

Incidents reported to ERMA NZ in the period 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007

Incident Level Key				
0 Insufficient Information, seeking report from enforcement agency(s)	1 – Minor No discernable/long term effect on people or the environment. No deaths. May involve some damage to property. Controls & enforcement action adequate.	2 - Medium Localised environmental damage. May involve some damage to property. Affects people for more than 24 hours with not more than 10 people seriously affected. No deaths or less than two deaths. Controls & enforcement action adequate but may require follow up from ERMA New Zealand.	3 – High Regional impacting or notable concern. Significant damage to the environment and/or property. More than two people dead and/or more than 10 people injured or seriously affected. System/control failure. Public and/or political interest. Enforcement action adequate but will require full reporting.	4 - Extreme Permanent widespread environmental damage. Ecosystems threatened or destroyed. Major damage to property. More than two people dead and/or more than 30 people injured or seriously affected. Public or political outrage. Enforcement action required and must be monitored.

Date of Incident	Incident Location	Reporting Agency	Level	Substance	Description of Events	Incident Type	Location Type
02-Jul-06	New Plymouth	Public Health Service	1	hydrochloric acid	A forklift driver unloaded a shrink wrapped pallet load of 20 litre containers of hydrochloric acid from a transport truck. As the forklift driver was backing out from the truck and had the pallet load suspended in the air (at a height of approximately one metre), some of the containers dislodged from the pallet and fell to the ground. Four of the containers split, with two splits occurring around the vent valve. The containers started to fume and the driver alerted everyone to be removed from the premises and the Fire Service was called. It was estimated that approximately one litre of the chemical spilt.	Spill/Leakage	Workplace
05-Jul-06	Murchison	Media	1	LPG gas	Staff at the Mobil petrol station were alerted to a LPG leak when they saw the forecourt cracking and buckling. A	Spill/Leakage	Workplace, Public Place

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					Mobil maintenance crew attended and removed the LPG dispenser and isolated the underground tank, although he believed the leak had come from piping rather than from the tank itself.		
07-Jul-06	Orakei, Auckland	Media	1	sodium chloride, hydrochloric acid	A truck owned by a swimming pool cleaner rolled backwards down a steep driveway and overturned, colliding with a wall. Pool cleaning materials including hydrochloric acid and sodium chloride were spilt.	Spill/Leakage	Motor Vehicle, Private Dwelling
07-Jul-06	Wellington	Media	1	1080 (Sodium monofluoroacetate)	Following heavy flooding in the area, residents of a farm checked their property. After returning home their two year old dog became ill. They believe that she may have eaten part of a possum carcass that had washed downstream with the heavy rains.	Other	Private Dwelling
10-Jul-06	Southland	Department of Labour	1	calcium hypochlorite, sodium dichloro-s-triazinetrione	A small amount (estimate given as a cup full) of a chemical Hi-Chlon 65 (containing 65% calcium hypochlorite and an unknown inert ingredient), was handed to a farmer to enable him to chlorinate a bore that had recently been drilled. The farmer had a spa pool sanitiser container that contained residual Sodium Dichloro-S-Triazinetrione. He believed the content that had been in the spa pool container was the same product as the Hi Chlon 65 given to him. He emptied the contents into the spa pool container and added water. He then screwed the lid on and transported it on his ATV four wheel motorcycle to the dairy shed approximately 180 metres away. At the dairy shed he proceeded to unscrew the top of the container when it exploded.	Explosion	Workplace
11-Jul-06	Wellington City	Wellington City Council	1	hydrocarbons	Hydrocarbon spill from vessel affecting coastal marine area in Oriental Bay, Wellington city.	Spill/Leakage	Ship
13-Jul-06	Taupo	Media	2	1080 (Sodium monofluoroacetate)	A Taupo resident had been walking his dog in an area of forest near the Hinemaiaia River in the Kaimanawa	Other	Public Place

