

Incidents involving hazardous substances reported to ERMA NZ for the period 01/10/08 to 31/12/08

| IncidentLevelKey | | | | |
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| 0 - Default | 1 – Minor | 2 - Medium | 3 – High | 4 - Extreme |
| Information, seeking report from enforcement agency(s). | No discernable/long term effect on people or the environment. Controls & enforcement action adequate. | Localise short term effect on people and the environment. Controls & enforcement action adequate but may require follow up. | Regional impacting or notable concern. Significant damage to property and people. System/control failure. Public and/or political interest. Enforcement action adequate but will require full reporting. | Permanent widespread environmental damage. Major damage to property and people. Public or political outrage. Enforcement action required and must be monitored. |

| Incident ID | Date of Incident | Level | Category |
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| 433 | 10-Oct-2008 | 1 - Low | |
| Geographical Location SH 39 (Karakamea Road) near Ngahinapouri, Waikato | | | |
| Location Type | Incident Type | Substance Involved | Reporting Agency |
| Motor Vehicle Public Place | Spill/Leakage | adhesive | Environment Waikato Media |
| <p>A truck and trailer unit rolled and spilled a small amount of Bostik adhesive being transported. Fire fighters diverted the adhesive, which police classify as dangerous goods, away from waterways next to the road. Enviroment Waikato was also advised of the leak. The glue was packaged in drums and in packaged boxes, some of which were leaking. The glue dried as it was leaking and was safely contained in a small area of soil which was then removed.</p> | | | |
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| 434 | 10-Oct-2008 | 1 - Low | |
| Geographical Location Randwick Road, Lower Hutt | | | |
| Location Type | Incident Type | Substance Involved | Reporting Agency |
| Workplace | Spill/Leakage | hydrogen peroxide | Department of Labour |
| <p>2 litres of 50% hydrogen peroxide was dispatched by courier in an unmarked package. The bottle was marked class 5.1, 6. The particular courier does not transport these classes of material but were not aware the package contained a chemical product. The package spilt and was wiped up in the damaged items area. The person who wiped it up thought it was water as the address on the box said "Pure Water". She soon noticed her hands stinging and turning white, then a rusty colour. She was told to wash them thoroughly and taken to hospital, treated and discharged.</p> | | | |

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| 432 | 15-Oct-2008 | 1 - Low | |
| Geographical Location | | Morrinsville, Waikato | |
| Location Type | Incident Type | Substance Involved | Reporting Agency |
| Workplace | Spill/Leakage | sulphuric acid | Environment Waikato Media |
| <p>1000 L of concentrated sulphuric acid was spilled at a dairy factory, while a worker was changing a valve between an empty 1000 L container and a full container of 98.5% sulphuric acid. The acid was lost to a concrete yard, then flowed into the stormwater sump. The sump pH probe closed the outlet. Some acid was lost into the drain which flows into a stream and then the Piako River. The pH was monitored in the drain which was neutralised with lime when the pH deteriorated. pH readings from the river showed minimal impact. Three people received minor burns when they were splashed with the acid.</p> | | | |

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| 435 | 18-Oct-2008 | 1 - Low | |
| Geographical Location | | The Strand, Wainuiomata | |
| Location Type | Incident Type | Substance Involved | Reporting Agency |
| Public Place Workplace | Spill/Leakage | LPG | Department of Labour |
| <p>An Approved Filler had just filled a 5 kg LPG cylinder. She had closed the machine filling valve and had started to shut the cylinder valve when vapour started pouring out of the valve spindle. When she reopened the cylinder valve the leakage stopped. Unable to close the cylinder valve due to the leakage around the valve spindle and unable to disconnect the filling connector due to the cylinder valve being fully opened, she hit the emergency switch which closed and isolated the LPG tank and shut off the power. The Fire Service and DoL attended and discharged the cylinder safely. It was then disposed of at the local tip.</p> | | | |

