recommendation

THAT the monitoring programmed for consented activities of Taranaki Sawmills in the 2016-2017 year continues at a similar level to that programmed for 2015-2016.

## **10. TBS Coatings Ltd**

### **10.1 Introduction**

#### **10.1.1 Process description**

Abrasive blasting is used at TBS Coating Ltd's (TBS) site to clean and prepare surfaces for painting. The process involves blasting an abrasive substance onto the surface of the object in question.

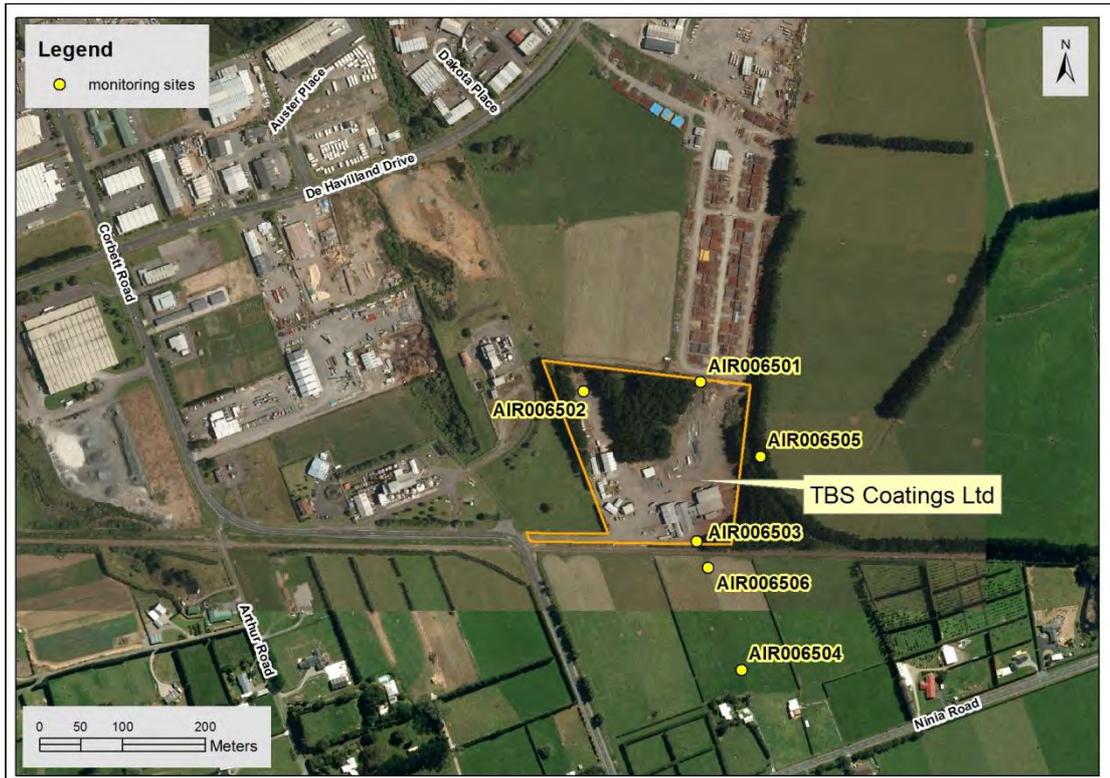
Material from the blasting process becomes airborne due to the release of high pressure air used to accelerate the abrasive media to the required cleaning velocities. Spray painting is also carried out on the site. All blasting and painting is carried out in enclosed areas.

There are emissions into the air from the operations associated with blasting and coating. The blasting medium is usually dust-free, however after being propelled against surfaces to be treated, clouds of detritus are typically created. Paint fragments, rust particles, and shattered blast media may be carried several hundred m if air pollution suppression equipment is not used. Paints are predominantly industrial zinc primers, epoxies intermediate and acrylic epoxy finishes.

The enclosed blasting facilities at this site are designed for control of emissions and recovery of blasting material. The larger blasting booth is a side draught booth connected to two dust collectors (both 20,000 cubic feet/minute capacity wet scrubbers) in parallel.

The smaller grit blast booth has been recently upgraded over the last eighteen months and the previous wet scrubber fan and conveyor recycling system has been replaced with a vacuum unit coupled to a reverse pulse dry bag dust control system located fully indoors with zero emissions.

Over the last year TBS has also dug out areas of the metal yard and laid bidum cloth underlay prior to reinstating heavy rolled metal mixed with used road millings as a trial to reduce metallised yard dust. Early indications are that this process has provided a less dusty more robust heavy traffic surface and is preventing fines from surfacing and becoming wind-blown dust. TBS has recently committed to completing a further trial area of metal upgrading. It is estimated that total dust emission from the site has been reduced by a third as a result of recent upgrades.



**Figure 13** Property of TBS Coatings Ltd, and related monitoring sites

TBS also undertakes mobile blasting operations throughout Taranaki. Portable equipment is used for the blasting and coating of fixed structures such as bridges, water tanks, pipelines, buildings and steel structures. Temporary screens are constructed around the items being worked on to contain dust emissions and depositions, and to restrict the spread of blasting debris.

Where mobile blasting is to be done in residential or urban areas, NPDC is given prior notification. In cases where the material to be removed or applied is likely to contain toxic substances such as lead, arsenic, chromium or zinc, the Taranaki Health Board is informed.

### 10.1.2 Air discharge permit

Section 15(1)(c) of the RMA stipulates that no person may discharge any contaminant from any industrial or trade premises into air, unless the activity is expressly allowed for by a resource consent, a rule in a regional plan, or by national regulations.

TBS holds air discharge permit **4056-2** to cover discharge of emissions into the air from abrasive blasting operations and associated activities at their permanent site and from mobile abrasive blasting operations at various locations. The Council originally issued this permit to TBS on 6 May 1992 as a resource consent under Section 87(e) of the RMA for mobile blasting only. The consent was renewed on 9 August 2002 and is due to expire on 1 June 2020.

Special condition 1 states that the consent holder shall at all times adopt the best practicable option, as defined in Section 2 of the RMA, to prevent or minimise any adverse effect on the environment.

The remaining special conditions on the consent are intended to reduce the quantity, control the quality, and minimise the potential for adverse effects from the emissions from the blasting activities and associated processes. This is achieved by:

- Limiting the locations at which blasting may be undertaken and ensuring that consideration is given to weather conditions (special conditions 2, 4, and 12). In general the blasting must be undertaken within the permanent facilities where the discharge must be contained and treated to meet specific discharge limits (special conditions 9 and 11).
- Ensuring that adequate screening is in place (special conditions 9, 14, and 15).
- Controlling the blasting media used (special conditions 3 and 7).
- Requiring that certain notifications are made and/or permissions sought prior to undertaking blasting when certain “higher risk” blasting activities are undertaken (special conditions 13, 16, 17 and 18). In the case of the Council, this allows for additional requirements to be placed on the consent holder in certain circumstances, and ensures the opportunity for Council to undertake monitoring specific to those activities.
- Limiting the effects at or beyond the boundary of the property in relation to dust and odour issues (special conditions 6, 10 and 19), and surface water quality issues (special condition 20).
- Addressing housekeeping issues (special condition 5).
- Requiring that the consent holder ensures that all operators understand and comply with the conditions of the consent (special condition 8).

## **10.2 Results**

### **10.2.1 Inspections**

#### **10.2.1.1 Site inspections**

The site was inspected on 9 December 2015, 11 March 2016 and 28 June 2016.

The inspections focused on dust levels, emissions from dust scrubbers, odour and general house keeping.

The site was found to be generally clean and tidy. Ambient dust levels with handheld devices were taken during two of the occasions and were found to be within consented limits in both instances.

#### **10.2.1.2 Mobile blasting inspections**

Two notifications were received in regard to blasting at Methanex’s storage facility at the port. No issues were noted during routine port inspections.

### **10.2.2 Results of receiving environment monitoring**

Many industries emit dust from various sources during operational periods. In order to assess the effects of the emitted dust, industries have been monitored using deposition gauges.

Deposition gauges are basically buckets elevated on a stand to about 1.6 metres. The buckets have a solution in them to ensure that any dust that settles out of the air is not re-suspended by wind.

Gauges are placed around the site and within the surrounding community. The gauges were deployed in the vicinity of the TBS site on one occasion during the year under review.

The rate of dust fall is calculated by dividing the weight of insoluble material (grams) collected by the cross-sectional area of the gauge (m<sup>2</sup>) and the number of days over which the sample was taken. The units of measurement are grams/m<sup>2</sup>/day (g/m<sup>2</sup>/day).

Guideline values used by the Council for dust deposition are 4 g/m<sup>2</sup>/30 days or 0.13 g/m<sup>2</sup>/day deposited matter. Consideration is given to the location of the industry and the sensitivity of the surrounding community, when assessing results against these values. However, TBS have a condition on their consent that limits the dust deposition rate beyond the boundary of their property to 4 g/m<sup>2</sup>/30 days.

Material from the gauges was sifted to remove any incidental organic debris and insects, and then analysed for solid particulates.

The number and position of deposition gauges is governed by the location of potential dust emission sources, the direction of predominant winds, and the position of sensitive areas in the surrounding environment. The sites monitored for TBS's facility are shown in Figure 13 and site descriptions are given in Table 31.

**Table 31** TBS - particulate deposition monitoring sites

Site code	NZTM Coordinates	Location
AIR006501*	1701416E – 5678078N	NE boundary, outside white gates - near scrubber sludge disposal area
AIR006502	1701275E – 5678067N	Inside boundary. Yard in NW corner, N of secondary blasting shed
AIR006505	1701488E – 5677988N	E boundary, at gap in shelter belt opposite blasting shed, near spent media disposal area
AIR006503*	1701411E – 5677885N	S boundary, outside fabric screen at railway line
AIR006504	1701465E – 5677729N	Paddock beside house of nearest neighbour, - 150m S on Ninia Road

Site AIR006502 is positioned inside the property boundary screenings, and so the consent limit and guideline cannot be applied. However, measurements made at this site are useful for determining the potential for offsite effects and for assessing the source of particulates. The consent limit and guideline is applicable at sites AIR006501, AIR006503, AIR006504 and AIR006505.

Results of the monitoring for the period under review are given in Table 32.

**Table 32** Deposition gauging results for sampling sites around the TBS Coatings Ltd location 21 March-11 April 2016

Site	Retrieval Date	Number of days deployed	Deposited particulate g/m <sup>2</sup> /30days	Consent limit gm/m <sup>2</sup> /30 days
AIR006501	11 April 2016	21	0.84	4
AIR006502	11 April 2016	21	<i>0.84</i>	-
AIR006503	11 April 2016	21	0.63	4
AIR006504	11 April 2016	21	1.68	4
AIR006505	11 April 2016	21	0.84	4

**Key:** Results in italics are indicative only, from site AIR006502 as it is well within the Company's boundary.

The monitoring found that the deposited particulate collected at one of the monitoring locations at or beyond the site boundary complied with the limit set in special condition 10 of consent 4056 (4 g/m<sup>2</sup>/30 days).

### 10.2.3 Investigations, interventions, and incidents

In the 2015-2016 year, it was not necessary for the Council to undertake significant additional investigations, interventions, or record incidents in respect of TBS.

## 10.3 Discussion

### 10.3.1 Discussion of plant performance

Site inspections found that the permanent blasting facilities were kept in a good state of repair and the treatment systems were found to be well maintained. No complaints were received during the period under review.

It is noted that TBS is currently undertaking trials with the yard surface to provide for a more permanent solution to dust suppression at the site.

### 10.3.2 Environmental effects of exercise of consents

Atmospheric particulate matter can arise from a number of sources, both natural and from human activity for example, vegetation pollen, smoke and ash, sea spray, dust from soils and paved surfaces, and manufacturing processes. While extremely fine particles may remain floating in the atmosphere for weeks or months, coarser dust may settle out within timeframes ranging from a few seconds to minutes.

The amount of dust and detritus generated at any industrial site is influenced by many factors. From past results of deposition gauging it is likely that factors including seasonal weather variations, vehicle traffic about the site and the type of work being conducted will have some effect on the results.

The environmental effects of dusts include loss of visibility, loss of the amenity and aesthetic values of a 'clear sky', irritation to breathing, and soiling of surfaces. It has been found that background rates of dust deposition in rural areas of New Zealand are typically 0.1-1.5 g/m<sup>2</sup>/30 days, while in urban areas rates are generally higher, in the

range of 0.6-3.0 g/m<sup>2</sup>/30 days. From experience, rates above 3-4 g/m<sup>2</sup>/30 days tend to lead to complaints by neighbours over the objectionable or offensive nature of dust emissions from particular sources.

Deposition gauging was conducted around the TBS site for the 37<sup>th</sup> time during the period under review.

The gauging period from 21 March 2016 to 11 April 2016 found that the site was compliant with consent conditions and not likely to having an adverse effect on the environment.

### 10.3.3 Evaluation of performance

A tabular summary of TBS's compliance record for the year under review is set out in Table 33.

**Table 33** Summary of performance for TBS: Consent 4056-2

<b>Purpose: To discharge emissions into the air</b>		
<b>Condition requirement</b>	<b>Means of monitoring during period under review</b>	<b>Compliance achieved?</b>
1. Adoption of best practicable option to minimise effects on the environment	Inspection and discussion with consent holder	Yes
2. Blasting in enclosed facility	Inspection and discussion with consent holder	Yes
3. Sand to have low active silica content and percentage of fine particles	Sand not used during the year under review	N/A
4. Consideration of wind conditions to minimise of off-site emissions	Inspection. No complaints received	Yes
5. Clearance of blasting material	Inspection	Yes
6. Offensive and objectionable odours and dust beyond boundary not permitted	Inspection and incident investigation	Yes
7. Avoidance of dry sand blasting for yard and mobile blasting	Inspection and liaison with consent holder	Yes
8. Compliance of operators with conditions	Inspection	Yes
9. Treatment of emissions prior to discharge at permanent facilities	Suspended particulate monitoring at inspection	Yes.
10. Dust deposition rate limit beyond boundary	Deposition gauge monitoring	Yes
11. Maximum concentrations of lead, chromium and zinc	Not measured. Discussions with consent holder about materials blasted	N/A
12. Infrequent allowance of yard operations	No notification of yard blasting received. No yard blasting found at inspections	Yes
13. Notification prior to yard operations	Inspection and observation when inspecting officer is in the vicinity of the site on other business. No yard blasting noted during year under review	N/A
14. Screening to contain emissions	No yard blasting noted during year under review	N/A
15. Screening of items to be blasted	Inspection	Yes

<b>Purpose: To discharge emissions into the air</b>		
<b>Condition requirement</b>	<b>Means of monitoring during period under review</b>	<b>Compliance achieved?</b>
16. Notification to New Plymouth District Council prior to blasting in urban areas	No urban mobile blasting noted during the year under review	N/A
17. Notification to Council prior to blasting in close proximity to water course	Notification received	Yes
18. Written Council approval and notification of affected parties prior to blasting close to boundaries	No mobile blasting close to boundaries during the year under review	N/A
19. Ambient suspended particulate limit for public amenity areas	No mobile blasting at public amenity areas noted during the year under review	N/A
20. Effects on surface water bodies not permitted	Inspection	Yes
21. Optional review provision re environmental effects	Provision for review in June 2014	N/A
Overall assessment of consent compliance and environmental performance in respect of this consent		<b>High</b>
Overall assessment of administrative performance in respect of this consent		<b>High</b>

N/A = Not applicable

TRC = Taranaki Regional Council

DC = District Council

During the year, TBS Coatings Ltd demonstrated a high level of environmental performance and a high level of administrative performance with the resource consents as defined in Section 1.1.5.

#### **10.3.4 Recommendations from the 2014-2015 Annual Report**

In the 2014-2015 Annual Report, it was recommended:

THAT monitoring programmed for consented activities of TBS Coatings Ltd in the 2015-2016 year continues at the same level as in 2014-2015.

These recommendations were implemented.

#### **10.3.5 Alterations to monitoring programmes for 2016-2017**

In designing and implementing the monitoring programmes for air discharges in the region, the Council has taken into account the extent of information made available by previous authorities, its relevance under the RMA, the obligations of the Act in terms of monitoring emissions and their effects, and subsequently reporting to the regional community, the scope of assessments required at the time of renewal of permits, and the need to maintain a sound understanding of industrial processes within Taranaki emitting to the atmosphere.

It is proposed that for 2016-2017, the programme that the monitoring of TBS remain at a similar level as the 2015-2016 period. A recommendation to this effect is attached to this report.

## **10.4 Recommendation**

THAT monitoring programmed for consented activities of TBS Coatings Ltd in the 2016-2017 year continues at a similar level as in 2015-2016.

## 11. Weatherford New Zealand Ltd

### 11.1 Introduction

#### 11.1.1 Process description

Weatherford New Zealand Ltd (Weatherford) has a 1.7 ha yard on Dakota Place for storage and maintenance of drill pipe, down-hole tools and other miscellaneous equipment used in the oil industry. New casing and drill pipe is cleaned to remove protective grease, which until the 1980's contained some copper and zinc, and a high proportion of lead. Kerosene is brushed onto the threads and the oil/kerosene mix is washed off with a water blaster. Kerosene is only used when oil and grease can not be removed by water alone. A phosphate bath is used for the etching of pipes in the lower yard. Minor amounts of waste from this process may be discharged to the stream via the lower wash pad interceptor. During the year under review it was identified that the phosphating chemical used also contains nickel and manganese.

There are two wash pads at the site. The wash pad in the upper catchment drains to a small three stage interceptor which discharges onto land just over 50 m from the tributary. There is no bunding around either of the wash pads, so a significant volume of stormwater from the upper and lower yards flows through the interceptors during rainfall events.

The wash pad in the upper yard has not been used for washing purposes for a number of years.

The larger wash pad in the lower yard drains via an in-ground pipe to a three stage interceptor on the bank of the unnamed tributary. The pipes overhang the wash pad slightly, so a moveable catchment facility has been installed to capture wash water at the end of the wash pad to avoid discharge on to land. This wash pad is used for the majority of the wash down that occurs at the site.

The property slopes towards the Waitaha Stream where it runs along the western boundary and towards the unnamed tributary that runs along the northern boundary. The site is mostly metalled, with only the wash pad areas sealed. Recent works have been undertaken on site to direct overland flow to settling ponds for treatment.



**Photo 5** Weatherford - view from the northern corner

### 11.1.2 Water discharge permit

Section 15(1)(a) of the RMA stipulates that no person may discharge any contaminant into water, unless the activity is expressly allowed for by a resource consent or a rule in a regional plan, or by national regulations.

Weatherford holds water discharge permit **4775-1** to cover the discharge of up to 180 L/s of treated stormwater and minor treated wash-down water from an oilfield engineering services premises onto land and into an unnamed tributary of the Waitaha Stream. This permit was originally issued to Austoil Drilling Services Pty Ltd for the discharge of treated stormwater by the Council on 5 September 1995 under Section 87(e) of the RMA. A variation to consent was granted on 30 June 1997 to also allow for the discharge of minor treated wash-down water onto land. The permit was transferred to Weatherford on 15 April 2002. It was reviewed in August 2008 for the purpose of ensuring that the special conditions of the consent were adequate to deal with potential adverse effects of the discharge on the receiving environment. Consent 4775-1 expired on 1 June 2014 and is now exercised under Section 124 of the RMA.

Special condition 1 places limits on the quality of the discharges. There is an oil and grease limit of 25 g/m<sup>3</sup> for the interceptor discharging to land and 15 g/m<sup>3</sup> for the stormwater and wash water to the Waitaha Stream.

Special condition 2 requires the construction of bunding.

Special condition 3 limits the effects of the discharge on receiving water quality beyond a 10 metre mixing zone.

Special condition 4 contains review provisions.

Special condition 5 requires the provision of a management plan to ensure that the consent holder is operating activities at the site in a manner that is consistent with the best practicable option to minimise contamination in the discharges from the site.

A copy of the permit is attached to this report in Appendix I.

## 11.2 Results

### 11.2.1 Inspections

Inspections were undertaken on 5 August 2015, 4 December 2015, 11 March 2016, and 10 June 2016.

Inspections focused on the presence and storage of hazardous substances, evidence of spills, general housekeeping, and the operation and maintenance of treatment systems.

The site was generally found to be clean and tidy, however the 4 December 2015 inspection recommended that sediment was removed from the settling pond and the 11 March 2015 inspection noted metal filings on the ground near the wash pad that had the potential to become entrained in stormwater.

However, it is also noted that a non-compliant sample was obtained from the discharge point on 19 August 2015.

## 11.2.2 Results of discharge monitoring

The discharge to the tributary of the Waitaha Stream from the lower interceptor (TRC site code IND002031) and the discharge to land from the interceptor servicing the top wash pad (IND002021) are sampled as part of this programme. Stormwater runoff from the yard area (STW002025) was also sampled during the year under review.