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				tate)	Ranges. His dog picked up a dead bird in the area. The dog later became ill, was taken to the vet clinic and had to be put down. The owner noted another 15 dead birds over about a 3km block of forest. A second Taupo resident also claims to have lost a dog to 1080 during the same weekend.		
13-Jul-06	Upper Hutt City	Wellington City Council	1	hydrocarbons	Hydrocarbon spill from a composting plant, affecting land in Trentham.	Spill/Leakage	Workplace
13-Jul-06	Porirua City	Wellington City Council	1	hazardous material	Hazardous material from commercial property affecting land in Titahi Bay.	Other	Workplace
19-Jul-06	Lower Hutt	Media	1	hydrochloric acid	A 20 litre container of hydrochloric acid was spilt at Peter Baker Transport company. The fire service and a specialist response team attended. No reports of injury. The spill was likely to have been caused by mishandling of the container.	Spill/Leakage	Workplace
19-Jul-06	Hutt city	Wellington City Council	1	hydrocarbons	Hydrocarbon spill from transportation/depot affecting land in Normandale, Hutt city.	Spill/Leakage	Workplace, Public Place
19-Jul-06	Kapiti coast	Wellington City Council	1	hydrocarbons	Hydrocarbon spill from residential property affecting land in Paraparaumu.	Spill/Leakage	Private Dwelling
21-Jul-06	Wellington	Wellington City Council	1	hydrocarbons	Hydrocarbon spill from an unknown source affecting surface water in Kaiwharawhara.	Spill/Leakage	Public Place
23-Jul-06	Carterton	Carterton District Council	1	LPG	The converter attached to a 6000 litre LPG tank at the Premiere Bacon Factory caught fire when lit due to what appeared to be a gas leak at the converter. The system was closed down and the gas turned off.	Fire	Workplace

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28-Jul-06	Manukau	Media	1	unknown	A fire started at a house three days after an illegal drug lab had been found at the property by police. Four people had been arrested after the methamphetamine lab had been discovered.	Fire	Private Dwelling
28-Jul-06	Hutt city	Wellington City Council	1	hydrocarbons	Hydrocarbon spill from unknown source affecting surface water in Alicetown, Hutt city.	Spill/Leakage	Public Place
02-Aug-06	Dunedin.	Media	1	explosives	A family discovered a home-made device in a hole in their back-garden. It was a 4 litre oil can containing nails and commercial explosive. A bomb disposal squad was called and took the device away.	Other	Private Dwelling
02-Aug-06	Carterton	Media	2	explosives	Loud bangs were heard by residents between 5 - 6 pm. Explosions had been heard at the same time and place a week previously. Explosions appeared to be the result of bird control measures by a Greytown orchardist. The area is a roosting place of thousands of starlings that attack nearby orchards. One neighbour stated there seemed to be explosives at ground level to scare the birds then something else at a height to spray ball bearings at the birds as they flew away. A large number of birds were killed or injured.	Explosion	Private Dwelling
03-Aug-06	Horowhenua	Media	1	unknown	Spillage of an unidentified substance on a stretch of road led to at least five vehicle crashes. Police say the substance leaked from a vehicle over a 30 km stretch of road. Initially believed it was diesel but water was not diluting it so was something else. Police patrolled to keep speed down and contractors spread grit on the road surface.	Spill/Leakage	Public Place

03-Aug-06	Wanganui	Media	1	unknown	Fire at Composite Coatings and Fibreglass factory. The building contained highly flammable substances such as acid wash and fibreglass materials. On lookers reported two metre high flames and toxic smoke. Three fire appliances attended and the road was closed briefly while fire fighters put out the blaze. There was extensive damage to the rear of the building.	Fire	Workplace
04-Aug-06	Dunedin	Media	1	ammonia	A cloud of ammonia gas leaked from a large cool store. Workers at neighbouring business alerted the emergency services. Police and three fire crews attended, several streets were cordoned off and some buildings evacuated. Ammonia was released after a refrigeration unit malfunctioned and set off a pressure release valve. No fire fighters or workers required medical attention.	Spill/Leakage	Public Place
05-Aug-06	Wellington	Media	1	paint	Bright yellow paint dumped in a bay causing a 4 - 5m wide slick. Left to disperse naturally.	Spill/Leakage	Public Place
07-Aug-06	Blenheim	Media	1	nitric acid	About 1000 litres of nitric acid spilled from a 1000 litre container being stored at a depot. Fire fighters were called in and spent several hours cleaning up the spill. A fire officer stated that it was not a major leak and nobody was injured by the acid or affected by fumes. The container had a leaking valve and was removed from the premises. The remaining acid was transferred into another container and the spill neutralised with lime.	Spill/Leakage	Workplace
08-Aug-06	Manawatu	Media	1	diesel	A diesel spill caused traffic disruption. Roading contractors attended to clean it up.	Spill/Leakage	Public Place