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| 438 | 18-Oct-2008 | 1 - Low | |
| Geographical Location | | Kaikohe Rugby Grounds, Recreation Road, Kaikohe | |
| Location Type | Incident Type | Substance Involved | Reporting Agency |
| Public Place | Fire | fireworks | Department of Labour Media |
| <p>A firework misfired during an outdoor pyrotechnic display scattering fireballs skyward and along the ground and causing a small fire in the firing area. This was extinguished by the Kaikohe Volunteer Fire Brigade who were on standby at the scene. Noone was hurt. It was apparently caused by an electrical fault setting off a rogue firework in the final array of the display.</p> | | | |

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| 436 | 22-Oct-2008 | 1 - Low | |
| Geographical Location | | SH1 Waiouru to Sanson | |
| Location Type | Incident Type | Substance Involved | Reporting Agency |
| Motor Vehicle Public Place | Spill/Leakage | transmission fluid | Media |
| 2300 litres of automatic transmission fluid has been spilt on the road from Waiouru to Sanson. There have been several crashes as a result of the spill, but no injuries. Grit is being laid on the road to deal with the spill. | | | |
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| 440 | 22-Oct-2008 | 1 - Low | |
| Geographical Location | | Smart St, New Plymouth | |
| Location Type | Incident Type | Substance Involved | Reporting Agency |
| Private Dwelling | Spill/Leakage | nitric acid | Media |
| A woman bought a drum from the New Plymouth transfer station. She was assured it had been cleaned. When she and a friend tried to cut it open it began smoking. Nitric acid spilled out burning her arms, and running down the driveway. She needed treatment in hospital for the burns. New procedures have been put in place by the transfer station to ensure drums are triple rinsed in future. | | | |
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| 439 | 24-Oct-2008 | 1 - Low | |
| Geographical Location | | Glenlyon Ave, Greerton, Tauranga | |
| Location Type | Incident Type | Substance Involved | Reporting Agency |
| Workplace | Spill/Leakage | ammonia | Media |
| An ammonia leak at a mussel processing plant affected ten people. Six were treated at the site for inhalation and four were transferred to hospital where they were later discharged. Cleaning staff were in the building when an alarm warning of a leak went off. They evacuated and a hazardous substances unit and four other fire appliances attended. They ventilated the building and closed off the leak which occurred in a valve. | | | |

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| 493 | 30-Oct-2008 | 1 - Low | Incident - Adverse Effect - HSNO Issue |
| Geographical Location | | Otaki, Kapiti Coast | |
| Location Type | Incident Type | Substance Involved | Reporting Agency |
| Other Workplace | Spill/Leakage | hydrocarbons | Wellington Regional Council |
| <p>Hydrocarbons from commercial property affecting land in Otaki. Greater Wellington Regional Council investigated the site and found records showing huge losses of 1500 - 3000 litres per month for the last 18 months.</p> | | | |

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| 448 | 01-Nov-2008 | 1 - Low | |
| Geographical Location | | Ross Creek walkway, Dunedin | |
| Location Type | Incident Type | Substance Involved | Reporting Agency |
| Public Place | Other | cyanide | Media |
| <p>A Dunedin man is concerned at encapsulated cyanide being laid close to a public walkway. There were also numbers of dead birds around the bait stations. Apparently young children and dogs often played in the area. Dunedin City Council said the area was well signposted and contractors were required to pick up the dead animals every morning.</p> | | | |

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| 474 | 01-Nov-2008 | 2 - Medium | |
| Geographical Location | | Rothesay vineyard, Waikoukou Valley, and Westbrook and Matua Valley Vineyards, Ararimu Valley, Waimauku, North of Auckland | |
| Location Type | Incident Type | Substance Involved | Reporting Agency |
| Private Dwelling | Other | herbicide | Media |
| <p>Spraydrift has caused devastating damage at three Waimauku vineyards. The owner of Rothesay Vineyard says the fine mist or vapour from hormone chemical spraying resulted in widespread and potentially long-lasting damage to young growth in his vines. Analysis has yet to determine the culprit but those affected suspect 2.4-D or a similar hormone based herbicide used for weed control.</p> | | | |