No discharges from the lower interceptor (site IND002031) were noted during scheduled sampling visits and therefore no samples were taken. This may be a reflection of the consent holder's management of the interceptor by having it emptied by contractor on a regular basis.

The results for the sampling undertaken in the period under review are presented in Table 34 and Table 35, along with a summary of all data from the site.

Special condition 1 of resource consent 4775 requires that the oil and grease concentration of the discharge to the Waitaha Stream tributary must not exceed 15 g/m<sup>3</sup>, the oil and grease concentration of the interceptor discharge to land must not exceed 25 g/m<sup>3</sup>, the pH of all discharges must be in the range 6.0 – 9.0, and the suspended solids concentration of all discharges must not exceed 100 g/m<sup>3</sup>.

The programme provided for the interceptors to be checked, and sampled if they are discharging. Recent changes in management practices at the site associated with the interceptors have meant that the interceptors are emptied frequently (fortnightly) due to the issues that Weatherford had been experiencing in meeting the required water quality standards on the consent, particularly the oil and grease limit. As a result, the interceptors should discharge very infrequently.

During the period under review three samples were taken of the discharge from the upper interceptor, and two samples were collected from the overland flow discharging to the unnamed tributary.

**Table 34** Results of sampling at Weatherford – upper interceptor to land (IND002001)

Parameter	Units	Min	Max	Med	N	19 Aug 2015	17 Mar 2016	10 Jun 2016	Consent Limit
Conductivity @ 20°C	mS/m	4.3	23	8.3	27	5.6	8.3	9.5	-
Acid soluble copper	g/m <sup>3</sup>	0.01	0.03	0.01	12	<0.01	<0.01	0.01	-
Dissolved reactive phosphorus	g/m <sup>3</sup> P	0.003	30.6	0.005	24	<0.003	<0.003	<0.003	-
Acid soluble lead	g/m <sup>3</sup>	0.05	0.05	0.02	12	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	-
Oil and Grease	g/m <sup>3</sup>	0.5	120	11	29	a	<0.5	a	25
pH	pH	6.2	7.8	7.2	27	7.2	7.5	7.3	6-9
Suspended solids	g/m <sup>3</sup>	2	180	42	3	b	b	b	100
Temperature	Deg.C	10.3	20.5	13.3	25	12.1	18.3	-	-
Acid soluble zinc	g/m <sup>3</sup>	0.136	1.81	0.816	12	0.231	0.267	0.715	-

**Key:** Results in bold within a table indicate that a consent limit for a particular parameter has been exceeded

a =No visual sheens or odour

b= Sample visually clear and uncoloured

The samples from the upper interceptor onto land showed that this discharge was in compliance with consent conditions at the time the surveys were undertaken.

The acid soluble zinc concentration found in the discharge, whilst higher than that found in the last period, it still appears to be declining in the long term. It is noted that the wash pad draining via this interceptor is no longer in use, and there is also only a limited amount of activity that occurs in this area of the site that has the potential to result in stormwater contamination.

Phosphating has been carried out exclusively at the lower wash pad area for a number of years.

**Table 35** Results of sampling at Weatherford NZ Ltd – site STW002025

Parameter	Units	Min	Max	Med	N	19 Aug 2015	17 Mar 2016	Consent Limit
Conductivity @ 20°C	mS/m	0.1	19.8	5.7	23	4.4	2.8	-
Acid soluble copper	g/m <sup>3</sup>	0.01	0.07	0.03	17	0.06	0.04	-
Dissolved reactive phosphorus	g/m <sup>3</sup> P	0.003	0.061	0.009	24	0.012	0.006	-
Acid soluble lead	g/m <sup>3</sup>	0.05	0.07	0.02	17	0.06	0.06	-
Acid soluble manganese	g/m <sup>3</sup>	0.07	0.77	0.11	6	0.11	0.07	-
Acid soluble nickel	g/m <sup>3</sup>	0.02	0.06	0.02	6	0.04	0.03	-
Oil and Grease	g/m <sup>3</sup>	0.5	56	0.9	21	a	a	15
pH	pH	6.4	9.8	7	24	7.2	7.3	6-9
Suspended solids	g/m <sup>3</sup>	6	420	82	20	<b>210</b>	<b>110</b>	100
Temperature	Deg.C	10.2	21.3	15.4	24	11.6	16.0	-
Acid soluble zinc	g/m <sup>3</sup>	0.082	1.08	0.363	17	0.340	0.229	-

**Key:** Results in bold within a table indicate that a consent limit for a particular parameter has been exceeded  
a =No visual sheens or odour

The stormwater discharge from the site was found to comply with component concentrations given in the consent on all occasions, with the exception of suspended solids on both sampling occasions. The sample taken on 19 August 2015 was double the consented limit and an incident was logged (see next section). The second non-compliance was considered minor as it exceeded consent limits by only 10% and on that occasion no action was taken other than to inform the consent holder.

### 11.2.3 Investigations, interventions, and incidents

In the period under review, it was necessary for the Council to record an incident in respect of Weatherford's compliance.

#### 19 August 2015

An analysis of routine sample results showed that the consent limit for suspended solids in the discharge was not being complied with. The consent holder was contacted and advised of the results and directed to reduce the level of solids entrained in the discharge. Work was undertaken, however further work may be required.

## 11.3 Discussion

### 11.3.1 Discussion of plant performance

Inspections found that the housekeeping at the site was generally of a high standard and operations were well managed. Works were also undertaken in preparation to divert all wash water to sewer and these works have now being completed. Further

works on the stormwater treatment pond may be required to ensure compliance with the consented suspended solids limits.

### **11.3.2 Environmental effects of exercise of consent**

Observation of the Waitaha Stream and its tributary during inspection and sampling found no significant effects in the receiving water related to the Weatherford discharges. There two exceedances of the suspended solids limit found in the stormwater discharging to the tributary that flows between the Weatherford and Taranaki Sawmills sites, however no increase in turbidity was found in the Waitaha Stream as a result.

The level of metals in the discharge will continue to be monitored and their potential effects assessed in more detail once sufficient data has been collected. The addition of dissolved metals analysis will assist in determining if the metals are immediately bioavailable or pose a longer term risk via accumulation in stream sediments.

In the meantime, as the source of metal contamination is likely to be from the soils on site, the ongoing silt control measures being undertaken at the site will assist in reducing the levels of these contaminants.

### 11.3.3 Evaluation of performance

A tabular summary of Weatherford's compliance record for the year under review is set out in Table 36.

**Table 36** Summary of performance for Weatherfords: Consent 4775-1

<b>Purpose: To discharge of treated stormwater and wash down water onto land and into a stream</b>		
<b>Condition requirement</b>	<b>Means of monitoring during period under review</b>	<b>Compliance achieved?</b>
1. Limits on chemical composition of discharge	Chemical sampling	Exceedance of suspended solids in two discharge samples
2. Construction of bunding	Site inspection	Yes
3. Discharge cannot cause specified adverse effects beyond mixing zone	Inspections and chemical sampling	Yes
4. Optional review provision re environmental effects	Consent reviewed in 2008, no further opportunities for review	N/A
5. Preparation and maintenance of stormwater management plan	Review of documentation submitted to Council	Yes
Overall assessment of consent compliance and environmental performance in respect of this consent		<b>Improvement required</b>
Overall assessment of administrative performance in respect of this consent		<b>High</b>

N/A = not applicable

During the year, Weatherford New Zealand Ltd a high level of administrative performance, however an improvement in the level of environmental performance as defined in Section 1.15 is required. There were two non-compliant results in regard to suspended solids and Weatherfords is working to improve silt control.

### 11.3.4 Recommendation from the 2014-2015 Annual Report

In the 2014-2015 Annual Report, it was recommended:

THAT monitoring programmed for consented activities of Weatherford New Zealand Ltd in the 2015-2016 year continues at the same level as programmed in 2014-2015.

This recommendation was implemented.

### 11.3.5 Alterations to monitoring programmes for 2016-2017

In designing and implementing the monitoring programmes for water discharges in the region, the Council has taken into account the extent of information made available by previous authorities, its relevance under the RMA, the obligations of the RAM in terms of monitoring emissions and discharges and their effects, and subsequently reporting to the regional community, the scope of assessments required at the time of renewal of permits, and the need to maintain a sound understanding of industrial

processes within Taranaki emitting to the atmosphere and discharging to the environment.

It is proposed that monitoring programmed for consented activities of Weatherford New Zealand Ltd in the 2016-2017 year continues at a similar level programmed for 2015-2016.

#### **11.4 Recommendation**

THAT monitoring programmed for consented activities of Weatherford New Zealand Ltd in the 2016-2017 year continues at a similar level programmed for 2015-2016.

## 12. Woodward's 2008 Ltd

### 12.1 Introduction

#### 12.1.1 Process description

Woodwards 2008 Ltd (Woodwards) operates a firewood business which generates woodwaste such as sawdust, bark and offcuts. These are burnt in a fire pit on the site for which a consent was required.

The site is located at 124 De Havilland Drive, Bell Block; approximately 6.5 km east of New Plymouth city centre. The surrounding land use is predominantly industrial or trade premises; there is also pasture bordering the site to the east which is currently used for grazing livestock.

An open fire-pit is located at the eastern side of the site approximately 75 m south of De Havilland Drive (Figure 14). Industrial premises are currently located to the north, west and south of the property. The closest industrial premises are approximately 115 m north of the fire pit across De Havilland Drive.

The Waitaha Stream flows through a pipe underneath the site and resurfaces on the northern side of De Havilland Drive.



**Figure 14** Woodward's property and fire pit location

Woodwards generates wood wastes which include timber blocks, bark and sawdust. They aim to burn the wood wastes daily, as it is generated, to prevent the waste from becoming saturated, which would make the potential for offsite effects harder to manage. The effects are managed by taking into account wind direction and strength and by also taking into account the amount of material within the pit, before it is lit.

The material incinerated in the open-pit is untreated timber off-cuts/sawdust. No tanned timber wastes or plastics are incinerated.

There are a number of potential contaminants that are discharged into the air from the combustion of wood products, however in this case these are primarily:

- particulates
- odour and dust
- carbon monoxide

### 12.1.2 Air discharge permit

Section 15(1)(c) of the RMA stipulates that no person may discharge any contaminant from any industrial or trade premises into air, unless the activity is expressly allowed for by a resource consent, a rule in a regional plan, or by national regulations.

Woodwards holds air discharge permit **7881-1** to cover discharge of emissions into the air from the combustion of untreated timber wastes. This permit was issued by the Council on 17 August 2011 under Section 87(e) of the RMA. It is due to expire on 1 June 2026.

There are nine special conditions attached to the consent.

Special condition 1 requires the consent holder to adopt the best practicable option having regard to particular aspects of the management of the operation and wind conditions.

Special condition 2 restricts the material that can be combusted to untreated timber only, and limits the proximity of the fire pit to the property boundary.

Special condition 3 prohibits objectionable or offensive odours beyond the property boundary.

Special condition 4 requires that the activity is supervised at all times and limits the time of day at which the fire may be lit.

Special conditions 5, 6 and 7 control dust deposition, ambient suspended particulates and noxious or toxic contaminants beyond the property boundary.

Special condition 8 is a lapse condition.

Special condition 9 contains provisions for review.

A copy of the consent is attached in Appendix I.

## 12.2 Results

### 12.2.1 Inspections

The site was inspected on 29 July 2015, 4 December 2015 and 22 January 2016.

The inspections focussed on material being burnt in the fire-pit, the effects from smoke, general housekeeping and the fuel filling facility.

During the period under review it was found that the fire pit was being well managed and effects were noted from burning. The fuel filling area was highlighted as a potential contamination source and the staff were directed to take care when using the fuel tank or draining stormwater from the bund.

## 12.2.2 Investigations, interventions, and incidents

In the 2015-2016 year, it was not necessary for the Council to undertake significant additional investigations, interventions, or record incidents in respect of the activities of Woodward's.

## 12.3 Discussion

### 12.3.1 Discussion of plant performance

The site was found to be well managed during the year under review. No prohibited wastes were found in the fire pit, and staff were found to be well aware of the requirements of the consent with regard to permitted materials and taking wind conditions into consideration before commencing exercise of the consent.

### 12.3.2 Environmental effects of exercise of consent

No adverse environmental effects were found during the year under review.

### 12.3.3 Evaluation of performance

A tabular summary of the Woodward's compliance record for the year under review is set out in Table 37.

**Table 37** Summary of performance for Woodward's: Consent 7881-1

<b>Purpose: To discharge emissions into the air</b>		
<b>Condition requirement</b>	<b>Means of monitoring during period under review</b>	<b>Compliance achieved?</b>
1. Adopt best practicable option. Controls over management practices and consideration of wind conditions	Inspection and discussion with consent holder	Yes
2. Combustion of only untreated wood and wood wastes. Fire pit 20 m from boundary	Inspection and discussion with consent holder. Observation of materials in fire pit	Yes
3. Offensive and objectionable odour at site boundary not permitted	Odour surveys during inspection	Yes
4. Supervision of fire. No fires to be lit after 12 noon	Inspection and observation while council officers in the area	Yes

<b>Purpose: To discharge emissions into the air</b>		
<b>Condition requirement</b>	<b>Means of monitoring during period under review</b>	<b>Compliance achieved?</b>
5. Maximum dust deposition rate of 0.13/ m <sup>2</sup> /day	No visible dust emissions reported at the time of inspection. Deposition rate not measured	N/A
6. Maximum suspended particulates of 3 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	No visible dust emissions reported at the time of inspection	Yes
7. Prohibits noxious and toxic levels of contaminants beyond the boundary	Periodic inspection of log during inspection and review of documentation submitted to Council	Yes
8. Consent lapses if not exercised by 30 Sept 2016	Consent exercised	N/A
9. Optional review provision re environmental effects	Provision for review in June 2014	N/A
Overall assessment of consent compliance and environmental performance in respect of this consent		<b>High</b>
Overall assessment of administrative performance in respect of this consent		<b>High</b>

N/A Not applicable or not assessed

During the year, Woodward's 2008 Ltd demonstrated a high level of environmental performance and a high level of administrative performance as defined in Section 1.1.5.

#### **12.3.4 Recommendations from the 2014-2015 Annual Report**

In the 2014-2015 Annual Report, it was recommended:

THAT monitoring programmed for consented activities at Woodward's 2008 Ltd in the 2015-2016 year continues at the same level as programmed in 2014-2015.

This recommendation was implemented.

#### **12.3.5 Alterations to monitoring programmes for 2016-2017**

In designing and implementing the monitoring programmes for air discharges in the region, the Council has taken into account the extent of information made available by previous authorities, its relevance under the RMA, the obligations of the RMA in terms of monitoring emissions and discharges and their effects, and subsequently reporting to the regional community, the scope of assessments required at the time of renewal of permits, and the need to maintain a sound understanding of industrial processes within Taranaki emitting to the atmosphere and discharging to the environment.

It is proposed that for 2016-2017, the monitoring of Woodward's continue at a similar level to that programme for the 2015-2016 year. A recommendation to this effect is attached to this report.

### **12.4 Recommendation**

THAT monitoring programmed for consented activities at Woodward's 2008 Ltd in the 2016-2017 year continue at a similar level as programmed in 2015-2016.

## 13. Zelum Ltd

### 13.1 Introduction

#### 13.1.1 Process description

Zelum Ltd (Zelum) and the company before it, Taranaki NuChem Ltd, has manufactured a range of specialised chemical products for the agricultural, horticultural and timber industries at a plant in the Bell Block industrial estate, New Plymouth since 1992. The size of the operation is small and many of the processes are considered to be unprofitable for the larger chemical companies to undertake.

Zelum manufactures a range of chemicals that include 18 plant protectants and growth promotants, 23 herbicides, seven insecticides, seven additives (surface active agents), four sanitation products, and ten wood protection fungicides.

Production is largely by formulation (blending active ingredients and other agents), and the production is based on batch processes (i.e. not continuous).

Three wet scrubbers are the only significant point sources that discharge emissions directly to air.

#### 13.1.2 Air discharge permit

Section 15(1)(c) of the RMA stipulates that no person may discharge any contaminant from any industrial or trade premises into air, unless the activity is expressly allowed for by a resource consent, a rule in a regional plan, or by national regulations.

Zelum holds air discharge permit **4059-5** to cover discharge of emissions into the air from industrial agri-chemical formulation processes and associated activities. The Council originally issued this permit to Taranaki NuChem Ltd on 8 February 1995 as a resource consent under Section 87(e) of the RMA. The consent was renewed on 20 December 2000, was transferred to Zelum on 30 November 2006, and renewed again on 13 February 2008 with the same purpose and conditions as consent 4059-4. An application to vary the consent was received on 24 August 2009 to better reflect the monitoring and control of an improved emission abatement system already in place for the control of benzyl chloride emissions. The varied consent was issued on 1 September 2009. It will expire on 1 June 2026.

Special condition 1 requires that the consent holder adopts the best practicable option to minimise emissions from the site.

Special condition 2 requires consultation with the Council prior to significant changes to operations at the site that may alter the quantity or nature of contaminants emitted from the site.

Special conditions 3 and 11 limit effects and contaminant concentrations at or beyond the boundary of the site.

Special conditions 4 and 5 limit the concentration of contaminants in the discharge.

Special condition 6 requires the consent holder to keep an incident log.

Special condition 7 controls the pH of the liquor in the “forced draft” scrubbers and special condition 9 controls the free amine concentration of the “air displacement” scrubber so that they continue to be effective.

Special conditions 8 and 10 require the consent holder to monitor the pH of the “forced draft” scrubber liquors and the free amine concentration of the “air displacement” scrubber liquor.

Special condition 12 (formerly condition 10) contains a provision for reviewing the conditions of the consent.

A copy of the permit is attached to this report in Appendix I.

## **13.2 Results**

### **13.2.1 Inspections**

The site was inspected 6 August 2015, 23 November 2015, 11 March 2016 and 4 May 2016.

The inspections focussed on odours and emissions, the bio-beds, dust scrubbers, bunding, evidence of spills, new treatment measures and general housekeeping. No significant issues were noted during the period under review and the site was found to be well managed.

The inspection of 16 August 2016 noted that carbon filters had been fitted to the new granulation plant to improve emissions quality prior to discharge. The inspection of 11 March 2016 identified a few weak points in the internal bunding in the new shed, which staff on site undertook to address.

### **13.2.2 Results of receiving environment monitoring**

Prior to site inspections the inspecting officer conducts a survey around the plant perimeter to check for any off-site odours, visible emissions or evidence of effects on the foliage of plants in the vicinity of the site.

During these inspections no objectionable or offensive odour or other effects were detected at or beyond the boundary.

### **13.2.3 Data review**

Zelam’s consent contains requirements for the consent holder to monitor the pH of the forced draft scrubbers on a weekly basis (special condition 8) and free amine concentration of the air displacement scrubber prior to each production run (special condition 10), and to send this information through to the Council in the form of a written report on request.

A summary of the information provided that covers the year under review is shown in Table 38. During the 2011-2012 year, Council was informed that the air displacement scrubber was no longer in use at the site. As the process had been discontinued, results

were only provided for the pH of the forced draft scrubbers during the year under review.

**Table 38** Summary of Zelum's scrubber liquor monitoring

	Forced draft scrubber liquors		
	Shed 2 - pH	Shed 3 - pH	Shed 5 pH
<b>Consent limit</b>	Minimum of 9.0 pH		
Minimum	8.8	9.0	9.0
Maximum	11.5	11.4	11.3
Number	51	51	50
Percentage compliance	98%	100%	100%

With exception of one pH reading of 8.8 Zelum's monitoring shows that the scrubber liquors were maintained at or above the required minimum pH levels. Zelum was contacted in regard to the one non-compliant reading and it was found that there was a sudden unexpected drop in pH which was immediately rectified when discovered. The data supplied supported this explanation

#### 13.2.4 Investigations, interventions, and incidents

In the 2015-2016 year, it was not necessary for the Council to undertake significant additional investigations, interventions, or record incidents in respect of the site operated by Zelum.

### 13.3 Discussion

#### 13.3.1 Discussion of plant performance

Inspections found that general housekeeping were consistently good during the year under review.

Information supplied to the Council in relation to Zelum's self monitoring of the scrubber liquor pH showed that with exception of one reading in the 152 pH readings supplied, the scrubber liquors were maintained as per the conditions of the consent. The non-compliance was only slight and immediately rectified when discovered.

#### 13.3.2 Environmental effects of exercise of consent

No significant adverse effects were found as a result of Zelum's activities. No odours were noted during the off-site odour surveys, and no effects were noted on the foliage of the surrounding vegetation during the year under review.

### 13.3.3 Evaluation of performance

A tabular summary of Zelum's compliance record for the year under review is set out in Table 39.