08-Aug-06	Invercargill	Media	1	unknown	Fire destroyed a laundry building, cause unknown. Eight fire appliances and 35 fire fighters attended the scene. The fire also threatened an adjoining warehouse and fire fighters had to stop the fire spreading to a dangerous goods store containing corrosives and oxidising agents. Fighting the blaze was complicated by the spill of a concentrated alkali cleaner and a high strength detergent. Environment Southland attended to limit damage to the environment. Fire safety investigators attended the site but did not enter the building until chemicals stored inside were identified.	Fire	Public Place/ Workplace
09-Aug-06	Otaki	Media	1	acetic anhydride	Chemical spill at the police station caused it to close for two days. Four staff went to hospital due to eye irritation. A 2.5 litre glass jar labelled as containing acetic anhydride, was knocked off a shelf filling the room with fumes. The chemical had been seized by police from a clandestine drugs lab. It is unsure what the chemical in the bottle actually was. Fire fighters attended the scene, stabilised the situation and closed the building. A hazard team decontaminated the building.	Spill/Leakage	Public Place/ Workplace

16-Aug-06	Napier	Department of Labour	1	bitumen, heating oil	Engineers were working with two oxy-acetylene cutting units to cut up a disused bitumen tank for removal. The two tanks had not been used for approximately two years. The tank lay within a bunded area behind a pipe and netting enclosure. In the bottom of the tank lay 200mm of solidified bitumen. A 50mm diameter coil pipe containing heating oil wound through the bitumen layer and on up through the tank. Most of this coil had been removed earlier but part of the coil and heating oil remained in the solidified section of bitumen. The base of the tank was turned over with a crane to be cut up. A fire broke out. It is thought that the heat from the cutting first ignited the heating oil then ignited the bitumen. The engineers used extinguishers and a garden hose to try to control the flames. The fire service attended and foam was used to extinguish the bitumen. The molten bitumen had spread out across part of a wharf access road and was removed once it solidified. The crane slings were damaged in the heat. Although there was a hose running during the work, they did not have a connection from the nearest fire hydrant. Had they done so it is possible the fire could have been put out before the fire service arrived. The Harbour Master revoked the 'Hot Work Permit'.	Spill/Leakage	Workplace
16-Aug-06	Nelson	Media	1	unknown	A package emitting a chemical odour was reported by NZ Couriers to the Police. They transported it back to the Police Station but failed to recognise it as being potentially hazardous. The rear parking area of the station was closed while a staff member in protective clothing removed three bottles full of liquid from the package. Having contacted the sender and intended recipient they claimed that the liquids were for nail polish removal. Six staff from NZ Couriers were taken to hospital, decontaminated, treated and discharged. Some had 'minor reactions'.	Spill/Leakage	Workplace