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| 458 | 03-Nov-2008 | 1 - Low | |
| Geographical Location | | Omanu Golf Course drain, Tauranga | |
| Location Type | Incident Type | Substance Involved | Reporting Agency |
| Public Place | Spill/Leakage | unknown | Media |
| <p>Fifteen dead eels were found in an open stormwater drain which runs through the golf course. It appears the fish have suffered chemical poisoning. This is the second mass eel kill here in a month. The drain receives stormwater from a large catchment area, including a commercial area and roadside sumps.</p> | | | |

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| 447 | 04-Nov-2008 | 1 - Low | |
| Geographical Location | | Mt Albert, Auckland | |
| Location Type | Incident Type | Substance Involved | Reporting Agency |
| Public Place | Spill/Leakage | LPG | Media |
| <p>A gas main was ruptured by construction workers and filled the streets with gas. The Fire Service considered evacuating the area but the wind picked up and dissipated the gas.</p> | | | |

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| 459 | 04-Nov-2008 | 1 - Low | |
| Geographical Location | | Russell Road, Kensington, Whangarei | |
| Location Type | Incident Type | Substance Involved | Reporting Agency |
| Public Place | Explosion | fireworks | Media |
| <p>Vandals set off a suspected sparkler bomb that blew up four letterboxes and flung debris onto nearby roofs.</p> | | | |

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| 120 | 05-Nov-2008 | 1 - Low | |
| Geographical Location | | Devonport Primary School, Auckland | |
| Location Type | Incident Type | Substance Involved | Reporting Agency |
| Public Place Workplace | Fire | fireworks | Media |
| <p>Fireworks were set off in and around the playground of a primary school resulting in parts of the playground being destroyed and others extensively damaged. The fire service had been helped by neighbours with buckets of water. The school is hoping the playground is covered by insurance.</p> | | | |

| Incident ID | 446 | Date of Incident | 05-Nov-2008 | Level | 1 - Low | Category | Incident - Adverse Effect - HSNO Issue |
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Geographical Location Dip Creek, 10 km south of the summit of Lindis Pass, SH 8

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| Motor Vehicle | Spill/Leakage | anticoagulant | Media |
| Public Place | | battery | Police |
| | | cholecalciferol | Public Health Service |
| | | diesel | |
| | | disinfectant | |
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Geographical Location Freeland Ave, Mt Roskill, Auckland

| Location Type | Incident Type | Substance Involved | Reporting Agency |
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| Private Dwelling | Fire | fireworks | Media |

A house fire was caused by fireworks. Noone was injured but the house was severely damaged.

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| 461 | 05-Nov-2008 | 1 - Low | |
| Geographical Location | | Tokoroa | |
| Location Type | Incident Type | Substance Involved | Reporting Agency |
| Private Dwelling | Fire | fireworks | Media |
| A house in Tokoroa was severely damaged by fire, caused by fireworks. It was unoccupied. | | | |

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| 462 | 05-Nov-2008 | 1 - Low | |
| Geographical Location | | Strathmore/Miramar, Wellington | |
| Location Type | Incident Type | Substance Involved | Reporting Agency |
| | Fire | fireworks | Media |
| Fireworks are suspected to have caused a scrub fire that threatened houses about 9:30 pm. The blaze threatened two or three properties before firefighters got it under control. | | | |

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| 463 | 05-Nov-2008 | 1 - Low | |
| Geographical Location | | Newlands, Wellington | |
| Location Type | Incident Type | Substance Involved | Reporting Agency |
| | Fire | fireworks | Media |
| A scrub fire in Newlands, started by fireworks, was extinguished by firefighters before any damage to property occurred. | | | |

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| 451 | 07-Nov-2008 | 1 - Low | |
| Geographical Location | | ? | |
| Location Type | Incident Type | Substance Involved | Reporting Agency |
| Private Dwelling | Other | fireworks | Public |
| A firework tipped over during a private display sending a ball of fire straight into a girls arm approximately 9-10 metres away. This caused her clothes to catch fire resulting in serious burns to 2% of her body (left arm) and minor burns elsewhere. The owner thinks they were safety conscious and careful in letting off the fireworks and it is a design fault that this particular firework is light and prone to topple over. | | | |