**Table 39** Summary of performance for Zelum: Consent 4059-5

<b>Purpose: To discharge emissions into the air</b>		
<b>Condition requirement</b>	<b>Means of monitoring during period under review</b>	<b>Compliance achieved?</b>
1. Minimisation of emissions to air	Inspection and discussion with consent holder	Yes
2. Consultation prior to alterations to plant or processes	Liaison during visits and consultation regarding the installation of a new granulation plant	Yes
3. Objectionable odour at site boundary not permitted	Odour surveys	Yes
4. Maximum concentration of benzyl chloride	Process not undertaken	N/A
5. Concentration of discharge of particulate matter	No visible emissions at the time of inspection	Yes
6. Immediate notification in the event of incident affecting off-site location	No incidents reported. No incidents found at inspection. No complaints received	Yes
7. pH of forced draft scrubber liquor	Periodic inspection of log during inspection and review of documentation submitted to Council	98% compliance
8. Monitoring of forced draft scrubber liquor pH	Periodic inspection of log during inspection and review of documentation submitted to Council	Yes
9. Free amine concentration of air displacement scrubber liquor	Process not undertaken	N/A
10. Monitoring of air displacement scrubber liquor free amine concentration	Process not undertaken	N/A
11. Maximum ground-level concentrations of contaminants beyond boundary	Not monitored during year under review	N/A
12. Optional review provision re environmental effects	Provision for review in June 2014	N/A
Overall assessment of consent compliance and environmental performance in respect of this consent		<b>High</b>
Overall assessment of administrative performance in respect of this consent		<b>High</b>

During the year, Zelum Ltd demonstrated a high level of environmental performance and a high level of administrative performance as defined in Section 1.1.5.

### 13.3.4 Recommendation from the 2014-2015 Annual Report

In the 2014-2015 Annual Report, it was recommended:

THAT monitoring programmed for consented activities at Zelum Ltd in the 2015-2016 year continues at the same level as in 2014-2015.

This recommendation was implemented.

### **13.3.5 Alterations to monitoring programmes for 2016-2017**

In designing and implementing the monitoring programmes for air discharges in the region, the Council has taken into account the extent of information made available by previous authorities, its relevance under the RMA, the obligations of the RMA in terms of monitoring emissions and discharges and their effects, and subsequently reporting to the regional community, the scope of assessments required at the time of renewal of permits, and the need to maintain a sound understanding of industrial processes within Taranaki emitting to the atmosphere and discharging to the environment.

It is proposed that for 2015-2016, the programme continue at a similar level as that programmed for the 2015-2016 year.

A recommendation to this effect is attached to this report.

## **13.4 Recommendation**

THAT monitoring programmed for consented activities at Zelum Ltd in the 2016-2017 continue at a similar level as in 2015-2016.

## 14. Catchment unauthorised discharges

In the Waitaha catchment during the year under review, there were five water-related, and seven air-related incidents logged on the Council database. Of these twelve incidents, only five could be substantiated at the time of investigation. A summary of all incidents is given in Table 40. An outline of those incidents not already detailed in this report is given in Table 41.

**Table 40** Summary of the number of incidents investigated in the Waitaha Catchment

Company	Number of substantiated unauthorised discharges	Number of unsubstantiated unauthorised discharges
<b>Waitaha catchment joint monitoring programme</b>		
AICA (NZ) Ltd	1 (water)	0
C & O Concrete Ltd	1 (water)	0
Meredith Metals Ltd	1 (water)	0
New Plymouth District Council	1 (air)	0
Symons Property Developments Ltd	0	2 (air)
Taranaki Sawmills Ltd	2 (water)	0
Weatherford New Zealand Ltd	1 (water)	0
<b>Permitted activities/other</b>		
North Fuels	1 (land)	0
K J Adamson Contracting	1 (air)	0
Carey and Noeline Hobbs	0	1 (air)
<b>Un sourced/unidentified</b>	0	3 (water)
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>

**Table 41** Details of incidents in the Waitaha Catchment not otherwise report in previous sections

Incident source	Incident date and time	Incident description	Incident details
Un sourced	08 Aug 2015 05:45 PM	A complaint was received regarding foam in the Waitaha Stream, Bell Block.	Investigation found foam present in the stream, however inspection of upstream properties could find no source of any unauthorised discharge. Further monitoring inspections were undertaken and it was found that the stream had cleared.
Un sourced	17 Oct 2015 07:20 AM	A complaint was received regarding foam in the Waitaha Stream at Wills Road, Bell Block.	Investigation found there was foam in the stream, however despite extensive investigation of the industrial area upstream no unauthorised discharge could be found.
Carey and Noeline Hobbs	06 Nov 2015 09:00 AM	Numerous complaints were received concerning smoke from a fire within the Bell Block industrial area.	Investigation found that green vegetation was being burnt on a lifestyle property, causing offensive levels of smoke that affected businesses in the Bell Block industrial area. A contractor undertook to bury the burning material. A letter pf explanation was received and accepted.
K J Adamson Contracting	10 Feb 2016 11:30 AM	A complaint was received regarding dust arising from a residential development arising from earthworks.	Earthworks had ceased at the time of inspection - the earthworks contractor advised that he would take into consideration wind direction before beginning further works.
North Fuels	04 Apr 2016 09:00 AM	Notification was received regarding a spill of unleaded fuel at a transport yard on De Havilland Drive, Bell Block.	Inspection found that due to an operator error when filling a tanker parked at a transport yard, approximately 250 litres of unleaded petrol discharged onto land and flowed into an adjacent paddock. The operator who caused the spill stopped the discharge and immediately undertook steps to recover the fuel using sorbent pads. The adjacent land owner was informed of the spill to prevent stock grazing the area.
Un sourced	12 Apr 2016 10:27 AM	A complaint was received concerning silt and sediment in the Waitaha Stream at Wills Road, Bell Block	Various sites were investigated in the vicinity of the Waitaha Stream. All sites inspected were compliant with the Regional Fresh Water Plan for Taranaki at the time of inspection, the source of the discoloration could not be traced.

## 15. Waitaha Stream receiving environment monitoring

### 15.1 Results of wet weather surveys

Two full wet weather surveys were conducted during the year under review, with seven in-stream water quality sites sampled by the Council. All samples were tested for pH, conductivity, oil and grease, and turbidity. Further tests for metals, phosphorus, nitrogen, formaldehyde, and/or phenol were carried out on particular samples depending on the expected potential pollutants from industries in the vicinity of the sampling points. The results of this sampling are presented in Table 42 and Table 43.

The boron concentrations recorded during the year under review were lower than the respective historical medians and well below the high reliability trigger value of 0.37 g/m<sup>3</sup> given in the Australian and New Zealand Guidelines for Fresh and Marine Water Quality (2000) for slightly to moderately disturbed ecosystems.

As in previous years, lead, formaldehyde and phenol were not detected during any of the monitoring surveys carried out during the year under review.

Monitoring also found no significant changes in the pH or temperature of the stream during the surveys conducted.

**Table 42** Results of receiving environment, 19 August 2015 with median values from all data

Parameter	Waitaha Stream													
	Below AICA WTH000013		At DeHavilland Drive WTH000035		Trib at DeHavilland Drive WTH000037		~ 120m d/s DeHavilland Drive WTH000040		Weatherfords trib u/s confluence WTH000041		At old farm access bridge WTH000050		30m d/s Connett Road WTH000095	
19 August 2015	09:00	median	09:12	median	09:10	median	09:20	median	09:23	median	10:31	median	08:32	median
Boron g/m <sup>3</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<0.01	0.06	0.02	0.07
Conductivity mS/m	10.4	13.4	6.7	12.8	7.6	13.4	6.5	13.2	6.8	14.8	8.2	14.0	9.2	13.4
Copper (dissolved) g/m <sup>3</sup>	-	-	0.004	0.004	0.002	0.002	0.003	0.004	0.002	0.002	0.003	0.004	0.004	-
Dissolved reactive phosphorus g/m <sup>3</sup> P	-	-	0.246	0.134	-	-	0.152	0.087	-	-	0.017	0.030	0.028	0.028
Formaldehyde g/m <sup>3</sup>	<0.1	<0.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
HC-VIS	Pass	-	Pass	-	Pass	-	Pass	-	Pass	-	Pass	-	Pass	-
Manganese (dissolved) g/m <sup>3</sup>	-	-	0.05	0.07	0.24	0.24	0.08	0.14	-	-	0.15	0.17	-	-
Unionised ammonia g/m <sup>3</sup> N	0.00005	0.00005	0.00076	0.00078	-	-	0.00051	0.00079	-	-	-	-	0.00116	0.00116
Ammoniacal nitrogen g/m <sup>3</sup> N	0.026	0.028	0.361	0.312	-	-	0.303	0.303	-	-	-	-	0.266	0.318
Nickel (dissolved) g/m <sup>3</sup>	-	-	<0.02	0.010	<0.02	0.010	<0.02	0.010	-	-	<0.02	0.01	-	-
Lead (acid soluble) g/m <sup>3</sup>	-	-	<0.05	0.02	-	-	<0.05	0.02	-	-	<0.05	0.02	<0.05	-
pH	6.8	6.7	6.9	6.8	6.7	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.6	6.9	6.9	7.2	6.9
Phenol g/m <sup>3</sup>	<0.02	0.01	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Temperature Deg.C	13.2	14.9	12.0	14.9	12.4	15.0	12.1	15.1	12.0	15.5	12.7	15.2	12.6	15.0
Turbidity NTU	47	21	130	58	210	71.0	140	79	270	11	150	60.5	220	110
Zinc (dissolved) g/m <sup>3</sup>	-	-	0.083	0.083	0.087	0.111	0.082	0.094	0.074	0.077	0.060	0.090	0.056	0.0560

**Key:** HC-VIS = Hydrocarbon visual assessment; Pass = no visible hydrocarbon sheen and no odour

**Table 43** Results of receiving environment sampling 10 June 2016, with median values from all data

Parameter	Waitaha Stream													
	Below AICA WTH000013		At DeHavilland Drive WTH000035		Trib at DeHavilland Drive WTH000037		~ 120m d/s DeHavilland Drive WTH000040		Weatherfords trib u/s confluence WTH000041		At old farm access bridge WTH000050		30m d/s Connett Road WTH000095	
10 June 2016	08:15	median	08:25	median	08:21	median	08:47	median	08:40	median	09:50	median	11:10	median
Boron g/m <sup>3</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.04	0.06	0.04	0.07
Conductivity mS/m	13.5	13.4	13.8	12.8	17.5	13.4	14.8	13.2	14.8	14.8	16.0	14.0	14.6	13.4
Copper (dissolved) g/m <sup>3</sup>	-	-	0.002	0.004	0.002	0.002	0.001	0.004	0.001	0.002	0.001	0.004	0.003	-
Dissolved reactive phosphorus g/m <sup>3</sup> P	-	-	0.019	0.134	-	-	0.013	0.087	-	-	0.008	0.030	0.006	0.028
Formaldehyde g/m <sup>3</sup>	<0.1	<0.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
HC-VIS	Pass	-	Pass	-	Pass	-	Pass	-	Pass	-	Pass	-	Pass	-
Manganese (dissolved) g/m <sup>3</sup>	-	-	0.19	0.07	0.35	0.24	0.31	0.14	-	-	0.42	0.17	-	-
Unionised ammonia g/m <sup>3</sup> N	0.00003	0.00005	0.00081	0.00078	-	-	0.00113	0.00079	-	-	-	-	0.00123	0.00116
Ammoniacal nitrogen g/m <sup>3</sup> N	0.014	0.028	0.353	0.312	-	-	0.392	0.303	-	-	-	-	0.425	0.318
Nickel (dissolved) g/m <sup>3</sup>	-	-	<0.02	0.010	<0.02	0.010	<0.02	0.010	-	-	<0.02	0.01	-	-
Lead (acid soluble) g/m <sup>3</sup>	-	-	<0.05	0.02	-	-	<0.05	0.02	-	-	<0.05	0.02	<0.05	-
pH	6.8	6.7	6.8	6.8	6.7	6.8	6.9	6.8	6.6	6.6	6.9	6.9	6.9	6.9
Phenol g/m <sup>3</sup>	<0.02	0.01	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Temperature Deg.C	16.4	14.9	16.3	14.9	16.5	15.0	16.3	15.1	16.2	15.5	15.8	15.2	16.4	15.0
Turbidity NTU	16	21	13	58	4.5	71.0	11	79	75	11	17	60.5	54	110
Zinc (dissolved) g/m <sup>3</sup>	-	-	0.079	0.083	0.111	0.111	0.094	0.094	0.052	0.077	0.066	0.090	0.076	0.0560

**Key:** HC-VIS = Hydrocarbon visual assessment; Pass =no visible hydrocarbon sheen and no odour

Historically the dissolved reactive phosphorus (DRP) concentration has generally been elevated in the upper to middle catchment, reducing at the site below the Connett Road bridge. This is likely to be due to farming activities above the headwaters of the catchment, and the presence of a horticultural supply business upstream of De Havilland Drive. All but two of the samples retrieved during the wet weather surveys exceeded the ANZECC trigger value<sup>4</sup> of 0.01 g/m<sup>3</sup> that may cause algal or macrophytic growths. However no such growths were noted during period under review.

Both surveys showed that the ammoniacal nitrogen concentrations tend to increase as one moves further downstream. During the wet weather surveys none of the unionised ammonia results exceeded the 0.025 g/m<sup>3</sup> RFWP guideline value.

No sheens, odours or any other physical evidence was found in any of the receiving environment samples during either survey.

There are several guidelines for zinc and copper for assessing water quality in terms of suitability for sustaining aquatic life. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), in defining metals criteria for protection of freshwater aquatic life, has adopted the use of dissolved metals as most closely approximating the bio

<sup>4</sup> Table 3.3.10 of the Australian and New Zealand Guidelines for Fresh and Marine Water Quality (2000)

available fraction of metal in the water column. Previously, water quality criteria were based on total recoverable metal concentration. Metal monitoring has been recently expanded to new sites to assist in determining potential sources (consented or otherwise) in the Waitaha Catchment.

The water quality criteria for dissolved copper (Cu) and zinc (Zn), for water of hardness

50 g/m<sup>3</sup> CaCO<sub>3</sub>, are 0.005 g/m<sup>3</sup> for Cu and 0.058 g/m<sup>3</sup> for Zn respectively as a four day average, for chronic (long term) exposure. The corresponding criteria for acute (four - hour) exposure are 0.007 g/m<sup>3</sup> for Cu and 0.064 g/m<sup>3</sup> for Zn. Only the acute criteria are applicable to wet weather sampling results, whereas both chronic and acute exposure criteria would be applicable to dry weather sampling results.

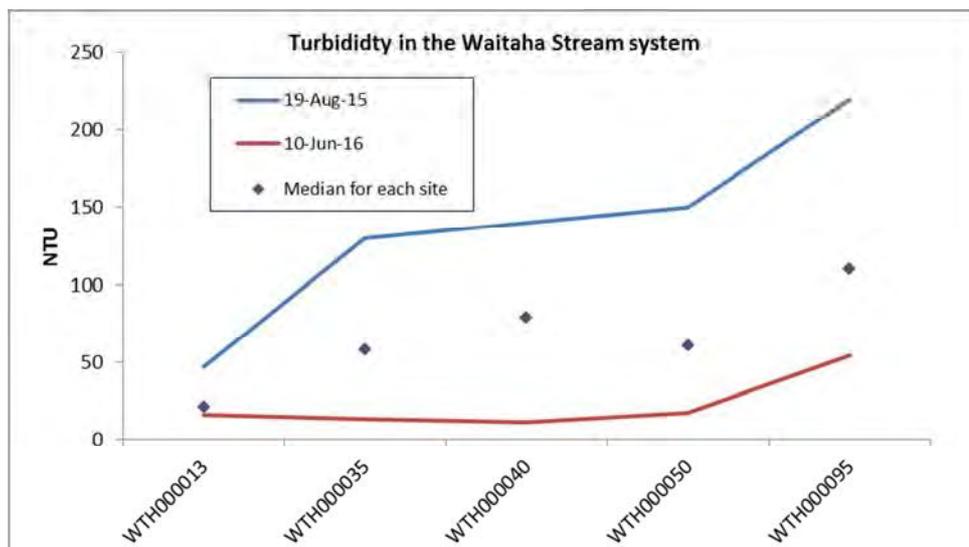
Only two of the 12 wet weather samples taken in the Waitaha Stream system were found to be below the USEPA acute guideline for zinc, however all the dissolved copper results were below the USEPA chronic and acute guidelines.

The survey of 19 August 2015 was under high flow conditions and subsequently the turbidity in the stream was found to be above the medians from all data. During this survey there were three consented discharges (Weatherfords, C&O Concrete, and Taranaki Sawmills) that had non-compliant suspended solids results and these all would have contributed to the turbidity levels at sites WTH000095, WTH000050 and WTH000041.

Conversely the wet weather survey done on 10 June 2016 was done in light rain conditions and moderate flows and all turbidity results were well below the medians.

Council staff will continue to monitor suspended solids in discharges in the catchment, encourage better silt management by consent holders and also continue to investigate any unauthorised discharges that contribute to sediment loads.

Turbidity levels in the Waitaha Stream system are shown in Figure 15 along with the medians of historical data.



**Figure 15** Turbidity levels in Waitaha Stream during wet weather runs

The Waitaha Stream has a small catchment area and is coming under increasing pressure, as the land upstream of Devon Road is further developed. In order to improve the water quality of the stream, the Council will be focusing on ensuring special conditions on existing consents are adequate; identifying any sites that require discharge consents; and educating site operators in the catchment to ensure that they are aware of their obligations under Rule 23 of the RFWP for permitted stormwater discharges (see Appendix II).

## **16. Summary of recommendations**

1. THAT monitoring programmed for consented activities of AICA in the 2016-2017 period continue at a similar level to that of the 2015-2016- period.
2. THAT monitoring programmed for consented activities of C&O Concrete Products Ltd in the 2016-2017 year continues at a similar level programmed for 2015-2016.
3. THAT monitoring programmed for consented activities of Greymouth Facilities Ltd in the 2016-2017 year continues at a similar level programmed for 2015-2016.
4. That the monitoring programmed for consented activities of Intergroup Ltd in the 2016-2017 year continue at a similar level programmed for 2015-2016.
5. THAT monitoring programmed for consented activities of Meredith Metals Ltd in the 2016-2017 year continues at a similar level programmed for 2015-2016.
6. THAT monitoring programmed for consented activities of NPDC in this catchment in the 2016-2017 year continues at a similar level programmed for 2015-2016.
7. THAT monitoring programmed for consented activities of Symons Property Development Ltd in the 2016-2017 year continues at a similar level programmed for 2015-2016.
8. THAT the monitoring programmed for consented activities of Taranaki Sawmills in the 2016-2017 year continues at a similar level programmed for 2015-2016.
9. THAT monitoring programmed for consented activities of TBS Coatings Ltd in the 2016-2017 year continues at a similar level as in 205-2016.
10. THAT monitoring programmed for consented activities of Weatherford New Zealand Ltd in the 2016-2017 year continues at a similar level programmed for 2015-2016.
11. THAT monitoring programmed for consented activities at Woodward's 2008 Ltd in the 2016-2017 year continue at a similar level as programmed in 2015-2016.
12. THAT monitoring programmed for consented activities at Zelam Ltd in the 2016-2017 continue at a similar level as in 2015-2016.

## Glossary of common terms and abbreviations

The following abbreviations and terms may be used within this report:

Biomonitoring	Assessing the health of the environment using aquatic organisms.
BOD	Biochemical oxygen demand. A measure of the presence of degradable organic matter, taking into account the biological conversion of ammonia to nitrate.
BODF	Biochemical oxygen demand of a filtered sample.
Bund	A wall around a tank to contain its contents in the case of a leak.
CBOD	Carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand. A measure of the presence of degradable organic matter, excluding the biological conversion of ammonia to nitrate.
COD	Chemical oxygen demand. A measure of the oxygen required to oxidise all matter in a sample by chemical reaction.
Condy	Conductivity, an indication of the level of dissolved salts in a sample, usually measured at 20°C and expressed in mS/m.
Cu*	Copper.
DRP	Dissolved reactive phosphorus.
Fresh	Elevated flow in a stream, such as after heavy rainfall.
g/m <sup>3</sup>	Grams per cubic metre, and equivalent to milligrams per litre (mg/L). In water, this is also equivalent to parts per million (ppm), but the same does not apply to gaseous mixtures.
HCVIS	An inspection of a water sample for hydrocarbon contamination based on visible scums /sheens and odour.
Incident	An event that is alleged or is found to have occurred that may have actual or potential environmental consequences or may involve non-compliance with a consent or rule in a regional plan. Registration of an incident by the Council does not automatically mean such an outcome had actually occurred.
Intervention	Action/s taken by Council to instruct or direct actions be taken to avoid or reduce the likelihood of an incident occurring.
Investigation	Action taken by Council to establish what were the circumstances/events surrounding an incident including any allegations of an incident.
IR	Unauthorised Incident Register – contains a list of events recorded by the Council on the basis that they may have the potential or actual environmental consequences that may represent a breach of a consent or provision in a Regional Plan.
l/s	Litres per second.
MCI	Macroinvertebrate community index; a numerical indication of the state of biological life in a stream that takes into account the sensitivity of the taxa present to organic pollution in stony habitats.
mS/m	Millisiemens per metre.
Mixing zone	The zone below a discharge point where the discharge is not fully mixed with the receiving environment. For a stream, conventionally taken as a length equivalent to 7 times the width of the stream at the discharge point.

