

MEMORANDUM

DATE: 29 April 2010
TO: Water Hearing Panel
FROM: Helen Marr
SUBJECT: THE ENVIRONMENTAL RIVER WORKS CODE OF PRACTICE

In April 2010 a track changes version of the Environmental River Works Code of Practice was submitted by the reporting officers to the pane as part of the End of Hearing material. This document is dated March 2010.

Within section 2.4.2 Generic Standards (page 33) it was recommended that a new standard (standard 28) be inserted regarding the discharge of sediment.

It has been brought to my attention that there has been some internal miscommunication regarding the effect the standard was to address.

The standard proposed in the March 2010 version of the Code of Practice was based on short duration high intensity sediment releases. Instead the Code of Practice should be addressing longer duration low intensity sediment releases.

Below I have proposed a replacement standard which meets the above purpose:

28. Any discharge of sediment into water directly caused by an activity must not, after reasonable mixing, cause any conspicuous change in the colour of the water in the receiving water body, or any change in the horizontal visibility greater than the standard set in the clarity % change column of Schedule D of the One Plan, more than 24 hours after the completion of the activity. This standard does not include the activity "Drainage Channels/Modified Streams: Mechanical Cleaning".

I have also attached a replacement page for your track changes.

Please accept my apologies for this misunderstanding. I will be available at the hearings on the 30th of April for any questions you may have.

Regards

Helen Marr
One Plan Manager
29th April 2010

Encl: Replacement pages 33 and 34 of the tracked changes version of the Environmental Code of Practice for River Works, March 2010

26. Activities will comply with Horizons Regional Council's current Didymo action plan.
27. In the event that human remains or artefacts are uncovered during any river and drainage activity, works shall cease immediately and Horizons Regional Council's Manager-Environmental Compliance Manager and the relevant iwi as noted in the iwi contact database will be informed and will subsequently advise when the activity may recommence.
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