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| 464 | 07-Nov-2008 | 1 - Low | |
| Geographical Location | | Cook St, Gate Pa, Tauranga | |
| Location Type | Incident Type | Substance Involved | Reporting Agency |
| Private Dwelling | Fire | fireworks | Media |
| <p>A woman had a lucky escape after a stray firework set alight the roof of her house. The woman had a medical condition and required help to get out. The firework landed in a tree, then rolled down into guttering, setting alight pine needles and building paper under the roof. The fire was contained to one end of the house.</p> | | | |

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| 477 | 08-Nov-2008 | 2 - Medium | |
| Geographical Location | | Upper Hutt | |
| Location Type | Incident Type | Substance Involved | Reporting Agency |
| Private Dwelling | Other | cosmetic product | Public |
| <p>An elderly woman bought a moisturising bath foam and moisturising shampoo. She got the two confused and applied the bath foam to her hands and hair. She had an instantaneous reaction and the next day had chemical burns to her hair and face. She sought medical treatment and two weeks later is still in pain especially on her face, which sustained the worst burns. She also has sore glands and ears.</p> | | | |

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| 481 | 08-Nov-2008 | 1 - Low | |
| Geographical Location | | Atene Skyline Track. Whanganui National Park | |
| Location Type | Incident Type | Substance Involved | Reporting Agency |
| Public Place | Other | cyanide | Department of Conservation |
| <p>A member of the public complained to DoC of poison baits being present on a walking track with no signage to warn of their presence. The cyanide paste had been laid along the track for approximately 8 km. The person had also skinned possums and left the remaining baits in place instead of removing them.</p> | | | |

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| 449 | 10-Nov-2008 | 1 - Low | |
| Geographical Location | | SH 12 Tokatoka, 400 m north of Blong Road, 20 km south of Dargaville, Northland. | |
| Location Type | Incident Type | Substance Involved | Reporting Agency |
| Motor Vehicle Public Place | Spill/Leakage | sulphuric acid | Department of Labour Kaipara District Council Media |
| <p>A truck carrying 3000 L of sulphuric acid (77%) overturned, coming to rest on its side. It was initially reported that there was a minor leak of acid from a top inspection hatch. All emergency services attended. The leak was contained by an earth bund on either side of the tanker. 160 L of acid was lost to stormwater drains but neutralised by lime. The driver sustained minor injuries.</p> | | | |

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| 466 | 10-Nov-2008 | 1 - Low | |
| Geographical Location | | Takapuna Aquatic Centre, North Shore | |
| Location Type | Incident Type | Substance Involved | Reporting Agency |
| Public Place Workplace | Spill/Leakage | chlorine | Media |
| <p>Two people were taken to hospital and four others treated at the scene after chlorine was spilt at a swimming pool. The two people who were taken to hospital after inhaling the fumes were not seriously injured. The fire service helped ventilate the building and check toxicity levels.</p> | | | |

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| 494 | 11-Nov-2008 | 1 - Low | Incident - Adverse Effect - HSNO Issue |
| Geographical Location | | 80 Eastern Hutt Road, Taita, Hutt City | |
| Location Type | Incident Type | Substance Involved | Reporting Agency |
| Workplace | Spill/Leakage | hydrocarbons | Wellington Regional Council |
| <p>Hydrocarbons from workshop affecting stormwater system in Hutt central. Observed many issues on site associated with poor practice leading to hydrocarbon discharges to land and entering water. Discarded containers leaking on site and three open stormwater sumps and an open drain have hydrocarbons leaking into them. Severity - more than minor environmental impact.</p> | | | |

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| 465 | 12-Nov-2008 | 1 - Low | |
| Geographical Location | | Cedar Drive, Kelvin Heights, Queenstown | |
| Location Type | Incident Type | Substance Involved | Reporting Agency |
| Public Place | Fire | fireworks | Media |
| <p>A bush fire started by fireworks could easily have spread into Kelvin Heights if it weren't for luck with the wind. Children were setting off fireworks by the beach when one plunged into nearby bush. The fire came within ten metres of nearby houses and some of the flames were nine or ten metres high.</p> | | | |