NH <sub>4</sub>	Ammonium, normally expressed in terms of the mass of nitrogen (N).
NH <sub>3</sub>	Unionised ammonia, normally expressed in terms of the mass of nitrogen (N).
NTU	Nephelometric Turbidity Unit, a measure of the turbidity of water.
O&G	Oil and grease, defined as anything that will dissolve into a particular organic solvent (e.g. hexane). May include both animal material (fats) and mineral matter (hydrocarbons).
Pb*	Lead.
pH	A numerical system for measuring acidity in solutions, with 7 as neutral. Numbers lower than 7 are increasingly acidic and higher than 7 are increasingly alkaline. The scale is logarithmic i.e. a change of 1 represents a ten-fold change in strength. For example, a pH of 4 is ten times more acidic than a pH of 5.
Physicochemical	Measurement of both physical properties (e.g. temperature, clarity, density) and chemical determinants (e.g. metals and nutrients) to characterise the state of an environment.
PM <sub>10</sub>	Relatively fine airborne particles (less than 10 micrometre diameter).
Resource consent	Refer Section 87 of the RMA. Resource consents include land use consents (refer Sections 9 and 13 of the RMA), coastal permits (Sections 12, 14 and 15), water permits (Section 14) and discharge permits (Section 15).
RMA	<i>Resource Management Act</i> 1991 and including all subsequent amendments.
SS	Suspended solids.
SQMCI	Semi quantitative macroinvertebrate community index.
Temp	Temperature, measured in °C (degrees Celsius).
Turb	Turbidity, expressed in NTU.
UI	Unauthorised Incident.
Zn*	Zinc.

\*an abbreviation for a metal or other analyte may be followed by the letters 'As', to denote the amount of metal recoverable in acidic conditions. This is taken as indicating the total amount of metal that might be solubilised under extreme environmental conditions. The abbreviation may alternatively be followed by the letter 'D', denoting the amount of the metal present in dissolved form rather than in particulate or solid form.

For further information on analytical methods, contact the Council's laboratory.

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## **Appendix I**

### **Resource consents held by companies in the Waitaha catchment (alphabetical order)**

**(For a copy of the resource consent  
please contact the TRC consent department)**



**Discharge Permit**  
**Pursuant to the Resource Management Act 1991**  
**a resource consent is hereby granted by the**  
**Taranaki Regional Council**

Name of  
Consent Holder:           Aica NZ Limited  
                                  149 Corbett Road  
                                  Bell Block  
                                  NEW PLYMOUTH 4373

Decision Date               7 May 2002  
(Change):

Commencement Date       7 May 2002     (Granted: 20 March 1996)  
(Change):

**Conditions of Consent**

Consent Granted:           To discharge up to 150 litres/second of stormwater from a  
                                  chemical manufacturing complex into a wetland at the  
                                  headwaters of an unnamed tributary of the Waitaha Stream

Expiry Date:               1 June 2014

Review Date(s):           June 2002, June 2008

Site Location:             149 Corbett Road, Bell Block, New Plymouth

Legal Description:         Pt 6B DP 1414 Lots 1 & 2 DP 16173 Blk VII Waitara SD

Grid Reference (NZTM)    1701011E-5677852N

Catchment:                 Waitaha

*For General, Standard and Special conditions  
pertaining to this consent please see reverse side of this document*

### General conditions

- a) On receipt of a requirement from the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council (hereinafter the Chief Executive), the consent holder shall, within the time specified in the requirement, supply the information required relating to the exercise of this consent.
- b) Unless it is otherwise specified in the conditions of this consent, compliance with any monitoring requirement imposed by this consent must be at the consent holder's own expense.
- c) The consent holder shall pay to the Council all required administrative charges fixed by the Council pursuant to section 36 in relation to:
  - i) the administration, monitoring and supervision of this consent; and
  - ii) charges authorised by regulations.

### Special conditions

#### Condition 1 (changed)

1. The following limits shall not be exceeded in the discharge:

pH (within the range)	6-9
Suspended solids	100 gm <sup>-3</sup>
Oil & grease (Freon extractable)	15 gm <sup>-3</sup>
Phenol	1 gm <sup>-3</sup>
Ammonia - nitrogen	20 gm <sup>-3</sup>
Formaldehyde	2 gm <sup>-3</sup>

#### Conditions 2 to 6 (unchanged)

2. Allowing for a mixing zone of 10 metres extending downstream of any direct discharge, the discharge shall not give rise to any of the following effects in the receiving water:
  - i) the production of any conspicuous oil or grease films, scums or foams, or floatable or suspended materials;
  - ii) any conspicuous change in the colour or visual clarity;
  - iii) any emission of an objectionable odour;
  - iv) any significant adverse effects on aquatic life, habitats, or ecology;
  - v) the rendering of the water unsuitable for consumption by farm animals;
  - vi) any undesirable biological growths.
3. The consent holder shall maintain a contingency plan, to the satisfaction of the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, for action to be taken in the event of accidental discharge or spillage of contaminants.

## Consent 2367-2

4. The consent holder shall keep records of the chemical monitoring of the stormwater basins and the frequency and volume of discharges as a result of exercising this consent, and shall make such records available to the Taranaki Regional Council upon request.
5. No chemicals shall be stored within the carpark catchment area which discharges directly to the Waitaha Stream.
6. The Taranaki Regional Council may review any or all of the conditions of this consent by giving notice of a review during June 2002 and/or June 2008 for the purpose of ensuring that the conditions are adequate to deal with any adverse effects of the discharge on the receiving environment.

Transferred at Stratford on 2 April 2013

For and on behalf of  
Taranaki Regional Council

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**Director-Resource Management**



**Discharge Permit**  
**Pursuant to the Resource Management Act 1991**  
**a resource consent is hereby granted by the**  
**Taranaki Regional Council**

Name of  
Consent Holder: AICA (NZ) Limited  
Private Bag 2055  
New Plymouth 4342

Decision Date: 24 September 2015

Commencement Date: 24 September 2015

**Conditions of Consent**

Consent Granted: To discharge stormwater from a chemical manufacturing complex into a wetland at the headwaters of an unnamed tributary of the Waitaha Stream

Expiry Date: 1 June 2032

Review Date(s): June 2020, June 2026 and/or within 3 months of receiving notification under special condition 12

Site Location: 149 Corbett Road, Bell Block

Legal Description: Lot 4 DP 417775 & Lot 2 DP 417775  
(Discharge source & site)

Grid Reference (NZTM) 1701127E – 5678004N (discharge point 1)  
1701107E – 5678066N (discharge point 2)  
1701133E – 5677996N (discharge point 3)  
1701120E – 5678022N (discharge point 4)  
1701122E – 5678050N (discharge point 5)

Catchment: Waitaha

*For General, Standard and Special conditions  
pertaining to this consent please see reverse side of this document*

### General condition

- a. The consent holder shall pay to the Taranaki Regional Council all the administration, monitoring and supervision costs of this consent, fixed in accordance with section 36 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

### Special conditions

1. The consent holder shall at all times adopt the best practicable option, as defined in section 2 of the Resource Management Act 1991, to prevent or minimise any adverse effects on the environment from the exercise of this consent. Including as a minimum:
  - a) Within 12 months of the granting this consent, providing the ability to control the rate of discharge from each retention pond;
  - b) minimising the rate of discharge as far as practical to ensure effects are minimised;
  - c) the preferential use of any available and authorised land based disposal methods.
2. The stormwater discharged shall be from an area not exceeding 2.5 Ha.
3. By 20 September 2016, the consent holder shall install flow meters and data loggers capable of measuring the discharge rates and volumes from each stormwater retention pond. The discharge flow meters and data loggers shall be tamper-proof and shall measure and record the rate and volume of water discharge to an accuracy of  $\pm 5\%$ . Records of the date, the time and the rate and volume of water shall be taken at intervals not exceeding 15 minutes.
4. Prior to discharge from each stormwater retention pond the stormwater shall be analysed by the consent holder for;
  - a) pH;
  - b) ammoniacal nitrogen;
  - c) formaldehyde;
  - d) phenol;
  - e) temperature.
5. Prior to discharge, the constituents of the discharges from stormpond 1 and stormpond 2 shall meet the standards shown in the following table.

<b>Constituent</b>	<b>Standard</b>
pH	Within the range 6.0 to 9.0
suspended solids	Concentration not greater than 100 gm <sup>-3</sup>
oil and grease	Concentration not greater than 15 gm <sup>-3</sup>
formaldehyde	Concentration not greater than 2 gm <sup>-3</sup>
phenol	Concentration not greater than 1 gm <sup>-3</sup>
ammoniacal nitrogen	Concentration not greater than 10 gm <sup>-3</sup>

## Consent 2367-3.1

6. Prior to each discharge event from either stormwater retention pond, the consent holder shall notify the Taranaki Regional Council and provide the following information:
- which pond is discharging;
  - an estimate of the times that discharges will occur and cease;
  - estimated volume of discharge; and
  - the results of the discharge analysis.

Notifications shall be made at any time by emailing [worknotification@trc.govt.nz](mailto:worknotification@trc.govt.nz) and shall include in the subject line of the email the consent number and the consent holders' name.

7. Discharges other than those from a stormwater retention pond shall meet the standards shown in the following table.

<b>Constituent</b>	<b>Standard</b>
pH	Within the range 6.0 to 9.0
suspended solids	Concentration not greater than 100 gm <sup>-3</sup>
oil and grease	Concentration not greater than 15 gm <sup>-3</sup>
formaldehyde	Concentration not greater than 2 gm <sup>-3</sup>
phenol	Concentration not greater than 1 gm <sup>-3</sup>
ammoniacal nitrogen	Concentration not greater than 10 gm <sup>-3</sup>

8. The discharges shall not, either by itself or in combination with other discharges, give rise to any or all of the following effects in the receiving water NZTM 1701073E - 5678076N (at the site boundary):
- the production of any conspicuous oil or grease films, scums or foams, or floatable or suspended materials;
  - any conspicuous change in the colour or visual clarity;
  - any emission of objectionable odour;
  - the rendering of fresh water unsuitable for consumption by farm animals;
  - any significant adverse effects on aquatic life;
  - a concentration of unionised ammonia of greater than 0.025 g/m<sup>3</sup>; and
  - a concentration of phenol greater than 0.6 g/m<sup>3</sup>.
9. The consent holder shall maintain and update a spreadsheet that contains the following data;
- Until 20 September 2016, the estimated discharge volumes from both stormwater retention ponds';
  - Results of analysis required by condition two;
  - From 20 September 2016, the discharge rates and volumes from both stormwater retention ponds' as recorded by the flow meters required under condition three.

The consent holder shall forward a copy of the spreadsheet to the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council every 3 months, or upon request.

## Consent 2367-3.1

10. The consent holder shall maintain and regularly update a 'Contingency Plan' that details measures and procedures that will be undertaken to prevent, and to avoid environmental effects from, a spillage or any discharge of contaminants not authorised by this consent. The plan shall be approved by the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, acting in a certification capacity.
11. The site shall be operated in accordance with a 'Management Plan' prepared by the consent holder and approved by the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, acting in a certification capacity. The plan shall detail how the site is to be managed to minimise the contaminants that become entrained in the stormwater and shall include as minimum:
  - a) the details loading and unloading of materials;
  - b) maintenance of conveyance systems;
  - c) general housekeeping;
  - d) minimising the rate of discharge as far as practical to ensure effects are minimised.
12. The consent holder shall notify the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, prior to making any changes to the processes or operations undertaken at the site, or the chemicals used or stored on site that could alter the nature of the discharge. Any such change shall then only occur following receipt of any necessary approval under the Resource Management Act 1991. Notification shall include the consent number, a brief description of the activity consented and an assessment of the environmental effects of any changes, and be emailed to [consents@trc.govt.nz](mailto:consents@trc.govt.nz).
13. In accordance with section 128 and section 129 of the Resource Management Act 1991, the Taranaki Regional Council may serve notice of its intention to review, amend, delete or add to the conditions of this resource consent by giving notice of review:
  - a) during the month of June 2020 and/or June 2026;
  - b) within 3 months of receiving a notification under special condition 12 above;

for the purpose of ensuring that the conditions are adequate to deal with any adverse effects on the environment arising from the exercise of this resource consent, which were either not foreseen at the time the application was considered or which it was not appropriate to deal with at the time.

Signed at Stratford on 24 September 2015

For and on behalf of  
Taranaki Regional Council



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A D McLay

**Director - Resource Management**

**Discharge Permit**  
**Pursuant to the Resource Management Act 1991**  
**a resource consent is hereby granted by the**  
**Taranaki Regional Council**

Name of  
Consent Holder:           Aica (NZ) Limited  
Private Bag 2055  
New Plymouth 4342

Decision Date:            26 May 2015

Commencement Date:    26 May 2015

**Conditions of Consent**

Consent Granted:        To discharge emissions into the air from the manufacture of formaldehyde solution and urea formaldehyde resin, together with emissions from associated activities at the plant premises

Expiry Date:             1 June 2032

Review Date(s):         June 2020, June 2026 and in accordance with special condition 12

Site Location:            149 Corbett Road, Bell Block

Legal Description:       Lots 2 & 4 DP 41775 (Discharge source & site)

Grid Reference (NZTM)   1701038E-5677959N

*For General, Standard and Special conditions  
pertaining to this consent please see reverse side of this document*

**General condition**

- a. The consent holder shall pay to the Taranaki Regional Council all the administration, monitoring and supervision costs of this consent, fixed in accordance with section 36 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

**Special conditions**

1. The consent holder shall at all times adopt the best practicable option, as defined in section 2 of the Resource Management Act 1991, to prevent or minimise any adverse effects on the environment from the exercise of this consent.
2. Any discharge to air from the exercise of this consent shall not give rise to any offensive, objectionable or toxic levels of dust or odour at or beyond the boundary of the property.
3. The total emissions of formaldehyde from either the main stack of the multi-purpose plant or the vent of the formaldehyde absorber tower of the formaldehyde synthesis plant shall not exceed 1.0 kg/hr as formaldehyde.
4. The consent holder shall have emissions tests conducted on discharges from the "formaldehyde absorber tower" to demonstrate compliance with special conditions 3, unless advised by the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, that the tests are not required due to the clear evidence that no emission is being breached. These tests shall;
  - a) be conducted annually by 1 June each year, and
  - b) comprise not less than three separate samples taken during operating conditions that give rise to maximum emissions from the stack, and
  - c) be reported to the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, within 20 working days of the samples being taken. The report shall include the results of the tests, the relevant plant operating parameters over the period of each test, all the raw data and all the calculations.
5. The emissions tests referred to in special condition 4 shall be carried out in accordance with USEPA Method 0011, or any other equivalent method subject to the written approval of the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, and these tests shall be performed by a party independent from the consent holder, appropriately qualified and experienced in such testing to the satisfaction of the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council.
6. The consent holder shall control all emissions of formaldehyde to the atmosphere to ensure that maximum ground level concentration of formaldehyde at any point beyond the site boundary does not exceed 0.10 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (ambient conditions) at any time.
7. The consent holder shall control all emissions of phenol to the atmosphere to ensure that maximum ground level concentration of phenol at any point beyond the site boundary does not exceed 0.63 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (ambient conditions) at any time.
8. The consent holder shall control all emissions of resorcinol to the atmosphere to ensure that maximum ground level concentration of resorcinol at any point beyond the site boundary does not exceed 1.5 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (ambient conditions) at any time.

## Consent 4021-3.0

9. The consent holder shall control all emissions of carbon monoxide, nitrogen dioxide, fine particles (PM10) and sulphur dioxide to the atmosphere from the site, in order that the maximum ground level concentration of any of these contaminants arising from the exercise of this consent measured under ambient conditions does not exceed the relevant ambient air quality standard as set out in the Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Air Quality Regulations, 2004) at or beyond the boundary of the property on which the site is located.
10. Prior to undertaking any alterations to the plant, processes or operations, which may significantly change the nature or quantity of contaminants emitted to air from the site, the consent holder shall first consult with the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, and shall obtain any necessary approvals under the Resource Management Act 1991.
11. The consent holder shall provide to the Taranaki Regional Council during June of each year, for the duration of this consent, a report reviewing any technological advances in the reduction or mitigation of emissions, how these might be applicable and/or implemented at the plant, and the costs and benefits of these advances.
12. In accordance with section 128 and section 129 of the Resource Management Act 1991, the Taranaki Regional Council may serve notice of its intention to review, amend, delete or add to the conditions of this resource consent by giving notice of review:
  - a) during the month of June 2020 and/or June 2026; and/or
  - b) within 3 months of any consultation under special condition 11 above;

for the purpose of ensuring that the conditions are adequate to deal with any adverse effects on the environment arising from the exercise of this resource consent, which were either not foreseen at the time the application was considered or which it was not appropriate to deal with at the time.

Signed at Stratford on 26 May 2015

For and on behalf of  
Taranaki Regional Council

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A D McLay  
**Director - Resource Management**



**Discharge Permit**  
**Pursuant to the Resource Management Act 1991**  
**a resource consent is hereby granted by the**  
**Taranaki Regional Council**

Name of  
Consent Holder: C & O Concrete Products Limited  
PO Box 7141  
New Plymouth 4341

Decision Date: 09 December 2014

Commencement Date: 09 December 2014

**Conditions of Consent**

Consent Granted: To discharge stormwater from a concrete products manufacturing premises into the Waitaha Stream

Expiry Date: 01 June 2032

Review Date(s): June 2020, June 2026

Site Location: 194 Connett Road East, Bell Block

Legal Description: Lot 25 DP 12988 (Discharge source)

Grid Reference (NZTM) 1701106E-5679098N (sump)  
1700897E-5679053N (Discharge point in the Waitaha Stream)

Catchment: Waitaha

*For General, Standard and Special conditions  
pertaining to this consent please see reverse side of this document*

**General condition**

- a. The consent holder shall pay to the Taranaki Regional Council all the administration, monitoring and supervision costs of this consent, fixed in accordance with section 36 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

**Special conditions**

- 1. The consent holder shall at all times adopt the best practicable option, as defined in section 2 of the Resource Management Act 1991, to prevent or minimise any adverse effects on the environment from the exercise of this consent.
- 2. The stormwater discharged shall be from a catchment area not exceeding 0.415 hectares.
- 3. All stormwater shall be directed for treatment through the stormwater treatment system for discharge in accordance with the special conditions of this permit.
- 4. Constituents of the discharge shall meet the standards shown in the following table.

<b>Constituent</b>	<b>Standard</b>
pH	Within the range 6.0 to 9.0
suspended solids	Concentration not greater than 100 gm <sup>-3</sup>
oil and grease	Concentration not greater than 15 gm <sup>-3</sup>

This condition shall apply before entry of the treated stormwater into the receiving waters at a designated sampling point approved by the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council.

- 5. After allowing for reasonable mixing, within a mixing zone extending 10 metres downstream of the discharge point, the discharge shall not, either by itself or in combination with other discharges, give rise to any or all of the following effects in the receiving water:
  - a) the production of any conspicuous oil or grease films, scums or foams, or floatable or suspended materials;
  - b) any conspicuous change in the colour or visual clarity;
  - c) any emission of objectionable odour;
  - d) the rendering of fresh water unsuitable for consumption by farm animals;
  - e) any significant adverse effects on aquatic life.
- 6. The consent holder shall maintain a contingency plan that details measures and procedures to be undertaken to prevent spillage or any discharge of contaminants not authorised by this consent. The contingency plan shall be followed in the event of a spill or unauthorised discharge and shall be certified by the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council as being adequate to avoid, remedy or mitigate the environmental effects of such a spillage or discharge.

## Consent 4777-2.0

7. The consent holder shall maintain an up to date stormwater management plan that documents how the site is to be managed to minimise the contaminants that become entrained in the stormwater. This plan shall be followed at all times, shall be certified by the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, and shall include but not necessarily be limited to:
- a) the loading and unloading of materials;
  - b) maintenance of conveyance systems;
  - c) general housekeeping;
  - d) management of the interceptor system; and
  - e) names and contact details of relevant staff.

A Stormwater Management Plan template is available in the Environment section of the Taranaki Regional Council's web site [www.trc.govt.nz](http://www.trc.govt.nz).

8. The consent holder shall notify the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, prior to making any changes to the processes or operations undertaken at the site, or the chemicals used or stored on site that could alter the nature of the discharge. Any such change shall then only occur following receipt of any necessary approval under the Resource Management Act. Notification shall include the consent number, a brief description of the activity consented and an assessment of the environmental effects of any changes, and be emailed to [consents@trc.govt.nz](mailto:consents@trc.govt.nz).
9. In accordance with section 128 and section 129 of the Resource Management Act 1991, the Taranaki Regional Council may serve notice of its intention to review, amend, delete or add to the conditions of this resource consent by giving notice of review during the month of June 2020 and/or June 2026, for the purpose of ensuring that the conditions are adequate to deal with any adverse effects on the environment arising from the exercise of this resource consent, which were either not foreseen at the time the application was considered or which it was not appropriate to deal with at the time.