18-Aug-06	New Plymouth	Department of Labour	1	pentachlorophenol	DoL and the Taranaki Regional Council attended a callout to fumes from a drum of PCP. It was in a 44 gallon drum, about ¾ full, the lid was not on properly and was slightly twisted. The only identifiers on the drum were 'Pentachlorophenol' and a diamond toxic sign. The drum had been in a garden store in a shopping centre for 25-30 years. Employees had been cleaning out the shed and noticed the fumes, and reported to the TRC they had felt unwell. Two fire engines and the HASMAT unit from the New Plymouth fire brigade attended with enforcement officers from DoL, TRC and the Heat Protection unit. The fire officers used full protective gear, entered the shed and replaced the lid on the drum. A 'No Entry' sign was placed on the shed and a compliance order issued by DoL for removal. The drum is to be incinerated. The fire service is satisfied there is no risk whilst it remains in the locked shed which has a prohibition notice and exclusion tape placed on it.	Other	Workplace/ Public Place
22-Aug-06	Palmerston North	Media	1	nitric acid, animal feed, fertiliser	A truck carrying nitric acid crashed and one of six drums leaked. The Fire Service attended the crash. The occupant of the truck was taken to Palmerston North hospital with 'serious injuries'.	Spill/Leakage	Motor Vehicle/ Public Place
22-Aug-06	Avondale, Auckland	Media	1	unknown	A house fire that forced the evacuation of a family led to the discovery of bottled chemicals, ammunition and a firearm under the house. After the fire was out investigating fire fighters discovered bottled chemicals inside a metal chest. The bomb squad was then called in. Neighbours were evacuated and the road was closed for several hours.	Other	Private Dwelling
22-Aug-06	Karaka	Media	2	herbicide	Tomato plants were damaged in a greenhouse operation after chemical herbicide drifted from a neighbouring property. The chemical caused thousands of dollars worth of damage to the crop. The Auckland Regional Council think it unlikely the culprit will be found.	Other	Workplace

22-Aug-06	North Canterbury	Media/ Department of Labour	1	mercury, bromine	Junior pupils broke into a school dangerous goods store and removed a small glass vial of liquid bromine, and six small containers of liquid mercury (approximately 20ml each). The vial of bromine was broken. A small vial of mercury was broken nearby. Some vials were taken home by the pupils, and one was broken and the mercury poured down a playground slide. The pupils were checked for signs and symptoms of exposure. The National Poisons Centre was contacted and the Police and District Council notified. The school cleaned up all spilt material, and the council cleaned up the playground. Four containers were returned.	Other	Public Place/ Workplace
24-Aug-06	Port of Lyttelton, Christ-church	Media	1	weedkiller	A truck carrying 16 containers, each containing 1000 litres of weedkiller, began to leak as it was leaving the port. 700 litres of weedkiller leaked and was cleaned up by 12 fire fighters in splash suits and breathing apparatus. No water was contaminated.	Spill/Leakage	Motor Vehicle/ Workplace/ Public Place
24-Aug-06	Westport	Media	1	oil	During a de-bunkering operation, old engine oil from a Holcim carrier leaked out of the road tanker it was being transferred to and entered the Buller River. The spill was relatively small, about 20 litres, and a compliance officer from the council responded.	Spill/Leakage	Public Place/ Workplace
25-Aug-06	Port of Tauranga	Media	1	aluminium phosphide	Chemicals leaking from a ship burst into flames. The Fire Service attended and 50 people were evacuated from the wharf. The several kilograms of aluminium phosphide was not able to be neutralised.	Fire/ Spill/Leakage	Ship/ Public Place
25-Aug-06	Foxton	Media	1	petrol	An old fuel tank excavated from a site leaked as it was being transported. The tank had fractured and old fuel mixed with water leaked onto the roadway. Volunteer fire fighters washed down the road.	Spill/Leakage	Motor Vehicle/ Public Place