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| 472 | 14-Nov-2008 | 1 - Low | |
| Geographical Location | | Raiha Street, Elsdon, Porirua | |
| Location Type | Incident Type | Substance Involved | Reporting Agency |
| | Spill/Leakage | | Media |
| <p>Smoke was seen around 7 am coming from a building containing four companies, on a busy commercial street. The Fire Service was called and on entry to the building it became apparent that a toxic chemical leak had occurred. The smoke was coming from an immersion bath which had been left on and overheated. A senior fire officer said the fumes were highly toxic, corrosive and potentially deadly if inhaled. Firefighters redressed in full suits, entered the building and ventilated it.</p> | | | |

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| 475 | 18-Nov-2008 | 1 - Low | |
| Geographical Location | | Paekakariki School, Kapiti Coast | |
| Location Type | Incident Type | Substance Involved | Reporting Agency |
| Public Place | | fireworks | Media |
| <p>Two teenagers are facing charges after a firework related arson attack on a school. Police received reports of fireworks about 11:30 pm. A rubbish bin had been set alight and two boys were seen running from the scene.</p> | | | |

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| 469 | 19-Nov-2008 | 1 - Low | |
| Geographical Location | | Wellington Street, Opotiki, Bay of Plenty | |
| Location Type | Incident Type | Substance Involved | Reporting Agency |
| Private Dwelling | Other | 2, 4 - D | Public |
| <p>Opotiki District Council sprayed either 2,4-D or MCPA over a public recreation area. A neighbouring vegetable garden was also sprayed. The owner was not notified of the spraying before it occurred. The vegetable garden is destroyed.</p> | | | |

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| 467 | 20-Nov-2008 | 2 - Medium | |
| Geographical Location | | Brookview Court, Flagstaff, Hamilton | |
| Location Type | Incident Type | Substance Involved | Reporting Agency |
| Private Dwelling Workplace | Fire | solvent(s) | Media |
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| 468 | 21-Nov-2008 | 1 - Low | |
| Geographical Location | | Maeroa Intermediate School, Churchill Ave, Hamilton | |
| Location Type | Incident Type | Substance Involved | Reporting Agency |
| Public Place Workplace | Other | gun powder | Media |
| <p>A boy's homemade "firework explosive" sparked an evacuation and an emergency services callout at an intermediate school. The explosive was made of plastic tubing filled with gunpowder. The school was evacuated and emergency services said the explosive was extremely dangerous.</p> | | | |

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| 470 | 21-Nov-2008 | 1 - Low | |
| Geographical Location | | Castlewold Drive, Tauranga | |
| Location Type | Incident Type | Substance Involved | Reporting Agency |
| Public Place | Fire | fireworks | Media |
| <p>A scrub fire, started by children playing with fireworks, burnt over 100 sq m of grass and had the potential to threaten nearby houses. The Fire Service attended and extinguished it before major damage was caused.</p> | | | |

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| 476 | 22-Nov-2008 | 1 - Low | |
| Geographical Location | | New Plymouth | |
| Location Type | Incident Type | Substance Involved | Reporting Agency |
| Private Dwelling | Fire | fireworks | Media |
| <p>Three teenagers have been charged with arson after a house was badly damaged by fire. Firefighters were called after the owner noticed smoke coming from the roof. The fire was started by fireworks unintentionally landing on the roof.</p> | | | |

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| 471 | 25-Nov-2008 | 1 - Low | |
| Geographical Location | | SH 2, southwest of Auckland, near Maramarua | |
| Location Type | Incident Type | Substance Involved | Reporting Agency |
| Public Place | Spill/Leakage | diesel oil | Media |
| <p>A 21 km long oil or diesel spill caused chaos for drivers. The spill stretched from the intersection with SH 1 to Maramarua township.</p> | | | |