Signed at Stratford on 09 December 2014

For and on behalf of  
Taranaki Regional Council

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A D McLay  
**Director - Resource Management**



**Discharge Permit**  
**Pursuant to the Resource Management Act 1991**  
**a resource consent is hereby granted by the**  
**Taranaki Regional Council**

Name of  
Consent Holder:           New Plymouth District Council  
Private Bag 2025  
NEW PLYMOUTH 4342

Consent Granted  
Date:                        10 June 2008

**Conditions of Consent**

Consent Granted:        To discharge stormwater from the Connett Road industrial  
subdivision into the Waitaha Stream at or about (NZTM)  
1701124E-5678621N to 1700868E-5679211N

Expiry Date:            1 June 2026

Review Date(s):        June 2014, June 2020

Site Location:           175 Connett Road, Bell Block

Legal Description:      Lots 58 & 95 DP 14599

Catchment:              Waitaha

### **General conditions**

- a) On receipt of a requirement from the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council the consent holder shall, within the time specified in the requirement, supply the information required relating to the exercise of this consent.
- b) Unless it is otherwise specified in the conditions of this consent, compliance with any monitoring requirement imposed by this consent must be at the consent holder's own expense.
- c) The consent holder shall pay to the Council all required administrative charges fixed by the Council pursuant to section 36 in relation to:
  - i) the administration, monitoring and supervision of this consent; and
  - ii) charges authorised by regulations.

### **Special conditions**

1. Notwithstanding any other condition of this consent, the consent holder shall at all times adopt the best practicable option, as defined in section 2 of the Resource Management Act 1991, to prevent or minimise any adverse effects on the environment from the exercise of this consent.
2. The consent holder shall prevent, where possible, or mitigate any erosion occurring as a result of the exercise of this consent.
3. After allowing for a mixing zone of 10 metres extending downstream of the discharge, the discharge shall not give rise to any of the following effects in the receiving waters of the Waitaha Stream:
  - a) the production of any conspicuous oil or grease films, scums or foams, or floatable or suspended materials;
  - b) any conspicuous change in the colour or visual clarity;
  - c) any emission of objectionable odour;
  - d) the rendering of fresh water unsuitable for consumption by farm animals;
  - e) any significant adverse effects on aquatic life.
4. This consent shall lapse on the expiry of five years after the date of issue of this consent, unless the consent is given effect to before the end of that period or the Taranaki Regional Council fixes a longer period pursuant to section 125(1)(b) of the Resource Management Act 1991.

Consent 0608-3

5. In accordance with section 128 and section 129 of the Resource Management Act 1991, the Taranaki Regional Council may serve notice of its intention to review, amend, delete or add to the conditions of this resource consent by giving notice of review during the month of June 2014 and/or June 2020, for the purpose of ensuring that the conditions are adequate to deal with any adverse effects on the environment arising from the exercise of this resource consent, which were either not foreseen at the time the application was considered or which it was not appropriate to deal with at the time.

Signed at Stratford on 10 June 2008

For and on behalf of  
Taranaki Regional Council

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**Director-Resource Management**



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## **DISCHARGE PERMIT**

**Pursuant to the RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991  
a resource consent is hereby granted by the  
Taranaki Regional Council**

Name of: NEW PLYMOUTH DISTRICT COUNCIL  
Consent Holder: PRIVATE BAG 2025 NEW PLYMOUTH

Renewal  
Granted Date: 6 December 1995

## **CONDITIONS OF CONSENT**

Consent Granted: TO DISCHARGE UP TO 1200 LITRES/SECOND OF STORMWATER  
FROM AN INDUSTRIAL SUBDIVISION INTO AN UNNAMED  
TRIBUTARY OF THE WAITAHA STREAM AT OR ABOUT GR:  
Q19:108-406

Expiry Date: 1 June 2014

Review Date[s]: June 2002 and June 2008

Site Location: CORBETT ROAD BELL BLOCK

Legal Description: PT SEC 4 DP4954 BLK II PARITUTU SD

Catchment: WAITAHA 393.002

Tributary: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY

For General, Standard and Special Conditions pertaining to this consent please see reverse side of this document.

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### GENERAL CONDITIONS

- (a) That on receipt of a requirement from the General Manager, Taranaki Regional Council (hereinafter the General Manager), the consent holder shall, within the time specified in the requirement, supply the information required relating to the exercise of this consent.
- (b) That unless it is otherwise specified in the conditions of this consent, compliance with any monitoring requirement imposed by this consent must be at the consent holder's own expense.
- (c) That the consent holder shall pay to the Council all required administrative charges fixed by the Council pursuant to section 36 in relation to:
  - (i) the administration, monitoring and supervision of this consent;
  - (ii) charges for the carrying out of the Council's functions under section 35 in relation to this consent; and
  - (iii) charges authorised by regulations.

### SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1) THAT the following limits shall not be exceeded in the discharge:

Oil and grease [Freon extractable]	<15 gm <sup>-3</sup>
pH in the range	6.0 - 8.5
Suspended solids	100 gm <sup>-3</sup>

2) THAT allowing for a mixing zone of 10 metres extending downstream of the discharge point, the discharge shall not give rise to all or any of the following effects in the receiving water:

- (i) the production of any conspicuous oil or grease films, scums or foams, or floatable or suspended materials;
- (ii) any conspicuous change in the colour or visual clarity;
- (iii) any emission of an objectionable odour;
- (iv) any significant adverse effects on aquatic life, habitats, or ecology;
- (v) any undesirable biological growths.

3) THAT the Taranaki Regional Council may review any or all of the conditions of this consent by giving notice of review during June 2002 and/or June 2008 for the purpose of ensuring that the conditions are adequate to deal with any adverse effects of the discharge on the receiving environment.

Signed at Stratford on 6 December 1995

For and on behalf of  
TARANAKI REGIONAL COUNCIL

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GENERAL MANAGER

**Discharge Permit**  
**Pursuant to the Resource Management Act 1991**  
**a resource consent is hereby granted by the**  
**Taranaki Regional Council**

Name of  
Consent Holder: Greymouth Facilities Limited  
PO Box 3394  
Fitzroy  
New Plymouth 4341

Decision Date  
(Change): 01 August 2014

Commencement Date  
(Change): 01 August 2014 (Granted Date: 08 May 2014)

**Conditions of Consent**

Consent Granted: To discharge untreated stormwater from a yard used for storage and maintenance of hydrocarbon exploration drilling equipment directly onto and into land, and to discharge treated stormwater into the Waitaha Stream via the New Plymouth District Council reticulated stormwater system, from an interceptor

Expiry Date: 01 June 2032

Review Date(s): June 2017, June 2020, June 2023, June 2026, June 2029 and/or within 3 months of receiving a notification under special condition 13

Site Location: 58 Corbett Road, Bell Block

Legal Description: Lots 1 & 2 DP 16891 (Discharge source and site)

Grid Reference (NZTM) 1700523E-5678513N (source)  
1700582E-5678541N (discharge from site)  
1700889E-5679046N (discharge to stream)

Catchment: Waitaha

*For General, Standard and Special conditions  
pertaining to this consent please see reverse side of this document*

### General condition

- a. The consent holder shall pay to the Taranaki Regional Council all the administration, monitoring and supervision costs of this consent, fixed in accordance with section 36 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

### Special conditions

1. This consent authorises the discharge of stormwater onto land only when the capacity of the primary discharge pipe to the New Plymouth District Council reticulated stormwater system is exceeded.
2. The consent holder shall record all occasions on which a discharge authorised by condition 1 occurs. These records shall be retained and be made available to the Chief Executive of the Taranaki Regional Council upon request.
3. The consent holder shall at all times adopt the best practicable option, as defined in section 2 of the Resource Management Act 1991, to prevent or minimise any adverse effects on the environment from the exercise of this consent.
4. The stormwater discharged shall be from a catchment area not exceeding 1.065 ha
5. Before 31 October 2014, the interceptor and bunding shall be installed such that stormwater shall be directed for treatment through the interceptor discharge in accordance with the special conditions of this permit.
6. Constituents of the discharge shall meet the standards shown in the following table.

Constituent	Standard
pH	Within the range 6.0 to 9.0
suspended solids	Concentration not greater than 100 gm <sup>-3</sup>
oil and grease	Concentration not greater than 15 gm <sup>-3</sup>
chloride	Concentration not greater than 50 gm <sup>-3</sup>

This condition shall apply before entry of the treated stormwater into the New Plymouth District Council reticulated stormwater system at a designated sampling point approved by the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council.

7. For the purpose of assessing compliance with special condition 6 the consent holder shall install and maintain access to the designated sampling point.
8. After allowing for reasonable mixing, within a mixing zone extending 10 metres downstream of the discharge point, the discharge shall not, either by itself or in combination with other discharges, give rise to any or all of the following effects in the receiving water:
  - a) *the production of any conspicuous oil or grease films, scums or foams, or floatable or suspended materials;*
  - b) *any conspicuous change in the colour or visual clarity;*
  - c) *any emission of objectionable odour;*
  - d) *the rendering of fresh water unsuitable for consumption by farm animals;*
  - e) *any significant adverse effects on aquatic life.*

9. The consent holder shall maintain a contingency plan that details measures and procedures to be undertaken to prevent spillage or any discharge of contaminants not authorised by this consent. The contingency plan shall be followed in the event of a spill or unauthorised discharge and shall be certified by the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council as being adequate to avoid, remedy or mitigate the environmental effects of such a spillage or discharge.
10. Within three months of the granting of this consent the consent holder shall prepare and maintain a stormwater management plan that documents how the site is to be managed to minimise the contaminants that become entrained in the stormwater. This plan shall be followed at all times, shall be certified by the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, and shall include but not necessarily be limited to:
  - a) the loading and unloading of materials;
  - b) maintenance of conveyance systems;
  - c) general housekeeping; and
  - d) management of the structural and procedural controls in place to minimise the concentration of contaminant present in the discharge.
  - e) maintenance and cleaning of the interceptor

A Stormwater Management Plan template is available in the Environment section of the Taranaki Regional Council's web site [www.trc.govt.nz](http://www.trc.govt.nz).

11. The discharge of stormwater either from the interceptor to land, or directly to land, shall not result in the discharge of contaminants beyond the boundary of the site.
12. The concentration of hydrocarbons in the soil shall not exceed the soil acceptance criteria shown in the following table:

<b>Contaminant</b>		<b>Soil acceptance criteria (mg/kg)</b>
<i>Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons</i>	C7-C9	590
	C10-C14	1400
	C15-C36	NA <sup>1</sup>
<i>Monoaromatic Hydrocarbons</i>	Benzene	0.0054
	Toluene	1.0
	Ethylbenzene	1.1
	Xylenes	0.61
<i>Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons</i>	Naphthalaene	0.043
	Non-carc. (Pyrene)	1.2
	Benzo(a)pyrene	0.85

<sup>1</sup> NA indicates contaminant not limiting as estimated health-based criterion is significantly higher than that likely to be encounter on site

13. The consent holder shall notify the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, prior to making any changes to the processes or operations undertaken at the site, or the chemicals used or stored on site that could alter the nature of the discharge. Any such change shall then only occur following receipt of any necessary approval under the Resource Management Act. Notification shall include the consent number, a brief description of the activity consented and an assessment of the environmental effects of any changes, and be emailed to [consents@trc.govt.nz](mailto:consents@trc.govt.nz).

Consent 9868-1.1

14. This consent shall lapse on 30 June 2019, unless the consent is given effect to before the end of that period or the Taranaki Regional Council fixes a longer period pursuant to section 125(1)(b) of the Resource Management Act 1991.
15. In accordance with section 128 and section 129 of the Resource Management Act 1991, the Taranaki Regional Council may serve notice of its intention to review, amend, delete or add to the conditions of this resource consent by giving notice of review:
  - a) during the month of in June 2017 and/or June 2020 and/or June 2023 and/or June 2026 and/or June 2029 and/or
  - b) within 3 months of receiving a notification under special condition 13 above;

for the purpose of ensuring that the conditions are adequate to deal with any adverse effects on the environment arising from the exercise of this resource consent, which were either not foreseen at the time the application was considered or which it was not appropriate to deal with at the time.

Signed at Stratford on 01 August 2014

For and on behalf of  
Taranaki Regional Council



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A D McLay  
**Director - Resource Management**

**Discharge Permit**  
**Pursuant to the Resource Management Act 1991**  
**a resource consent is hereby granted by the**  
**Taranaki Regional Council**

Name of  
Consent Holder: Energyworks Limited  
PO Box 346  
NEW PLYMOUTH 4340

Decision Date  
(Change): 15 May 2014

Commencement Date  
(Change): 15 May 2014 (Granted: 2 October 2013)

**Conditions of Consent**

Consent Granted: To discharge emissions into the air associated with abrasive blasting operations, spray painting and associated activities at a permanent site at Connett Road East, Bell Block and from mobile operations throughout the Taranaki region

Expiry Date: 01 June 2020

Review Date(s): June 2016

Site Location: 221A Connett Road East, Bell Block and various locations throughout the Taranaki region

Legal Description: Lots 80 & 82 DP 14600 (Discharge source & site)

Grid Reference (NZTM) 1701318E-5679335N and various locations throughout the Taranaki region

*For General, Standard and Special conditions  
pertaining to this consent please see reverse side of this document*

### **General condition**

- a. The consent holder shall pay to the Taranaki Regional Council all the administration, monitoring and supervision costs of this consent, fixed in accordance with section 36 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

### **Special conditions**

1. The conditions of this consent shall apply to the various operations of the consent holder as follows:
  - Special Conditions 2-7, 18 and 19 apply to all operations.
  - Special Conditions 8-12 apply to operations conducted within the permanent facility at Connett Road East, Bell Block.
  - Special Conditions 13-17 apply to operations conducted at any other site other than the permanent facility at Connett Road East, Bell Block.

### **All operations**

2. The consent holder shall at all times adopt the best practicable option, as defined in section 2 of the Resource Management Act 1991, to prevent or minimise any adverse effects on the environment from the exercise of this consent.
3. Any discharge to air from the exercise of this consent shall not give rise to any offensive, objectionable or toxic levels of dust or odour at or beyond the boundary of the property on which the abrasive blasting or associated activity is occurring.
4. All abrasive blasting is to be conducted with taking into account wind direction and wind strength, such that off-site emissions are kept to a practicable minimum.
5. As far as is practicable, work areas and surrounding areas shall be cleared of accumulations of blasting material at the end of each blasting session and by the end of each working day.
6. Blasting media used for dry abrasive blasting shall contain less than 2% by dry weight dust able to pass through a 0.15 mm sieve and sand used for dry abrasive blasting shall contain less than 5% by dry weight free silica.
7. The consent holder shall ensure that all operators of abrasive blasting equipment understand and comply with the all the conditions of this consent prior to the commencement of any work for which this consent is required.

### **Operations conducted within the permanent facility at Connett Road East, Bell Block**

8. All abrasive blasting on the consent holder's permanent site at Connett Road, East, Bell Block shall be carried out in an enclosed booth or shed.

## Consent 9606-1.1

9. All emissions from abrasive blasting, surface preparation or surface coating operations and all other associated emissions from abrasive blasting at the permanent site at Connett Road East, Bell Block shall be contained and treated, as far as is practicable, prior to discharge from any operations enclosure. All gas steams ventilated or otherwise emitted from an enclosure shall be treated so that the concentration of total particulate matter of less than  $125 \text{ mg/m}^3$  (natural temperature & pressure) corrected to dry gas basis, at any time.
10. The dust deposition rate beyond the property boundary of the permanent site at Connett Road East, Bell Block arising from the discharge, shall be less than  $0.13 \text{ g/m}^2/\text{day}$ .
11. Within three months of the granting of this consent, the consent holder shall prepare and maintain an operation, management and maintenance plan that documents the consent holder procedures within the permanent site at Connett Road East, Bell Block. This plan shall be followed at all times, shall be certified by the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, and shall include but not necessarily be limited to:
  - a) staff training;
  - b) general housekeeping and yard maintenance;
  - c) blasting operations;
  - d) handling of toxic substances;
  - e) monitoring and maintenance of the blasting buildings and air discharge treatment systems;
  - f) the recording of training, monitoring and maintenance undertaken;
  - g) the recording of complaints made directly to the consent holder, and
  - h) the frequency of review of the plan.
12. The monitoring, maintenance and complaints records required by special condition 11 shall be made available to the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council upon request.

### **Operations conducted at any site other than the permanent facility at Connett Road East, Bell Block**

13. All items blasted in a mobile facility shall be those that cannot be moved to a permanent facility (e.g. bridges).
14. All items or premises to be blasted shall be screened by means of covers, tarpaulins, cladding, or other means, as completely as practicable, to contain dust emissions and depositions and to restrict the spread of all blasting debris and materials to the satisfaction of the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council.
15. Dry abrasive blasting that is to be conducted within 200 metres of any dwelling place or property boundary may only take place after either public notice or individual notice to all affected owners or occupiers has been given.

## Consent 9606-1.1

16. The suspended particulate matter shall not exceed 3 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (measured under ambient conditions), and the deposition of dust shall not exceed 0.13 g/m<sup>2</sup>/day beyond the property boundary or beyond 50 metres of the discharge when sited on public amenity areas, whichever is less.
17. This consent provides for the abrasive blasting of structures on land, and does not include the abrasive blasting in the coastal marine area, as defined in section two and Appendix II of the *Regional Coastal Plan for Taranaki*.

### Review

18. This consent shall on lapse on 31 March 2019, unless the consent is given effect to before the end of that period or the Taranaki Regional Council fixes a longer period pursuant to section 125(1)(b) of the Resource Management Act 1991.
19. In accordance with section 128 and section 129 of the Resource Management Act 1991, the Taranaki Regional Council may serve notice of its intention to review, amend, delete or add to the conditions of this resource consent by giving notice of review during the month of June 2016, for the purpose of ensuring that the conditions are adequate to deal with any adverse effects on the environment arising from the exercise of this resource consent, which were either not foreseen at the time the application was considered or which it was not appropriate to deal with at the time.

Signed at Stratford on 15 May 2014

For and on behalf of  
Taranaki Regional Council

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A D McLay  
**Director - Resource Management**

**Discharge Permit**  
**Pursuant to the Resource Management Act 1991**  
**a resource consent is hereby granted by the**  
**Taranaki Regional Council**

Name of  
Consent Holder: Energyworks Limited  
PO Box 346  
New Plymouth 4340

Decision Date: 11 November 2014

Commencement Date: 11 November 2014

**Conditions of Consent**

Consent Granted: To discharge stormwater via the New Plymouth District Council reticulated stormwater system into an unnamed tributary of the Waitaha Stream

Expiry Date: 01 June 2032

Review Date(s): June 2020, June 2026 and in accordance with special condition 8

Site Location: 231 Connett Road, Bell Block

Legal Description: Lots 79, 81-82 DP 14600 (Discharge source & site)

Grid Reference (NZTM) 1701300E-5679286N & 1701441E-5679341N

Catchment: Waitaha

*For General, Standard and Special conditions  
pertaining to this consent please see reverse side of this document*

### General condition

- a. The consent holder shall pay to the Taranaki Regional Council all the administration, monitoring and supervision costs of this consent, fixed in accordance with section 36 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

### Special conditions

1. The consent holder shall at all times adopt the best practicable option, as defined in section 2 of the Resource Management Act 1991, to prevent or minimise any adverse effects on the environment from the exercise of this consent.
2. The stormwater discharged shall be from a catchment area not exceeding 2.5 ha.
3. Constituents of the discharge shall meet the standards shown in the following table.

<u>Constituent</u>	<u>Standard</u>
pH	Within the range 6.0 to 9.0
suspended solids	Concentration not greater than 100 gm <sup>-3</sup>
oil and grease	Concentration not greater than 15 gm <sup>-3</sup>
free chlorine	Concentration not greater than 0.2 gm <sup>-3</sup>

This condition shall apply before entry of the treated stormwater into the receiving waters at a designated sampling point approved by the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council.

4. After allowing for reasonable mixing, within a mixing zone extending 10 metres downstream of the point where the discharge enters the Waitaha Stream, the discharge shall not, either by itself or in combination with other discharges, give rise to any or all of the following effects in the receiving water:
  - a) the production of any conspicuous oil or grease films, scums or foams, or floatable or suspended materials;
  - b) any conspicuous change in the colour or visual clarity;
  - c) any emission of objectionable odour;
  - d) the rendering of fresh water unsuitable for consumption by farm animals;
  - e) any significant adverse effects on aquatic life.
5. The site shall be operated in accordance with the 'Stormwater Management Plan' prepared by the consent holder and approved by the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, acting in a certification capacity.
6. The consent holder shall maintain and regularly update a 'Contingency Plan' that details measures and procedures that will be undertaken in the event of a spill or an unauthorised discharge. The plan shall be approved by the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, acting in a certification capacity as being adequate to avoid, remedy or mitigate the environmental effects of such an event.