26-Aug-06	Wanganui	Department of Labour	2	petrol, diesel	A tank wagon and trailer crashed when a car crossed the centre line and hit the front of the truck. The tank unit broke its mountings and came to rest on its side. A total of 14,800 litres of product was discharged into a stream. The truck was carrying 15,600 litres of diesel and the trailer unit was carrying 18,000 litres of petrol. A hot zone was set up around the tank wagon. The product was extracted the next day. The road was closed to all traffic for the duration and was only opened when the tank wagon was removed. The driver of the car later died in hospital. The truck driver was uninjured.	Spill/Leakage	Motor Vehicle/ Public Place
28-Aug-06	Porirua	District Health Board	2	chlorine	Staff who had experience automatically dosing other pools manually dosed the Cannons Creek pool water with an excess level of gaseous chlorine (too high for swimming pool kit to measure). A party of children swam in the pool. About 30 children had to be taken to hospital with irritated eyes and shortness of breath. They smelt strongly of chlorine. Several required their eyes to be irrigated and treatment for shortness of breath. Staff at the pool had recorded the Free Available Chlorine levels prior to the incident but the calculations were incorrect. Regional Public Health was alerted to the incident and the pool closed immediately.	Other	Public Place
29-Aug-06	Lower Hutt	Media/ Wellington Regional Council/ DoL/ District Health Board	1	pentanol	A forklift unloaded a pallet with four drums onto open ground outside a warehouse. The driver then shunted it along the ground. The pallet struck derelict pallet framing which punctured the bottom of a drum, resulting in the contents draining out. The Fire Service was alerted and evacuated the yard, warehouse and neighbouring building. The Fire Service attended and the Council removed the drum for disposal.	Spill/Leakage	Workplace
30-Aug-06	Rotorua	Media	1	household cleaners	A truck's trailer rolled. Foodstuffs and household cleaning products were spilt across the road. The road was blocked and chemicals did not leak into any nearby waterways.	Spill/Leakage	Motor Vehicle/ Public Place

30-Aug-06	Mt Roskill	Fire Service	1	petrol	A member of the public wrongly filled their car with petrol instead of diesel at a service station and then emptied the petrol into a garden alongside offices. When the building was opened in the morning a very strong smell of petrol was through the building. It was thought that the leak was coming from the service station next door, so the station manager put emergency procedures in place.	Spill/Leakage	Workplace
30-Aug-06	Christ-church	Media	2	ammonia	An ammonia based fluid was poured into the drain which leads to the Heathcote river. An 800m section of the stormwater drain was littered with hundreds of dead eels. A 'slug' of the ammonia-based fluid slowly filtered down the river, keeping its concentration, but becoming diluted when it hit the upper reaches of the Heathcote river. A water sample showed the ammonia level was twice that needed to kill fish, suggesting it could be a cleaning product or refrigerant. That kind of product was invisible in water and difficult to trace to a source as it left no trail. The polluter would be prosecuted if caught.	Spill/Leakage	Public Place
31-Aug-06	Port of Tauranga	Media	1	insecticide	A 6m container was seen leaking in a yard at the Port of Tauranga. Staff were evacuated from a nearby building. The area was cordoned off as two fire fighters in chemical suits found the leaking containers, removed them and washed down the remaining ones. The identity of the chemicals is uncertain but they were used as an insecticide on timber about to be exported.	Spill/Leakage	Workplace
04-Sep-06	Hutt City	Media/ Wellington Regional Council	1	polymer	Up to 1000 litres of a white polymer construction additive was discharged into a stream from an industrial manufacturing site. It was reported by the offending company at about 7am. By 9:30am it had reached a primary school. It was water based so dispersed quite quickly. Samples have been taken to analyse its biological effect on the stream.	Spill/Leakage	Public Place/ Workplace