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| 479 | 26-Nov-2008 | 1 - Low | |
| Geographical Location | | Farmlands Rural Supplies store, Gisborne | |
| Location Type | Incident Type | Substance Involved | Reporting Agency |
| Private Dwelling | Spill/Leakage | cyanide | Fire Service Media |
| <p>Cyanide used in possum bait spilt after it fell from a forklift and was run over at a rural supplies store about 4:30pm. Attended by Gisborne District Council, District Health Board, Dept of Labour and Fire Service. Hazardous substances technical liaison committee decided to treat the spill with a dry chemical which was then swept up. All staff and gear were decontaminated.</p> | | | |

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| 480 | 27-Nov-2008 | 1 - Low | |
| Geographical Location near Matai Island, Doubtful Sound, Fiordland | | | |
| Location Type | Incident Type | Substance Involved | Reporting Agency |
| Public Place | Spill/Leakage | diesel | Media |
| <p>A tourist boat sank after striking something in the water around midnight on Thursday. All the passengers were transferred safely to other boats. By Saturday a 700 litre diesel slick 1.7 km long was observed coming from behind the wreck. The slick was 5.5 km from the nearest marine reserve and about 10 km from the Fiordland Crested penguin breeding area. Environment Southland and DoC monitored seabirds but the wind dispersed the spill without major effects on wildlife.</p> | | | |

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| 486 | 29-Nov-2008 | 1 - Low | |
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| Location Type | Incident Type | Substance Involved | Reporting Agency |
| Public Place Ship | Spill/Leakage | oil | Media |
| <p>More than a tonne of heavy black fuel oil has been spilled into the Auckland Harbour. The spill came from a ship bunkering in the Auckland commercial port. The Auckland Regional Council Harbourmaster is dealing with the spill which extends across to beaches on the North Shore. No obvious impact on wildlife has been observed. Workers were hosing down the seawall and using absorbent booms to soak up the oil. Some was sunk using a chemical dispersant. People had been warned not to swim because of the oil.</p> | | | |

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| 492 | 30-Nov-2008 | 1 - Low | |
| Geographical Location Corner of Alabama Road and SH 1, Blenheim | | | |
| Location Type | Incident Type | Substance Involved | Reporting Agency |
| Workplace | Spill/Leakage | ammonia | Media |
| <p>A factory engineer discovered an ammonia leak at Canterbury Meat Packers at 1:45 pm. The Blenheim Volunteer Fire Brigade attended, donning chemical suits and an appliance was called from Nelson. The engineer was checked by ambulance staff but found to be unharmed.</p> | | | |

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| 487 | 01-Dec-2008 | 1 - Low | |
| Geographical Location | | Oakley Creek, Waterview, Mt Albert, Auckland | |
| Location Type | Incident Type | Substance Involved | Reporting Agency |
| Public Place | Spill/Leakage | cleaning products | Media |

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| 489 | 01-Dec-2008 | 1 - Low | |
| Geographical Location | | PPCS Burnside, Kaikorai Valley Road, Dunedin | |
| Location Type | Incident Type | Substance Involved | Reporting Agency |
| Workplace | Other Spill/Leakage | formaldehyde polychlorinated biphenyls unknown | Public Health Service |
| <p>The Fire Service was called to assist in the removal and disposal of seventeen 44 gallon drums stored on pallets in an open fronted shed at the former PPCS Burnside plant site. The majority of the drums were unlabelled however several were labelled as formaldehyde. There were also reported to be PCBs in a container next to the drums. Two of the drums were found to be leaking small amounts of unknown chemicals. Sand was spread onto the small spill area to contain it. The parties involved agreed that the site should be secured and the chemicals tested to identify them for disposal.</p> | | | |