## Consent 9962-1.0

7. The consent holder shall notify the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, prior to making any changes to the processes or operations undertaken at the site, or the chemicals used or stored on site that could alter the nature of the discharge. Any such change shall then only occur following receipt of any necessary approval under the Resource Management Act 1991. Notification shall include the consent number, a brief description of the activity consented and an assessment of the environmental effects of any changes, and be emailed to [consents@trc.govt.nz](mailto:consents@trc.govt.nz).
8. In accordance with section 128 and section 129 of the Resource Management Act 1991, the Taranaki Regional Council may serve notice of its intention to review, amend, delete or add to the conditions of this resource consent by giving notice of review:
  - a) during the month of June 2020 and/or June 2026 and/or
  - b) within 3 months of receiving a notification under special condition 7 above;

for the purpose of ensuring that the conditions are adequate to deal with any adverse effects on the environment arising from the exercise of this resource consent, which were either not foreseen at the time the application was considered or which it was not appropriate to deal with at the time.

Signed at Stratford on 11 November 2014

For and on behalf of  
Taranaki Regional Council

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A D McLay  
**Director - Resource Management**



**Discharge Permit**  
**Pursuant to the Resource Management Act 1991**  
**a resource consent is hereby granted by the**  
**Taranaki Regional Council**

Name of  
Consent Holder: Meredith Scrap Metals Limited  
7 Catalina Place  
RD 3  
New Plymouth 4373

Decision Date: 04 June 2014

Commencement Date: 04 June 2014

**Conditions of Consent**

Consent Granted: To discharge contaminants onto and into land associated with scrap metal storage and processing

Expiry Date: 01 June 2032

Review Date(s): June 2020, June 2026

Site Location: 7 Catalina Place, Bell Block

Legal Description: Lot 2 DP 18719 Lot 2 DP 309386 (Discharge source & site)

Grid Reference (NZTM) 1701643E-5679034N

Catchment: Waitaha

*For General, Standard and Special conditions  
pertaining to this consent please see reverse side of this document*

**General condition**

- a. The consent holder shall pay to the Taranaki Regional Council all the administration, monitoring and supervision costs of this consent, fixed in accordance with section 36 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

**Special conditions**

1. The consent holder shall at all times adopt the best practicable option, as defined in section 2 of the Resource Management Act 1991, to prevent or minimise any actual or likely adverse effect on the environment associated with the discharge of contaminants from the site.
2. The discharge shall not result in any contaminants reaching any adjacent property.
3. The exercise of this consent shall not result in any contaminant concentration within groundwater, which after reasonable mixing, exceeds the background concentration for that particular contaminant.
4. The concentration of heavy metals in any soil shall not exceed the Intervention Values as shown in the following table:

<u>Metal</u>	<u>Intervention Value (mg/kg dry matter)</u>
Antimony	15
Arsenic	55
Barium	625
Cadmium	12
Chromium	380
Cobalt	240
Copper	190
Mercury	10
Lead	530
Molybdenum	200
Nickel	210
Zinc	720

5. The concentration of hydrocarbons in any soil shall not exceed the Soil acceptance criteria shown in the following table:

<u>Contaminant</u>		<u>Soil acceptance criteria (mg/kg)</u>
<i>Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons</i>	C7-C9	590
	C10-C14	1400
	C15-C36	NA <sup>1</sup>
<i>Monoaromatic Hydrocarbons</i>	Benzene	0.0054
	Toluene	1.0
	Ethylbenzene	1.1
	Xylenes	0.61
<i>Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons</i>	Naphthalaene	0.043
	Non-carc. (Pyrene)	1.2
	Benzo(a)pyrene	0.85

<sup>1</sup> NA indicates contaminant not limiting as estimated health-based criterion is significantly higher than that likely to be encountered on site

## Consent 9911-1.0

6. The consent holder shall notify the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, prior to making any changes to the processes or operations undertaken at the site, or the chemicals used or stored on site that could alter the nature of the discharge. Any such change shall then only occur following receipt of any necessary approval under the Resource Management Act. Notification shall include the consent number, a brief description of the activity consented and an assessment of the environmental effects of any changes, and be emailed to [consents@trc.govt.nz](mailto:consents@trc.govt.nz).
7. From 1 March 2032 (three months prior to the consent expiry date), constituents in the soil shall not exceed the standards shown in the following table:

<u>Constituent</u>	<u>Standard</u>
Arsenic	20 mg/kg
Cadmium	1 mg/kg
Chromium	600 mg/kg
Copper	100 mg/kg
Lead	300 mg/kg
Mercury	1 mg/kg
Nickel	60 mg/kg
Zinc	300 mg/kg
chloride	700 mg/kg
sodium	460 mg/kg
total soluble salts	2500 mg/kg
MAHs PAHs TPH	Guidelines for Assessing and Managing Petroleum Hydrocarbon Contaminated Sites in New Zealand (Ministry for the Environment, 1999). Tables 4.12 and 4.15, for soil type sand.

MAHs - benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, xylenes

PAHs - naphthalene, non-carc. (pyrene), benzo(a)pyrene eq.

TPH - total petroleum hydrocarbons (C<sub>7</sub>-C<sub>9</sub>, C<sub>10</sub>-C<sub>14</sub>, C<sub>15</sub>-C<sub>36</sub>)

The requirement to meet these standards shall not apply if, before 1 March 2032, the consent holder applies for a new consent to replace this consent when it expires, and that application is not subsequently withdrawn.

8. This consent may not be surrendered at any time until the standards in condition 7 have been met.
9. In accordance with section 128 and section 129 of the Resource Management Act 1991, the Taranaki Regional Council may serve notice of its intention to review, amend, delete or add to the conditions of this resource consent by giving notice of review during the month of June 2020 and/or June 2026, for the purpose of ensuring that the conditions are adequate to deal with any adverse effects on the environment arising from the exercise of this resource consent, which were either not foreseen at the time the application was considered or which it was not appropriate to deal with at the time.

Signed at Stratford on 04 June 2014

For and on behalf of  
Taranaki Regional Council

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A D McLay  
Director - Resource Management



**Discharge Permit**  
**Pursuant to the Resource Management Act 1991**  
**a resource consent is hereby granted by the**  
**Taranaki Regional Council**

Name of  
Consent Holder: Meredith Scrap Metals Limited  
7 Catalina Place  
RD 3  
New Plymouth 4373

Decision Date: 10 July 2014

Commencement Date: 10 July 2014

**Conditions of Consent**

Consent Granted: To discharge stormwater from scrap metal storage and processing into the Waitaha Stream and into an unnamed tributary of the Mangaoraka Stream via the New Plymouth District Council reticulated stormwater system

Expiry Date: 01 June 2032

Review Date(s): June 2020, June 2026

Site Location: De Havilland Drive, Bell Block

Legal Description: Lot 1 DP 341109, Lot 2 DP 18719, Lot 2 DP 309386  
(Discharge source & site)

Grid Reference (NZTM) 1701605E-5679056N & 1701708E-5679041N

Catchment: Waitaha  
Waiongana

Tributary: Mangaoraka

*For General, Standard and Special conditions  
pertaining to this consent please see reverse side of this document*

### General condition

- a. The consent holder shall pay to the Taranaki Regional Council all the administration, monitoring and supervision costs of this consent, fixed in accordance with section 36 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

### Special conditions

1. The consent holder shall at all times adopt the best practicable option, as defined in section 2 of the Resource Management Act 1991, to prevent or minimise any adverse effects on the environment from the exercise of this consent.
2. The stormwater discharged shall be from a catchment area not exceeding 1.7 Hectares.
3. Constituents of the discharge shall meet the standards shown in the following table.

<b>Constituent</b>	<b>Standard</b>
pH	Within the range 6.0 to 9.0
suspended solids	Concentration not greater than 100 gm <sup>-3</sup>
oil and grease	Concentration not greater than 15 gm <sup>-3</sup>
chloride	Concentration not greater than 50 gm <sup>-3</sup>

This condition shall apply before entry of the stormwater into the receiving waters at a designated sampling point approved by the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council.

4. After allowing for reasonable mixing, within a mixing zone extending 7 metres downstream of the discharge point, the discharge shall not, either by itself or in combination with other discharges, give rise to any or all of the following effects in the receiving water:
  - a) the production of any conspicuous oil or grease films, scums or foams, or floatable or suspended materials;
  - b) any conspicuous change in the colour or visual clarity;
  - c) any emission of objectionable odour;
  - d) the rendering of fresh water unsuitable for consumption by farm animals;
  - e) any significant adverse effects on aquatic life.
5. Within three months of the granting of this consent the consent holder shall prepare and maintain a contingency plan that details measures and procedures to be undertaken to prevent spillage or any discharge of contaminants not authorised by this consent. The contingency plan shall be followed in the event of a spill or unauthorised discharge and shall be certified by the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council as being adequate to avoid, remedy or mitigate the environmental effects of such a spillage or discharge.

## Consent 9912-1.0

6. Within three months of the granting of this consent, the consent holder shall prepare and maintain a stormwater management plan that documents how the site is to be managed to minimise the contaminants that become entrained in the stormwater. This plan shall be followed at all times, shall be certified by the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, and shall include but not necessarily be limited to:
  - a) the loading and unloading of materials;
  - b) general housekeeping; and
  - c) management of the interceptor system.

A Stormwater Management Plan template is available in the Environment section of the Taranaki Regional Council's web site [www.trc.govt.nz](http://www.trc.govt.nz).

7. The consent holder shall notify the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, prior to making any changes to the processes or operations undertaken at the site, or the chemicals used or stored on site that could alter the nature of the discharge. Any such change shall then only occur following receipt of any necessary approval under the Resource Management Act. Notification shall include the consent number, a brief description of the activity consented and an assessment of the environmental effects of any changes, and be emailed to [consents@trc.govt.nz](mailto:consents@trc.govt.nz).
8. This consent shall lapse on 30 September 2019, unless the consent is given effect to before the end of that period or the Taranaki Regional Council fixes a longer period pursuant to section 125(1)(b) of the Resource Management Act 1991.
9. In accordance with section 128 and section 129 of the Resource Management Act 1991, the Taranaki Regional Council may serve notice of its intention to review, amend, delete or add to the conditions of this resource consent by giving notice of review during the month of June 2020 and/or June 2026, for the purpose of ensuring that the conditions are adequate to deal with any adverse effects on the environment arising from the exercise of this resource consent, which were either not foreseen at the time the application was considered or which it was not appropriate to deal with at the time.

Signed at Stratford on 10 July 2014

For and on behalf of  
Taranaki Regional Council

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A D McLay  
**Director - Resource Management**



**Discharge Permit**  
**Pursuant to the Resource Management Act 1991**  
**a resource consent is hereby granted by the**  
**Taranaki Regional Council**

Name of  
Consent Holder: Symons Property Developments Limited  
179 Surrey Hill Road  
R D 4  
NEW PLYMOUTH 4374

Decision Date: 9 May 2011

Commencement  
Date: 9 May 2011

**Conditions of Consent**

Consent Granted: To discharge stormwater from a truck depot and pipe  
cleaning facility into the Waitaha Stream at or about  
(NZTM) 1700740E-5678991N and 1700804E-5679014N

Expiry Date: 1 June 2026

Review Date(s): June 2014, June 2020

Site Location: 141 to 145 Connett Road East, Bell Block, New Plymouth

Legal Description: Lot 6 DP 373725 Lot 26 DP 376382 and part of Lot 24 DP  
376382 subject to survey [Discharge source & site]

Catchment: Waitaha

*For General, Standard and Special conditions  
pertaining to this consent please see reverse side of this document*

### General condition

- a. The consent holder shall pay to the Taranaki Regional Council all the administration, monitoring and supervision costs of this consent, fixed in accordance to section 36 of the Resource Management Act.

### Special conditions

1. The consent holder shall at all times adopt the best practicable option, as defined in section 2 of the Resource Management Act 1991, to prevent or minimise any adverse effects on the environment from the exercise of this consent.
2. The stormwater discharged shall be from a catchment area not exceeding 3.14 ha.
3. By 13 May 2011, all stormwater from part of Lot 24 DP 376382, as identified in Appendix I attached to this consent, shall be directed for treatment through the stormwater treatment system for discharge in accordance with the special conditions of this permit.
4. Any significant volumes of hazardous substances [e.g. bulk fuel] on site shall be:
  - a) contained in a double skinned tank, or
  - b) stored in a dedicated bunded area with drainage to sumps, or to other appropriate recovery systems, and not directly to the site stormwater system.
5. Constituents of the discharge shall meet the standards shown in the following table.

<u>Constituent</u>	<u>Standard</u>
pH	Within the range 6.0 to 9.0
suspended solids	Concentration not greater than 100 gm <sup>-3</sup>
oil and grease	Concentration not greater than 15 gm <sup>-3</sup>
chloride	Concentration not greater than 50 gm <sup>-3</sup>
BOD	Concentration not greater than 5 gm <sup>-3</sup>

This condition shall apply before entry of the treated stormwater into the receiving waters at a designated sampling point approved by the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council.

6. After allowing for reasonable mixing, within a mixing zone extending 10 metres downstream of the discharge point, the discharge shall not, either by itself or in combination with other discharges, give rise to any or all of the following effects in the receiving water:
  - a) the production of any conspicuous oil or grease films, scums or foams, or floatable or suspended materials;
  - b) any conspicuous change in the colour or visual clarity;
  - c) any emission of objectionable odour;
  - d) the rendering of fresh water unsuitable for consumption by farm animals;
  - e) any significant adverse effects on aquatic life.

7. The consent holder shall maintain a contingency plan. The contingency plan shall be adhered to in the event of a spill or emergency and shall, to the satisfaction of the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, detail measures and procedures to be undertaken to prevent spillage or accidental discharge of contaminants not authorised by this consent and measures to avoid, remedy or mitigate the environmental effects of such a spillage or discharge.
8. The consent holder shall maintain a stormwater management plan. This plan shall be adhered to at all times and shall, to the satisfaction of the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council document how the site is to be managed in order to minimise the contaminants that become entrained in the stormwater. The plan shall include but not necessarily be limited to:
  - a) the loading and unloading of materials;
  - b) maintenance of conveyance systems;
  - c) general housekeeping; and
  - d) management of the interceptor systems.

A Stormwater Management Plan template is available in the Environment section of the Taranaki Regional Council's web site [www.trc.govt.nz](http://www.trc.govt.nz).

9. The consent holder shall notify the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, prior to making any changes to the processes or operations undertaken at the site, or the chemicals used or stored on site, that could alter the nature of the discharge. Any such change shall then only occur following receipt of any necessary approval under the Resource Management Act. Notification shall include the consent number, a brief description of the activity consented and an assessment of the environmental effects of any changes, and be emailed to [worknotification@trc.govt.nz](mailto:worknotification@trc.govt.nz).
10. The consent holder shall review the Symons Group Stormwater Management Plan and Symons Spill Contingency Plan prior to making any changes to the processes or operations undertaken at the site and/or on receiving written notice from the Taranaki Regional Council of:
  - the requirement to review the Plans;
  - the matters which shall be addressed within the plan review; and
  - the reasons or anticipated results of the matters requiring review.

The reviewed Plan(s) shall document all operations, maintenance activities, and mitigation and contingency measures and shall be submitted for approval to the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, acting in a certification capacity, at least two weeks prior to making any changes to the operations on site and/or within one month of receiving written notice of the requirement to review the Plan.

11. The data obtained from any investigations into the effectiveness of the stormwater detention tanks installed at the site is to be made available to the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council upon request.

Consent 7805-1

12. This consent shall lapse on 30 June 2016, unless the consent is given effect to before the end of that period or the Taranaki Regional Council fixes a longer period pursuant to section 125(1)(b) of the Resource Management Act 1991.
13. In accordance with section 128 and section 129 of the Resource Management Act 1991, the Taranaki Regional Council may serve notice of its intention to review, amend, delete or add to the conditions of this resource consent by giving notice of review:
  - a) during the month of June 2014 and/or June 2020 and/or
  - b) within 3 months of receiving a notification under special condition 9 above;

for the purpose of ensuring that the conditions are adequate to deal with any adverse effects on the environment arising from the exercise of this resource consent, which were either not foreseen at the time the application was considered or which it was not appropriate to deal with at the time.

Signed at Stratford on 9 May 2011

For and on behalf of  
Taranaki Regional Council

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**Director-Resource Management**





**Discharge Permit**  
**Pursuant to the Resource Management Act 1991**  
**a resource consent is hereby granted by the**  
**Taranaki Regional Council**

Name of  
Consent Holder: Taranaki Sawmills Limited  
PO Box 7145  
NEW PLYMOUTH 4341

Decision Date: 20 May 2015

Commencement Date: 20 May 2015

**Conditions of Consent**

Consent Granted: To discharge stormwater and to temporarily discharge kiln condensate from a sawmill site onto and into land and into the Waitaha Stream and an unnamed tributary of the Waitaha Stream

Expiry Date: 01 June 2032

Review Date(s): June 2020 and/or June 2026 and in accordance with special condition 9

Site Location: 30-32 Hudson Road, Bell Block

Legal Description: Lot 2 DP 15755 Lot 1 DP 17946, Lot 18 DP 12911, Lot 1 DP 13792

Grid Reference (NZTM) 1700954E-5678880N (discharge point 1)  
1701029E-5678590N (discharge point 2)  
1701141E-5678570N (discharge point 3)

Catchment: Waitaha

*For General, Standard and Special conditions  
pertaining to this consent please see reverse side of this document*

### General condition

- a. The consent holder shall pay to the Taranaki Regional Council all the administration, monitoring and supervision costs of this consent, fixed in accordance with section 36 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

### Special conditions

1. The consent holder shall at all times adopt the best practicable option, as defined in section 2 of the Resource Management Act 1991, to prevent or minimise any adverse effects on the environment from the exercise of this consent.
2. The stormwater discharged shall be from a catchment area not exceeding 10.75 Ha
3. No kiln condensate or contaminants derived from kiln condensate shall be included in the discharge after 31 October 2016.
4. Constituents of the discharge shall meet the standards shown in the following table.

<b>Constituent</b>	<b>Standard</b>
pH	Within the range 6.0 to 9.0
suspended solids	Concentration not greater than 100 gm <sup>-3</sup>
total recoverable hydrocarbons	Concentration not greater than 15 gm <sup>-3</sup>
biochemical oxygen demand	Concentration not greater than 10 gm <sup>-3</sup>

This condition shall apply before entry of the treated stormwater into the receiving waters or at a designated sampling point approved by the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council.

5. After allowing for reasonable mixing, within a mixing zone extending 15 metres downstream of the discharge points, the discharge shall not, either by itself or in combination with other discharges, give rise to any or all of the following effects in the receiving water:
  - a) the production of any conspicuous oil or grease films, scums or foams, or floatable or suspended materials;
  - b) any conspicuous change in the colour or visual clarity;
  - c) any emission of objectionable odour;
  - d) the rendering of fresh water unsuitable for consumption by farm animals;
  - e) any significant adverse effects on aquatic life.
6. The consent holder shall maintain and regularly update a 'Contingency Plan' that details measures and procedures that will be undertaken to prevent, and to avoid environmental effects from, a spillage or any discharge of contaminants not authorised by this consent. The plan shall be approved by the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, acting in a certification capacity.
7. The site shall be operated in accordance with the 'Management Plan' supplied in the application. The plan shall be kept up to date and any subsequent versions of the plan shall be approved by the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, acting in a

certification capacity. The plan shall detail how the site is to be managed to minimise the contaminants that become entrained in the stormwater and shall include as minimum:

- a) an up to date site map
- b) the management of wood waste piles to minimise leaching
- c) general housekeeping; and
- d) maintenance and management of the stormwater drains and ponds

*Note: A Stormwater Management Plan template is available in the Environment section of the Taranaki Regional Council's web site [www.trc.govt.nz](http://www.trc.govt.nz).*

8. The consent holder shall notify the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, prior to making any changes to the processes or operations undertaken at the site, or the chemicals used or stored on site that could alter the nature of the discharge. Any such change shall then only occur following receipt of any necessary approval under the Resource Management Act. Notification shall include the consent number, a brief description of the activity consented and an assessment of the environmental effects of any changes, and be emailed to [consents@trc.govt.nz](mailto:consents@trc.govt.nz).
9. In accordance with section 128 and section 129 of the Resource Management Act 1991, the Taranaki Regional Council may serve notice of its intention to review, amend, delete or add to the conditions of this resource consent by giving notice of review:
  - a) during the month of June 2020 and/or June 2026
  - b) within 3 months of receiving a notification under special condition 8 above
  - c) within 6 months of diversion of the kiln condensate as required by condition 3;

for the purpose of ensuring that the conditions are adequate to deal with any adverse effects on the environment arising from the exercise of this resource consent, which were either not foreseen at the time the application was considered or which it was not appropriate to deal with at the time.