05-Sep-06	Nelson	Media	1	ammonia	An ammonia leak in a hop factory required the attendance of a hazardous materials fire appliance from Nelson and two other fire appliances. Factory staff were evacuated. The leak came from a burnt out ammonia compressor.	Spill/Leakage	Workplace
06-Sep-06	Morrinsville	Department of Labour	1	explosives	Police arrested a young man for having an explosive (a booster) in his bedroom. He was charged under s45(1)(b) of the Arms Act. The explosive was a Dyno Nobel *8 3.6g/m HDP 150 Booster explosive, Detonator sensitive, 1.1D. The person involved is employed at the Tahei Quarry, and although he advised Police that somebody had given him the item, it would appear that he had uplifted it from his place of work.	Other	Private Dwelling
08-Sep-06	Greymouth	Media	1	fuel	Fuel leaked from a 20 litre container sitting on the back of a parked vehicle. The owner was not present. One fire unit attended and washed down the street with hoses.	Spill/Leakage	Motor vehicle/ Public Place
09-Sep-06	Wanganui	Media	1	oil	Fire crew washed down an oil spill.	Spill/Leakage	Public Place
10-Sep-06	Hamilton	Media	1	petrol	A BP fuel tanker rolled. Approx. 19,500 litres of petrol was lost mostly within 50m of the crash site, and into a nearby creek. The driver had relatively minor injuries. Absorbent pads were used to contain the spill, and a truck was used to suck out any petrol remaining in the creek.	Spill/Leakage	Motor Vehicle/ Public Place
11-Sep-06	Mosgiel	Media	1	ammonia	Emergency services were called to an ammonia leak at a plant after several residents rang to say they could smell the gas. Two fire appliances and the police attended. They were stood down as engineers were already fixing the problem.	Spill/Leakage	Workplace/ Public Place
12-Sep-06	Taupo	Media	1	oil	Ten fire engines were dispatched to an oil fire at a Taupo particle board factory. The alarm was raised just after 7pm. Three levels of the 200m x 30m building were ablaze by 9pm. Fire fighters were fighting the fire on two fronts with foam and long ladders.	Fire	Workplace

15-Sep-06	Wellington	District Health Board/ Media	1	ammonia	A 200 litre drum of Orica Chemnet Aqua Ammonia UN 2672 overturned and spilt 2-3 litres which soaked into wooden boards of the container. Some liquid ammonia spilt onto five bags of sodium metasilicate pentahydrate UN 3253 in sealed bags. No evidence of penetration of ammonia was found. Ammonia fumes were reported by staff working in the shed. The Fire Service and Regional Public Health attended.	Spill/Leakage	Workplace
16-Sep-06	Dunedin	Media	1	grenade	Decorators found a World War II hand grenade in the basement of a Dunedin home. The home was unoccupied and was secured in preparation for detonation by the Army Bomb Squad.	Other	Private Dwelling
17-Sep-06	Levin	Media	1	diesel	A tap on a diesel tank was left running by thieves who are thought to have stolen up to 1000 litres of diesel. The theft was reported to the police and an unknown quantity of diesel leaked into a drain.	Spill/Leakage	Workplace
19-Sep-06	Napier	Media	1	cleaning products	Four staff members and a pupil were taken to hospital after being affected by fumes from a cleaner's cupboard. Emergency services were called and the area cordoned off. It appeared the fumes were caused by a mix of cleaning products. Those hospitalised were released shortly after. The chemicals were stored by an independent company.	Spill/Leakage	Other
19-Sep-06	Rotorua	Media	1	chlorine	The fire service had to be called to a primary school to clean up chlorine, which had spilled onto the school grounds. Less than half a litre of chlorine was spilled.	Spill/Leakage	Other
20-Sep-06	Te Puke	Media	1	fertiliser	Te Puke fire fighters had to call in Environment Bay of Plenty after an industrial rubbish fire started giving off toxic fumes. The fire contained disused fertiliser containers that caused fire fighters to abandon the fire for a short time because of the toxicity of the smoke.	Fire	Workplace