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| 484 | 03-Dec-2008 | 1 - Low | |
| Geographical Location | | Railway Road, Whakatu, Hastings | |
| Location Type | Incident Type | Substance Involved | Reporting Agency |
| Workplace | Spill/Leakage | ammonia | Media Public Health Service |
| <p>An ammonia leak was detected at Cedenco Foods this morning. 10 kg of ammonia was discharged. All houses within 300m were evacuated and some roads were closed. Police, Fire Service and St John Ambulance attended. Seven people were treated at Hastings Health Centre for very minor respiratory symptoms of ammonia exposure. One young child also had a minor feeling of burning skin.</p> | | | |

| Incident ID | Date of Incident | Level | Category |
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| 485 | 04-Dec-2008 | 2 - Medium | |
| Geographical Location | | Christchurch | |
| Location Type | Incident Type | Substance Involved | Reporting Agency |
| Workplace | Other | acid chemicals | Media |
| <p>A worker at a carpet factory is in a serious condition after falling into a vat of acid-based chemicals and dye. The man in his early thirties was seriously injured with extreme burns to the lower part of his body after the accident. The Ambulance and Fire Service attended.</p> | | | |

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| 126 | 06-Dec-2008 | 1 - Low | |
| Geographical Location | | Ohawini Bay, Oakura, Northland | |
| Location Type | Incident Type | Substance Involved | Reporting Agency |
| Private Dwelling | Other | beta-cyfluthrin Insecticide | Public Health Service |
| <p>A holiday house is sprayed with insecticide (beta-cyfluthrin) by a commercial operator and when family members arrive at the locked house three weeks later they suffer skin irritation, parasthesia, blood shot eyes and headaches. Spray operator returns and cleans the dwelling after the owner complains.</p> | | | |

| Incident ID | Date of Incident | Level | Category |
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| 312 | 07-Dec-2008 | 1 - Low | |
| Geographical Location | | Thames | |
| Location Type | Incident Type | Substance Involved | Reporting Agency |
| Private Dwelling | Other | 1080 (sodium monofluoroacetate) | Media |
| <p>A pedigree Rottweiler dog died from eating a dead possum. Tests confirmed the presence of 1080 in the dog's vomit. DoC had laid 1080 on land nearby without warning neighbouring properties. The owner was not aware 1080 had been laid.</p> | | | |

| Incident ID | Date of Incident | Level | Category |
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| 490 | 08-Dec-2008 | 1 - Low | |
| Geographical Location | | Mitre 10 Hardware Store, 19 Princes Street, Onehunga, Auckland | |
| Location Type | Incident Type | Substance Involved | Reporting Agency |
| Public Place | Fire | asbestos | Fire Service |
| Workplace | | cleaning products | Media |
| | | LPG | Public Health Service |
| | | paint | |

| Incident ID | Date of Incident | Level | Category |
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| 491 | 08-Dec-2008 | 1 - Low | |
| Geographical Location | | New Lynn Mall, West Auckland | |
| Location Type | Incident Type | Substance Involved | Reporting Agency |
| Public Place | Spill/Leakage | LPG | Media |

| Incident ID | Date of Incident | Level | Category |
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| 495 | 09-Dec-2008 | 1 - Low | Incident - Adverse Effect - Accident |
| Geographical Location | | SH 65, Deep Gully, Maruia, South Island | |
| Location Type | Incident Type | Substance Involved | Reporting Agency |
| Motor Vehicle | Spill/Leakage | resin | Police |
| Public Place | | | |

A truck and semi-trailer rolled and the tank sustained four small punctures. About 100 litres of resin leaked into 17 culvert which joins Deep Gully stream.