Signed at Stratford on 20 May 2015

For and on behalf of  
Taranaki Regional Council

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A D McLay  
**Director - Resource Management**

Advice Note

*The consent holder's attention is drawn to MPI's "New Zealand Code of Practice for the Design and Operation of Farm Dairies (NZCP1) which restricts:*

- *the discharge of specified wastes to land used for grazing of milking animals; and*
- *the use of feed from land which has had specified wastes applied to it.*

*Should you require further information, please contact a Dairy Industry Technical Advisory Group (DITAG) representative or visit <http://www.foodsafety.govt.nz/elibrary/industry/dairy-nzcp1-design-code-of-practice/amdt-2.pdf> (specifically section 6.4 Disposal of effluent and other wastes and section 7.8 Purchased Stock Food) or contact an operating dairy processing company regarding conditions of supply.*



**Discharge Permit**  
**Pursuant to the Resource Management Act 1991**  
**a resource consent is hereby granted by the**  
**Taranaki Regional Council**

Name of  
Consent Holder: Taranaki Sawmills Limited  
P O Box 7145  
Fitzroy  
NEW PLYMOUTH

Consent Granted  
Date: 27 January 2004

**Conditions of Consent**

Consent Granted: To discharge emissions into the air from sawmilling and untreated timber processing and associated activities including the combustion of wood and/or coal within boilers and wastes in an open firepit at or about GR: Q19:110-405

Expiry Date: 1 June 2032

Review Date(s): June 2008, June 2014, June 2020, June 2026

Site Location: Hudson Road, Bell Block, New Plymouth

Legal Description: Lot 1 DP 13792 Blk II Paritutu SD

Catchment: Waitaha

## Consent 4096-2

### General conditions

- a) On receipt of a requirement from the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council the consent holder shall, within the time specified in the requirement, supply the information required relating to the exercise of this consent.
- b) Unless it is otherwise specified in the conditions of this consent, compliance with any monitoring requirement imposed by this consent must be at the consent holder's own expense.
- c) The consent holder shall pay to the Council all required administrative charges fixed by the Council pursuant to section 36 in relation to:
  - i) the administration, monitoring and supervision of this consent; and
  - ii) charges authorised by regulations.

### Special conditions

1. The consent holder shall at all times adopt the best practicable option, as defined in section 2 of the Resource Management Act 1991, to prevent or minimise any adverse effects on the environment from the exercise of this consent.
2. The consent holder shall minimise the emission and effects of contaminants discharged to air from the property, by the selection of the best practicable process equipment, process control equipment, contaminant abatement equipment, and methods of control, supervision and operation, and the proper and effective operation, supervision, control and maintenance of all equipment and processes at all times.
3. The exercise of this consent shall be undertaken generally in accordance with the documentation submitted in support of Application 2797. In the case of any contradiction between the documentation submitted in support of application 2797 and the conditions of this consent, the conditions of this consent shall prevail.
4. The Vekos boiler, stack and associated equipment shall be constructed, operated, and maintained generally as specified in the attachments to application 93/337 lodged with the Taranaki Regional Council on 18 August 1993. In the case of any contradiction between the documentation submitted in support of application 93/337 and the conditions of this consent, the conditions of this consent shall prevail.
5. Prior to undertaking any alterations to the plant, processes or operations, as specified in the application, which may significantly change the nature or quantity of contaminants emitted from the site, the consent holder shall consult with the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, and shall obtain any necessary approvals under the Resource Management Act 1991 and any amendments.
6. The consent holder shall notify the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, in writing as soon as is practicable, and in any case within one working day, of any use of coal as a fuel (whether as a sole fuel or blended with other fuels) on the site in the exercise of this consent. This condition applies when the intended or anticipated cumulative duration of the use of coal is more than 72 hours within any 14 day period.
7. The consent holder shall record all use of coal as a fuel, including the rate of consumption and the time and duration, and shall make this information available to the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, upon reasonable request.

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8. Within three months of the granting of this consent, the consent holder shall prepare and submit to the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, a management and operations plan for the combustion of wastes in the fire pit on the property. Upon the approval of the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, the consent holder shall thereafter maintain and comply with the plan. In the case of any contradiction between the plan and the conditions of this consent, the conditions of this consent shall prevail.
9. The plan for the management and operation of combustion of wastes in the firepit shall ensure a level of environmental performance that is to no less a level than that which would be achieved by compliance with the plan submitted in application 2797, and in particular but without exclusion or limitation, section 6.1.4 (B) and Appendix 3 of that application.
10. In the event of any incident having an adverse effect beyond the boundary of the property of the consent holder, the consent holder shall, as immediately as is practicable, notify the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council.
11. The discharges authorised by this consent shall not give rise to any significant adverse ecological effect on any ecosystems in the Taranaki region.
12. The discharges authorized by this consent shall not give rise to an odour at or beyond the boundary of the site that is offensive or objectionable.
13. For the purposes of condition 12, without restriction, an odour shall be deemed to be offensive or objectionable if:
  - a) it is held to be so in the opinion of an enforcement officer of the Taranaki Regional Council, having regard to the duration, frequency, intensity and nature of the odour; and/or
  - b) an officer of the Taranaki Regional Council observes that an odour is noticeable, and either it lasts longer than three (3) hours continuously, or it occurs frequently during a single period of more than six (6) hours; and/or
  - c) no less than three individuals from at least two different properties, each declare in writing that an objectionable or offensive odour was detected beyond the boundary of the site, provided the Council is satisfied that the declarations are not vexatious and that the objectionable or offensive odour was emitted from the site as specified in (b). Each declaration shall include the individuals' names and addresses, the date and time the objectionable or offensive odour was detected, the location of the individual when it was detected and the prevailing weather conditions during the event. The declarations shall be signed and dated.
14. The discharges authorised by this consent shall not give rise to suspended or deposited dust at or beyond the boundary of the site that, in the opinion of at least one enforcement officer of the Taranaki Regional Council, is offensive or objectionable. For the purpose of this condition, ambient levels of dust in excess of the following limits are deemed to be offensive or objectionable:
  - a) dust deposition rate  $0.13 \text{ g/m}^2/\text{day}$ ; and/or
  - b) suspended dust level  $1.5 \text{ mg/m}^3$ .
15. The consent holder shall control all emissions of sulphur dioxide to the atmosphere from the site, in order that the maximum ground level concentration of sulphur dioxide arising from the exercise of this consent measured under ambient conditions on land does not exceed 350 micrograms per cubic metre [one-hour average exposure] or 125 micrograms per cubic metre [twenty-four hour average exposure] at or beyond the boundary of the site.

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16. The consent holder shall control all emissions of particulate of effective diameter of less than 10 micrometres (PM10) to the atmosphere from combustion sources, whether alone or in conjunction with any other emissions from the site, in order that the maximum ground level concentration of PM10 arising from the exercise of this consent measured under ambient conditions does not exceed 50 micrograms per cubic metre [one hour average exposure], on more than 5 occasions per year cumulative across any and all monitoring sites, and does not exceed 120 micrograms per cubic metre [one hour average exposure] at any time, at or beyond the boundary of the site.
17. The discharges authorized by this consent shall not give rise to a level of a contaminant or contaminants at or beyond the boundary of the site that is noxious or toxic.
18. There shall be no emissions of dark smoke from the boiler stack(s) for any continuous period of 2 minutes or for more than 4 minutes cumulative in any 60 minute period, except:
  - a) during soot blowing, which may occur up to 4 times per day for a total cumulative duration of 20 minutes in any 24 hour period; and
  - b) during the first 30 minutes following the lighting up of any boiler
19. The minimum height of discharge of products of combustion from the boilers shall be 12 metres above the ground level prevailing at the time of lodging the application for this consent.
20. This consent shall lapse on the expiry of five years after the date of issue of this consent, unless the consent is given effect to before the end of that period or the Taranaki Regional Council fixes a longer period pursuant to section 125(1)(b) of the Resource Management Act 1991.
21. In accordance with section 128 and section 129 of the Resource Management Act 1991, the Taranaki Regional Council may serve notice of its intention to review, amend, delete or add to the conditions of this resource consent by giving notice of review during the month of June 2008 and/or June 2014 and/or June 2020 and/or June 2026, for the purpose or purposes of:
  - a) ensuring that the conditions are adequate to deal with any adverse effects on the environment arising from the exercise of this resource consent, which were either not foreseen at the time the application was considered or which it was not appropriate to deal with at the time; and/or
  - b) to address via a more appropriate condition or conditions any adverse effect on the environment arising from odour emissions or discharges of other contaminants to air; and/or
  - c) to further specify 'best practicable option' in terms of the consent holder's management, supervision, maintenance and/or operation of its processes on the property; and/or
  - d) to specify numerical values for any operating or environmental effects parameter.

Signed at Stratford on 27 January 2004

For and on behalf of  
Taranaki Regional Council

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**Director-Resource Management**

**Discharge Permit**  
**Pursuant to the Resource Management Act 1991**  
**a resource consent is hereby granted by the**  
**Taranaki Regional Council**

Name of  
Consent Holder: TBS Coatings Limited  
P O Box 7057  
Fitzroy  
NEW PLYMOUTH

Consent Granted  
Date: 9 August 2002

**Conditions of Consent**

Consent Granted: To discharge emissions into the air from abrasive blasting operations and associated processes at a permanent site at Corbett Road, Bell Block at or about GR: Q19:115-397, and from mobile operations at various locations throughout the Taranaki region

Expiry Date: 1 June 2020

Review Date(s): June 2005, June 2008, June 2011, June 2014, June 2017

Site Location: Corbett Road, Bell Block, New Plymouth

Legal Description: Lot 1 DP 11084 Pt Sec 150 Blk II Paritutu SD

Catchment: Mangati

**General conditions**

- a) On receipt of a requirement from the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council (hereinafter the Chief Executive), the consent holder shall, within the time specified in the requirement, supply the information required relating to the exercise of this consent.
- b) Unless it is otherwise specified in the conditions of this consent, compliance with any monitoring requirement imposed by this consent must be at the consent holder's own expense.
- c) The consent holder shall pay to the Council all required administrative charges fixed by the Council pursuant to section 36 in relation to:
  - i) the administration, monitoring and supervision of this consent; and
  - ii) charges authorised by regulations.

**Special conditions**

**All operations**

- 1. The consent holder shall at all times adopt the best practicable option, as defined in section 2 of the Resource Management Act 1991, to prevent or minimise any adverse effects on the environment.
- 2. As far as is practicable all abrasive blasting shall be carried out in a booth, shed or other effectively facility on the consent holders site.
- 3. Sand used for dry blasting must contain less than 5% by dry weight free silica and less than 2% by dry weight dust able to pass a 0.15 mm sieve.
- 4. All abrasive blasting is to be conducted with regard to wind direction and wind strength, such that off-site emissions are kept to a practicable minimum.
- 5. As far as is practicable, work areas and surrounding areas shall be cleared of accumulations of sand and any other blasted material at the end of each blasting session and by the end of each working day.
- 6. Any discharge to air from the exercise of this consent shall not give rise to any offensive, objectionable or toxic levels of dust or odour at or beyond the boundary of the property on which the abrasive blasting is occurring.
- 7. Dry sand blasting shall be used in yard and mobile operations only when specified by a client. High pressure water blasting, wet sand blasting, grit blasting, vacuum blasting or an equivalent alternative process must be used when practicable.
- 8. It shall be the responsibility of the consent holder to ensure that all operators of abrasive blasting equipment understand and comply with all of the conditions of this consent prior to the commencement of any work for which this consent is required.

**Operations conducted within permanent facilities**

9. All emissions from abrasive blasting, surface preparation or surface coating operations and all other associated emissions from abrasive blasting, shall be contained and treated, as far as is practicable, prior to discharge beyond any operations enclosure. All gas streams ventilated or otherwise emitted from an enclosure shall be treated to a concentration of total particulate matter of less than  $125 \text{ mg/m}^3$  [natural temperature & pressure] corrected to dry gas basis, at any time.
10. The dust deposition rate beyond the property boundary arising from the discharge, shall be less than  $4.0 \text{ g/m}^2/30 \text{ days}$ .
11. The final discharge after any pre-treatment shall not contain lead [Pb] or Pb components at a concentration greater than  $0.7 \text{ mg/m}^3$  as Pb, chromium [Cr] or Cr compounds at a concentration of  $1.5 \text{ mg/m}^3$  as Cr, or zinc [Zn] or Zn compounds at a concentration of  $15 \text{ mg/m}^3$  as Zn [discharge corrected to 0 degrees Celsius and dry gas], at any time.

**Yard operations**

12. From time to time, the consent holder may receive for abrasive blasting or other surface treatment, an item that, because of its bulk, weight, or other factor, cannot be treated inside the appropriate facility. Such yard operations shall not be permitted on a frequent or continual basis, or other than in exceptional circumstances.
13. Prior to commencing any yard operation as described in special condition 12 above, the consent holder shall specifically provide written notification to the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council.
14. All items which cannot be treated within the properly enclosed facilities shall be screened by means of covers, tarpaulins, cladding or other means, as completely as practicable, to contain dust emissions and depositions and to restrict the spread of all blasting debris.

**Mobile operations**

15. All items or premises to be blasted from a mobile blasting unit shall be screened by means of covers, tarpaulins, cladding, or other means, as completely as practicable, to contain dust emissions and depositions and to restrict the spread of all blasting debris and materials to the satisfaction of the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council.
16. Prior to undertaking abrasive blasting from a mobile blasting unit within residential areas, the consent holder shall notify the relevant District Council.
17. Where abrasive blasting or surface coating from a mobile blasting unit is to take place within 100 metres of a watercourse, the consent holder shall provide written notification to the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, prior to any operation commencing. The Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, may require additional measures to prevent, minimise or mitigate any potential for adverse environmental effects. It shall be the responsibility of the consent holder to ascertain such measures prior to commencing an abrasive blasting operation, and to comply with any and all such measures at all times.
18. Dry abrasive blasting from a mobile blasting unit shall be conducted within 200 metres of any dwelling place or property boundary only with the written approval of the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, and then only after either public notice or individual notice to all affected owners or occupiers has been given.

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19. The suspended particulate matter shall not exceed  $3 \text{ mg/m}^3$  [measured under ambient conditions], and the deposition of dust shall not exceed  $0.13 \text{ g/m}^2/\text{day}$  beyond the property boundary or beyond 50 metres of the discharge when sited on public amenity areas, whichever is less.
20. The discharge shall not give rise to any of the following effects in any surface watercourse:
- a) the production of any conspicuous oil or grease films, scums or foams, or floatable or suspended materials;
  - b) any conspicuous change in the colour or visual clarity;
  - c) any emission of objectionable odour;
  - d) the rendering of fresh water unsuitable for consumption by farm animals;
  - e) any significant adverse effects on aquatic life;
  - f) an increase in suspended solids of more than  $10 \text{ g/m}^3$ ;
  - g) turbidity above 4 nephelometric turbidity units [NTU], except that if the turbidity within the water body is above 3.2 NTU, no more than 25% increase in NTU;
  - h) any increase in the concentration of zinc, lead, arsenic, chromium or thorium-based products.

### Review

21. In accordance with section 128 and section 129 of the Resource Management Act 1991, the Taranaki Regional Council may serve notice of its intention to review, amend, delete or add to the conditions of this resource consent by giving notice of review during the month of June 2005 and/or June 2008 and/or June 2011 and/or June 2014 and/or June 2017, for the purpose of ensuring that the conditions are adequate to deal with any adverse effects on the environment arising from the exercise of this resource consent, which were either not foreseen at the time the application was considered or which it was not appropriate to deal with at the time.

Signed at Stratford on 9 August 2002

For and on behalf of  
Taranaki Regional Council

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**Director-Resource Management**

**Discharge Permit**  
**Pursuant to the Resource Management Act 1991**  
**a resource consent is hereby granted by the**  
**Taranaki Regional Council**

Name of  
Consent Holder:            Transpacific Industrial Solutions  
   P O Box 7076  
   NEW PLYMOUTH

Review Completed        27 August 2008    [Granted: 5 September 1995]  
Date:

**Conditions of Consent**

Consent Granted:        To discharge up to 65 litres/second of stormwater from a  
   truck depot premises into the Waitaha Stream at or about  
   (NZTM) 1701210E-5678852N

Expiry Date:                1 June 2014

Site Location:              Hudson Road, Bell Block

Legal Description:        Lots 36 & 37 DP 12911 Bell Dist Blk II Paritutu SD

Catchment:                 Waitaha

### General conditions

- a. On receipt of a requirement from the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council the consent holder shall, within the time specified in the requirement, supply the information required relating to the exercise of this consent.
- b. Unless it is otherwise specified in the conditions of this consent, compliance with any monitoring requirement imposed by this consent must be at the consent holder's own expense.
- c. The consent holder shall pay to the Council all required administrative charges fixed by the Council pursuant to section 36 in relation to:
  - i. the administration, monitoring and supervision of this consent;
  - ii. charges for the carrying out of the Council's functions under section 35 in relation to this consent; and
  - iii. charges authorised by regulations.

### Special conditions

#### Condition 1 [changed]

1. Constituents in the discharge shall meet the standards shown in the following table:

Constituent	Standard
pH	Within the range 6.0 to 8.5
Suspended solids	Concentration not greater than 100 gm <sup>-3</sup>
Oil and grease	Concentration not greater than 15 gm <sup>-3</sup>

This condition shall apply prior to the entry of the stormwater into the receiving waters at a designated sampling point approved by the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council.

#### Conditions 2 to 3 [unchanged]

2. That allowing for a mixing zone of 10 metres extending downstream of any direct discharge, the discharge shall not give rise to all or any of the following effects in the receiving water:
  - (i) the production of any conspicuous oil or grease films, scums or foams, or floatable or suspended materials;
  - (ii) any conspicuous change in the colour or visual clarity;
  - (iii) any emission of an objectionable odour;
  - (iv) any significant adverse effects on aquatic life, habitats, or ecology;
  - (v) any undesirable biological growths.
3. That the Taranaki Regional Council may review any or all of the conditions of this consent by giving notice of review during June 2002 and/or June 2008 for the purpose of ensuring that the conditions are adequate to deal with any adverse effects of the discharge on the receiving environment.

**Condition 4 [new]**

4. Before 30 November 2008 the consent holder shall prepare and thereafter maintain a stormwater management plan. This plan shall be adhered to at all times and shall, to the satisfaction of the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, document how the site is to be managed in order to minimise the contaminants that become entrained in the stormwater. The plan shall include but not necessarily be limited to:
- a) on site hazardous substance storage;
  - b) general housekeeping; and
  - c) management of the interceptor systems.

Signed at Stratford on 27 August 2008

For and on behalf of  
Taranaki Regional Council

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**Chief Executive**



**Discharge Permit**  
**Pursuant to the Resource Management Act 1991**  
**a resource consent is hereby granted by the**  
**Taranaki Regional Council**

Name of  
Consent Holder: Intergroup Limited  
PO Box 58087  
Botany  
Auckland 2163

Decision Date: 31 March 2016

Commencement Date: 31 March 2016

**Conditions of Consent**

Consent Granted: To discharge treated stormwater from a liquid wastes processing and chemical consolidation facility onto and into land and into the Waitaha Stream via the New Plymouth District Council reticulated stormwater system

Expiry Date: 1 June 2032

Review Date(s): June 2020, June 2026 and/or within 3 months of receiving notification under special condition 8

Site Location: 28 Hudson Road, Bell Block

Grid Reference (NZTM) 1701296E-5678821N

Catchment: Waitaha

*For General, Standard and Special conditions  
pertaining to this consent please see reverse side of this document*

### General condition

- a. The consent holder shall pay to the Taranaki Regional Council all the administration, monitoring and supervision costs of this consent, fixed in accordance with section 36 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

### Special conditions

1. The consent holder shall at all times adopt the best practicable option, as defined in section 2 of the Resource Management Act 1991, to prevent or minimise any adverse effects on the environment from the exercise of this consent.
2. Before 31 May 2016 all areas of site used for storing unwashed storage vessels shall be bunded such that any stormwater is captured and directed to the site stormwater treatment system.
3. The stormwater discharged shall be from a catchment area not exceeding 0.4 Ha.
4. Constituents of the discharge shall meet the standards shown in the following table.

<u>Constituent</u>	<u>Standard</u>
pH	Within the range 6.0 to 9.0
suspended solids	Concentration not greater than 100 gm <sup>-3</sup>
total recoverable hydrocarbons	Concentration not greater than 15 gm <sup>-3</sup>

This condition shall apply before entry of the treated stormwater into the New Plymouth reticulated stormwater network at a designated sampling point approved by the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council.

5. After allowing for reasonable mixing, within a mixing zone extending 10 metres downstream of the discharge point to the Waitaha Stream, the discharge shall not, either by itself or in combination with other discharges, give rise to any or all of the following effects in the receiving water:
  - a) the production of any conspicuous oil or grease films, scums or foams, or floatable or suspended materials;
  - b) any conspicuous change in the colour or visual clarity;
  - c) any emission of objectionable odour;
  - d) the rendering of fresh water unsuitable for consumption by farm animals;
  - e) any significant adverse effects on aquatic life.
6. The consent holder shall maintain and regularly update a 'Contingency Plan' that details measures and procedures that will be undertaken to prevent, and to avoid environmental effects from, a spillage or any discharge of contaminants not authorised by this consent. The plan shall be approved by the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, acting in a certification capacity.

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7. The site shall be operated in accordance with a 'Management Plan' prepared by the consent holder and approved by the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, acting in a certification capacity. The plan shall detail how the site is to be managed to minimise the contaminants that become entrained in the stormwater and shall include as a minimum:
  - a) details of unloading of materials to the central trade waste system;
  - b) general housekeeping; and
  - c) management of the stormwater treatment system.
8. The consent holder shall notify the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, prior to making any changes to the processes or operations undertaken at the site, or the chemicals used or stored on site that could alter the nature of the discharge. Any such change shall then only occur following receipt of any necessary approval under the Resource Management Act. Notification shall include the consent number, a brief description of the activity consented and an assessment of the environmental effects of any changes, and be emailed to [consents@trc.govt.nz](mailto:consents@trc.govt.nz).
9. In accordance with section 128 and section 129 of the Resource Management Act 1991, the Taranaki Regional Council may serve notice of its intention to review, amend, delete or add to the conditions of this resource consent by giving notice of review:
  - a) during the month of June 2020 and/or June 2026; and/or
  - b) within 3 months of receiving a notification under special condition 8 above;

for the purpose of ensuring that the conditions are adequate to deal with any adverse effects on the environment arising from the exercise of this resource consent, which were either not foreseen at the time the application was considered or which it was not appropriate to deal with at the time.

Signed at Stratford on 31 March 2016

For and on behalf of  
Taranaki Regional Council

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A D McLay  
**Director - Resource Management**



**Discharge Permit**  
**Pursuant to the Resource Management Act 1991**  
**a resource consent is hereby granted by the**  
**Taranaki Regional Council**

Name of  
Consent Holder: Weatherford New Zealand Limited  
P O Box 7162  
NEW PLYMOUTH

Review Completed 21 August 2008 [Granted: 5 September 1995]  
Date:

**Conditions of Consent**

Consent Granted: To discharge up to 130 litres/second of treated stormwater and minor treated washdown water from an oilfield engineering services premises onto land and into an unnamed tributary of the Waitaha Stream at or about (NZTM) 1701110E-5678552N

Expiry Date: 1 June 2014

Site Location: Dakota Place, Bell Block

Legal Description: Lots 5-7 DP 12035 Lots 2 & 3 DP 11781 Lot 4 DP 12035  
Bell Dist Blk II Paritutu SD

Catchment: Waitaha

### General conditions

- a) On receipt of a requirement from the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council the consent holder shall, within the time specified in the requirement, supply the information required relating to the exercise of this consent.
- b) Unless it is otherwise specified in the conditions of this consent, compliance with any monitoring requirement imposed by this consent must be at the consent holder's own expense.
- c) The consent holder shall pay to the Council all required administrative charges fixed by the Council pursuant to section 36 in relation to:
  - i) the administration, monitoring and supervision of this consent; and
  - ii) charges authorised by regulations.

### Special conditions

#### Condition 1 [changed]

1. Constituents in the discharge shall meet the standards shown in the following table:

Constituent	Standard
pH	Within the range 6.0 to 9.0
Suspended solids	Concentration not greater than 100 gm <sup>-3</sup>
Oil and grease [to water]	Concentration not greater than 15 gm <sup>-3</sup>
Oil and grease [to land]	Concentration not greater than 25 gm <sup>-3</sup>

This condition shall apply prior to the entry of the treated stormwater and wastewater into the receiving waters, and prior to the discharge of wastewater on to land at designated sampling points approved by the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council.

#### Conditions 2 to 4 [unchanged]

2. That the consent holder shall construct bunding around the oil/petroleum storage area to avoid the contamination of stormwater to the satisfaction of the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council.
3. That allowing for a mixing zone of 10 metres extending downstream of any direct discharge or from the nearest boundary of the consent holder's property, the discharge shall not give rise to all or any of the following effects in the receiving water:
  - i) the production of any conspicuous oil or grease films, scums or foams, or floatable or suspended materials;
  - ii) any conspicuous change in the colour or visual clarity;
  - iii) any emission of an objectionable odour;
  - iv) any significant adverse effects on aquatic life, habitats, or ecology;
  - i) any undesirable biological growths.

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4. That the Taranaki Regional Council may review any or all of the conditions of this consent by giving notice of review during June 2002 and/or June 2008 for the purpose of ensuring that the conditions are adequate to deal with any adverse effects of the discharge on the receiving environment.

**Condition 5 [new]**

5. Before 30 November 2008 the consent holder shall prepare and thereafter maintain a stormwater management plan. This plan shall be adhered to at all times and shall, to the satisfaction of the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, document how the site is to be managed in order to minimise the contaminants that become entrained in the stormwater. The plan shall include but not necessarily be limited to:
  - a) on site hazardous substance storage;
  - b) general housekeeping; and
  - c) management of the interceptor systems.

Signed at Stratford on 21 August 2008

For and on behalf of  
Taranaki Regional Council

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**Director-Resource Management**



**Discharge Permit**  
**Pursuant to the Resource Management Act 1991**  
**a resource consent is hereby granted by the**  
**Taranaki Regional Council**

Name of  
Consent Holder:           Woodwards 2008 Limited  
                                  P O Box 9036  
                                  NEW PLYMOUTH 4351

Decision Date:             17 August 2011

Commencement  
Date:                         17 August 2011

**Conditions of Consent**

Consent Granted:         To discharge emissions into air from the combustion of  
                                  untreated timber wastes at or about (NZTM)  
                                  1701037E-5678250N

Expiry Date:               1 June 2026

Review Date(s):         June 2014, June 2020

Site Location:            124 De Havilland Drive, Bell Block

Legal Description:        Lot 8 DP 11912 [Discharge site]

*For General, Standard and Special conditions  
pertaining to this consent please see reverse side of this document*

### General condition

- a. The consent holder shall pay to the Taranaki Regional Council all the administration, monitoring and supervision costs of this consent, fixed in accordance to section 36 of the Resource Management Act.

### Special conditions

1. The consent holder shall at all times adopt the best practicable option, as defined in section 2 of the Resource Management Act 1991, to prevent or minimise any adverse effects on the environment from the exercise of this consent including [but not limited to]:
  - having regard to the prevailing and predicted wind speed and direction at the time of burning in order to minimise offsite effects;
  - allowing the waste material to dry before burning;
  - starting a small fire with the driest material and adding further material once it is blazing, as opposed to igniting a large stack and leaving it unattended.
2. The materials for combustion are restricted to untreated wood and wood wastes; and shall be combusted only when placed in a pit no closer than 20 metres to any boundary.
3. There shall be no objectionable or offensive odour to the extent that it causes an adverse effect at or beyond the boundary of the site.

Note: For the purposes of this condition:

- The site is defined as Lot 8 DP 11912; and
  - Assessment under this condition shall be in accordance with the *Good Practice Guide for Assessing and Managing Odour in New Zealand, Air Quality Report 36, Ministry for the Environment, 2003.*
4. The consent holder, or an authorised agent, shall supervise burning at all times and the fires shall not be lit later than 12 noon on any day.
  5. The dust deposition rate beyond the property boundary arising from the discharge shall be less than 0.13 g/m<sup>2</sup>/day.
  6. Any discharge to air from the site shall not give rise to any offensive, objectionable, noxious or toxic levels of dust at or beyond the boundary of the property, and in any case, suspended particulate matter shall not exceed 3 mg/m<sup>3</sup> [measured under ambient conditions] beyond the boundary of the site.
  7. The discharges authorised by this consent shall not give rise to a level of a contaminant or contaminants at or beyond the boundary of the site that is noxious or toxic.
  8. This consent shall lapse on 30 September 2016, unless the consent is given effect to before the end of that period or the Taranaki Regional Council fixes a longer period pursuant to section 125(1)(b) of the Resource Management Act 1991.

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9. In accordance with section 128 and section 129 of the Resource Management Act 1991, the Taranaki Regional Council may serve notice of its intention to review, amend, delete or add to the conditions of this resource consent by giving notice of review during the month of June 2014 and/or June 2020, for the purpose of ensuring that the conditions are adequate to deal with any adverse effects on the environment arising from the exercise of this resource consent, which were either not foreseen at the time the application was considered or which it was not appropriate to deal with at the time.

Signed at Stratford on 17 August 2011

For and on behalf of  
Taranaki Regional Council

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**Director-Resource Management**



**Discharge Permit**  
**Pursuant to the Resource Management Act 1991**  
**a resource consent is hereby granted by the**  
**Taranaki Regional Council**

Name of  
Consent Holder:           Zelam Limited  
                                  P O Box 7142  
                                  NEW PLYMOUTH 4341

Change To                   1 September 2009    [Granted: 13 February 2008]  
Conditions Date:

**Conditions of Consent**

Consent Granted:        To discharge emissions into the air from industrial  
                                  agri-chemical formulation processes and associated  
                                  processes at or about (NZTM) 1701317E-5678995N

Expiry Date:             1 June 2026

Review Date(s):         June 2014, June 2020

Site Location:           13 Hudson Road, Bell Block

Legal Description:       Lot 1 DP 17241 Blk II Paritutu SD

### **General conditions**

- a) On receipt of a requirement from the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council the consent holder shall, within the time specified in the requirement, supply the information required relating to the exercise of this consent.
- b) Unless it is otherwise specified in the conditions of this consent, compliance with any monitoring requirement imposed by this consent must be at the consent holder's own expense.
- c) The consent holder shall pay to the Council all required administrative charges fixed by the Council pursuant to section 36 in relation to:
  - i) the administration, monitoring and supervision of this consent; and
  - ii) charges authorised by regulations.

### **Special conditions**

#### **Conditions 1 to 6 [unchanged]**

1. The consent holder shall at all times adopt the best practicable option, as defined in section 2 of the Resource Management Act 1991, to prevent or minimise any adverse effects on the environment from the exercise of this consent.
2. Prior to undertaking any alterations to the plant, processes or operations, which may significantly alter the nature or quantity of contaminants emitted from the site, the consent holder shall consult with the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, and shall obtain any necessary approvals under the Resource Management Act 1991.
3. The discharges authorised by this consent shall not give rise to any offensive or objectionable odour at or beyond the site boundary in the opinion of an enforcement officer of the Taranaki Regional Council.
4. The concentration of benzyl chloride discharge from any vent shall not exceed 1 part per million [vol/vol].
5. The discharge of particulate matter from any vent or source shall not exceed 125 milligrams per cubic metre corrected to 0 degrees Celsius, 1 atmosphere of pressure and a dry gas basis.
6. In the event of any incident arising from the discharge of contaminants to air having an effect beyond the boundary of the site, the consent holder shall contact the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council as soon as is practicable.

#### **Conditions 7 & 8 [changed]**

7. The consent holder shall maintain the scrubber liquor of the forced draft scrubbers at or greater than pH 9.

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8. The consent holder shall monitor and record the pH of the forced draft scrubber liquors on a weekly basis. The consent holder shall forward this information in the form of a written report to the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, upon request.

### **Conditions 9 & 10 [new]**

9. The consent holder shall maintain the excess free amine concentration of the scrubber liquor of the air displacement scrubber at or greater than 0.5%.
10. The consent holder shall monitor and record the excess free amine concentration of the scrubber liquor of the air displacement scrubber prior to each quaternary process run. The consent holder shall forward this information in the form of a written report to the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, upon request.

### **Conditions 11 & 12 [unchanged, formerly conditions 9 & 10]**

11. The consent holder shall control all emissions to the atmosphere from the site so that the maximum ground level concentration for any particular contaminant arising from the exercise of this consent measured at or beyond the boundary of the site shall not exceed:
  - a) 1/30<sup>th</sup> of the relevant Occupation Threshold Value Time Weighted Average as defined in the Department of Labour Workplace Exposure Standards and Biological Indices for New Zealand; or
  - b) by more than the Short Term Exposure Limit as defined in the Department of Labour Workplace Exposure Standards and Biological Indices for New Zealand; or
  - c) if no Short Term Exposure Limit is set, more than three times the Time Weighted Average at any time.
12. In accordance with section 128 and section 129 of the Resource Management Act 1991, the Taranaki Regional Council may serve notice of its intention to review, amend, delete or add to the conditions of this resource consent by giving notice of review during the month of June 2014 and/or June 2020, for the purpose of ensuring that the conditions are adequate to deal with any adverse effects on the environment arising from the exercise of this resource consent, which were either not foreseen at the time the application was considered or which it was not appropriate to deal with at the time.

Signed at Stratford on 1 September 2009

For and on behalf of  
Taranaki Regional Council

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**Director-Resource Management**



## **Appendix II**

### **Rule 23 of the Regional Freshwater Plan (permitted stormwater rule)**



## Discharge of stormwater

Activity	Rule	Standards/Terms/Conditions	Classification	Notification	Control/Discretion	Policy Reference
<p>Discharge of stormwater into or onto land or into water (excluding those wetlands listed in Appendix II) that is not provided for by Rules 25-27</p>	<p>23</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The discharge shall not originate from any industrial or trade premise where the active area of the site is greater than 0.5 ha, unless there is an interceptor system in place that is designed and managed so that it will keep stormwater from entraining contaminants;</li> <li>• The discharge shall not originate from any industrial or trade premise where hazardous substances are used, stored or potentially spilt unless:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) there is an interceptor system in place that is designed and managed so that it will keep stormwater from entraining contaminants; or</li> <li>(ii) there is an interceptor system in place that is designed and managed so that it is capable of capturing contaminated stormwater and either diverting it to trade waste or containing it and/or removing or reducing the contaminants such that:                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- any spills can be recovered;</li> <li>- the discharge shall not contain any persistent or bioaccumulative substances;</li> <li>- the discharge shall not breach any other specified condition of this rule;</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>and a spill contingency and interceptor system maintenance plan is maintained and regularly updated for the site;</li> <li>• The discharge shall not originate from any industrial or trade premises where the movement of rock, earth or other soil material is taking place, unless that movement is being undertaken in connection with site landscaping, or the installation, construction, maintenance or demolition of buildings, structures or equipment;</li> <li>• The discharge shall not be greater than is able to be discharged from a pipe of 900 mm in diameter;</li> </ul>	<p>Permitted</p>			

## Discharge of stormwater (continued)

Activity	Rule	Standards/Terms/Conditions	Classification	Notification	Control/Discretion	Policy Reference												
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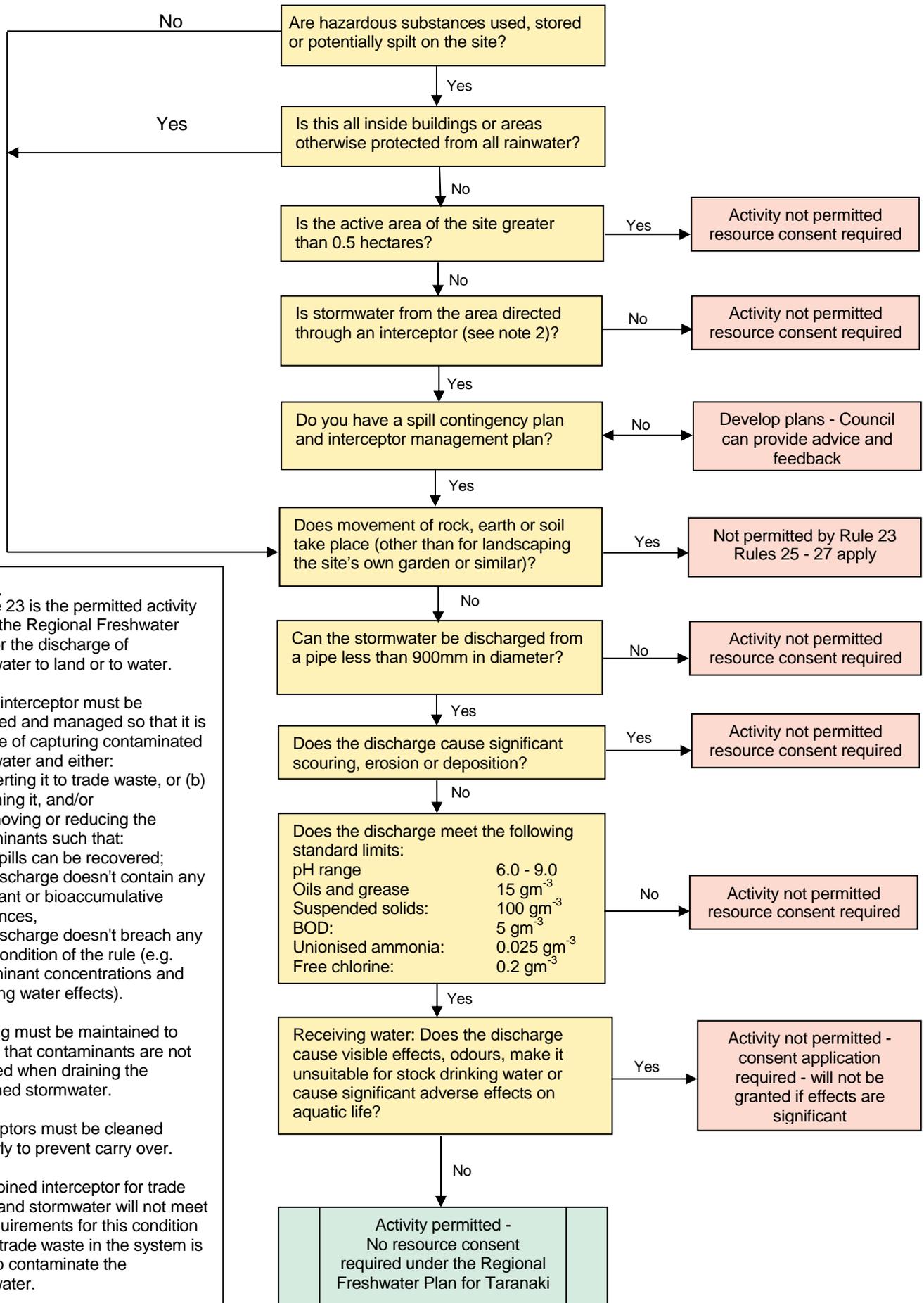
## Explanation

Rule 23 provides for the large number of stormwater discharges that have no or only minor adverse effects on the environment. A resource consent is not required for stormwater discharges to either land or water so long as the discharge can comply with the conditions of this rule. The first condition restricts discharges from industrial or trade that are over 0.5 hectares in area, unless the site has a means of ensuring that stormwater will not be contaminated (a roofed site is a good example of this). The reference to the 'active area' of the site refers to that part of the site where industrial and trade activity is taking place, including areas on site where goods, products, hazardous substances or other materials are stored, used or potentially split, but does not include areas that are grassed; landscaped; or roofed; or carparks which are used exclusively for non-goods vehicles.

Any sites storing and/or using hazardous substances must either ensure that the stormwater cannot be contaminated (for example is the site is roofed) or that an interceptor system is designed and managed so that contaminated stormwater is diverted to trade waste or captured and contained and/or treated so that the contamination is removed and reduced. In this regard the bunding of hazardous substances and the capture and treatment of stormwater would enable the discharge of stormwater from sites under 0.5 hectares to be a permitted activity. The condition also requires that a contingency plan be maintained and regularly updated for the site.

The third condition restricts the discharge of stormwater from any industrial and trade premises where the movement of rock and other earth material is taking place, other than the types of minor works outlined in the condition. This is consistent with other rules in the Plan relating to stormwater discharges from soil disturbance activities.

Rule 23 also contains conditions relating to the receiving environment to ensure that adverse effects are avoided, remedied or mitigated. Conditions relate to both water quality (by specifying discharge limits and receiving water effects) and the quantity of water that is being discharged (to avoid erosion, scour or deposition).



**Notes**

1. Rule 23 is the permitted activity rule in the Regional Freshwater Plan for the discharge of stormwater to land or to water.

2. The interceptor must be designed and managed so that it is capable of capturing contaminated stormwater and either:  
 (a) diverting it to trade waste, or (b) containing it, and/or (c) removing or reducing the contaminants such that:  
 - any spills can be recovered;  
 - the discharge doesn't contain any persistent or bioaccumulative substances,  
 - the discharge doesn't breach any other condition of the rule (e.g. contaminant concentrations and receiving water effects).

Bunding must be maintained to ensure that contaminants are not released when draining the contained stormwater.

Interceptors must be cleaned regularly to prevent carry over.

A combined interceptor for trade waste and stormwater will not meet the requirements for this condition as the trade waste in the system is likely to contaminate the stormwater.