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| 496 | 12-Dec-2008 | 1 - Low | Incident - Adverse Effect - Accident |
| Geographical Location | | Daniel Place, Te Rapa, Hamilton | |
| Location Type | Incident Type | Substance Involved | Reporting Agency |
| Workplace | Spill/Leakage | chlorine | Public Health Service |
| Chlorine powder (?) mixed with an unsuitable liquid by staff in a laboratory caused a reaction resulting in the formation of chlorine gas. Two staff were affected when they inhaled the gas. The spill was contained by the fire service. | | | |
| Incident ID | Date of Incident | Level | Category |
| 497 | 13-Dec-2008 | 1 - Low | Incident - Adverse Effect - Accident |
| Geographical Location | | Mackelvie St, Ponsonby, Auckland | |
| Location Type | Incident Type | Substance Involved | Reporting Agency |
| Workplace | Fire | chemicals | Media |
| A spectacular fire in a commercial drycleaners' warehouse is now being investigated. The fire broke out on Saturday night and firefighters had to take extra precautions due to the large amount of chemicals inside. A man inside the building was taken out and treated for cuts to his arm. The warehouse is almost completely destroyed. The fire fighters had to be decontaminated after putting the blaze out. | | | |
| Incident ID | Date of Incident | Level | Category |
| 108 | 16-Dec-2008 | 1 - Low | |
| Geographical Location | | opposite the Bluebridge ferry terminal building, Picton | |
| Location Type | Incident Type | Substance Involved | Reporting Agency |
| Motor Vehicle Public Place | Spill/Leakage | LPG | Media |
| Streets were cordoned off in Picton after a white vapour was seen billowing from an LPG tanker opposite the Bluebridge ferry terminal building. Kent St, Dublin St and Queen Charlotte Drive were closed as police and the fire service assessed the situation. | | | |

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| 498 | 16-Dec-2008 | 1 - Low | Incident - Adverse Effect - Accident |
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Geographical Location SH 3, approx 6 km north of Wanganui

| Location Type | Incident Type | Substance Involved | Reporting Agency |
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| Motor Vehicle | Fire | aerosol(s) | Department of Labour |
| Public Place | | oil | Media |
| Workplace | | paint | |

A truck loaded with oil and aerosols caught fire after running over a mattress. The mattress was caught under the trailer unit and caught fire due to friction. Aerosol and paint cans exploded in the blaze. Some 44 gallon drums of oil were found boiling, but did not explode as feared. The truck was gutted.

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| 499 | 16-Dec-2008 | 1 - Low | |
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Geographical Location Pulp and Paper Mill, Kawarau, Bay of Plenty

| Location Type | Incident Type | Substance Involved | Reporting Agency |
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| Workplace | Fire | flammable materials gas | Media |

Corruption is a major problem in New Zealand. It is a serious issue that affects the public and the economy. The government has taken steps to address this problem, but more needs to be done. The public should be more aware of the signs of corruption and report them to the appropriate authorities. The government should also increase its efforts to prevent corruption and ensure that those who are caught are punished. Corruption is a global problem and New Zealand is not an exception. It is a serious issue that needs to be addressed by the government and the public.

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| 121 | 17-Dec-2008 | 1 - Low | |
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Geographical Location Arcus Road, Te Horo, Kapiti Coast

| Location Type | Incident Type | Substance Involved | Reporting Agency |
|------------------|---------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Private Dwelling | Fire | agricultural chemicals | Kapiti Coast District Council |
| Workplace | | pesticide(s) sulphur | Media Public Health Service |

Fourteen fire engines were called to a rural property when a shed containing agricultural chemicals went up in smoke. A neighbour called emergency services when he heard a loud explosion and saw flames coming from the implement shed about 9:45 am. By the time the fire service arrived the building was engulfed in flames and collapsed. About 20 firefighters were decontaminated as a precaution.

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| Incident ID 151 | Date of Incident 22-Dec-2008 | Level 1 - Low | Category |
| Geographical Location | Terrace Tunnel, Wellington | | |
| Location Type | Incident Type | Substance Involved | Reporting Agency |
| Public Place | Other | gas | Media Wellington City Council |
| <p>Firefighters are mystified by the source of a gas leak which forced the closure of the Terrace Tunnel into Central Wellington during rush hour. The tunnel was closed about 7:30am yesterday and reopened about 9:45am after no leak was found and the levels of gas had dropped. A motorist raised the alert on the smell of gas in the tunnel and firefighters arrived to find the smell still strong. It was decided to close the tunnel immediately. Firefighters went through with a gas detector which found a low explosive level of gas, but could not tell what type of gas it was or find the source. Four other gas leaks were reported in the vicinity.</p> | | | |