20-Sep-06	Whangarei	Department of Labour	1	zinc	While galvanising a large anchor, an explosion occurred as a result of an undetected pocket of moisture in the haft of the anchor. This resulted in approximately 1.5 tablespoons of molten zinc being ejected from the bath. Three employees were splashed with the molten zinc and received hot metal burns, one requiring hospital treatment.	Spill/Leakage / Explosion	Workplace
28-Sep-06	Whangamata	Media	1	Mercury	An antique barometer was smashed, and 130ml of mercury scattered over the classroom floor and the outside deck. The area was evacuated and cordoned off. Numerous agencies were called, including Whangamata Volunteer Fire Service, Hazchem services, DoL and the Fire Service. The spill was neutralised with sulphur. The fire fighters cleaned up and removed potentially contaminated soil from beneath the deck.	Spill/Leakage	Other
01-Oct-06	Christ-church	Media	1	sodium hydroxide	Workers unloading containers from a railway wagon found a damaged container of sodium hydroxide at 2:45am. Four fire crews attended the scene along with police while the container was removed. Emergency crews stayed until 5:30am while the clean-up was carried out.	Spill/Leakage	Train/ Workplace
02-Oct-06	Ports of Auckland	Department of Labour	1	methyl bromide	A camper van was imported by a couple. A Customs broker arranged clearance on 28 September and organised for MAF to inspect the vehicle. MAF gave the vehicle a steam clean, full vacuum and fumigation. On 15 November notification was received by DoL that the camper van uninhabitable since it had been sprayed with methyl bromide and the owners of the van had suffered side effects. The couple had been to a doctor and the wife had methyl bromide in her blood system.	Other	Motor Vehicle/ Workplace
03-Oct-06	Tauranga	Department of Labour	2	mono ammonium phosphate/ sulphuric acid/ tannin/ phenolic formaldehyde/	A case of occupational dermatitis was notified following exposure to chemicals used in the making of polystyrene. The employee concerned was new on the job. The employee was supplied with minimal protective equipment that was not appropriate for the exposure. The employee concerned developed a severe rash within three days of being on the job. The level of injury constitutes serious	Other	Workplace

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04-Oct-06	Westport	Media	1	petrol	The owner of a house near Westport was pouring petrol into a generator around 9pm when a candle set it alight. The house had no power supply. The man escaped but lost all his possessions in the blaze. The substantial wooden house was levelled. Firefighters focussed on stopping the fire from spreading to nearby bush. They were at the scene for about two hours and were called back the next day when hotspots flared up.	Fire	Private Dwelling
06-Oct-06	Mt Victoria, Wellington	Wellington Regional Council	1	solvent(s)	Liquid waste from industrial site (solvents) affecting surface water in Wellington City.	Spill/Leakage	Workplace
10-Oct-06	Murupara	Media	1	petrol/ brodifacoum	18 people, including four firefighters, inhaled rat poison fumes at a fire. The fire started around 1:20pm when workers decanted petrol from one container to another. The petrol caught fire (perhaps from a static spark) and spread to the building where it set fire to about ten 100 kg bags of Brodifacoum. About 60 bags of the poison were on site in preparation for a drop over the next couple of days. 16 firefighters, four appliances and up to 120 local people turned up to help fight the blaze. Dirt was brought in so water runoff did not run into nearby reserve ponds. The burnt pellets were disposed of in a secure landfill. People were hospitalised mainly as a precaution. None had to stay overnight.	Fire	Workplace
12-Oct-06	Raglan	Media	1	oil	Environment Waikato was alerted to an oil spill near Raglan wharf just after 11 am. The spill covered an area	Spill/Leakage	Workplace

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					of about 10 m ² and absorbent pads were used to soak it up.		
13-Oct-06	Motueka	Media	2	hydrogen peroxide	A NZ Couriers van driver was found semi-conscious about 12:30pm after handling a package containing concentrated hydrogen peroxide and suffering burns to his hand and arm. The driver had tried to remove the package from his van after noticing it was wet. He immediately doused his hands with water but inadvertently spread the chemical. He was semi-conscious when firefighters arrived and was taken to hospital where he was treated and discharged. Emergency services evacuated the Motueka tyre centre and cordoned off the area around the business.	Spill/Leakage	Motor Vehicle/ Workplace
14-Oct-06	Invercargill	Media/ Department of Labour	1	pesticide(s)/ hydrogen peroxide/ cleaning chemicals	Nine firefighters had to go through a decontamination shower after fighting a garage fire in Invercargill. The property housed a carpet cleaning business. The incident was reported around 7:20pm as a chimney fire but it soon became clear it was more substantial. Eventually 18 firefighters were at the scene. The entire contents of the garage were lost, including two vans, cleaning equipment and chemicals. The strength of the chemicals led the hazardous substances technical officer to upgrade the scene to a hazardous material incident. Nine fire fighters were later decontaminated and checked by hospital staff. The cause of the fire is unconfirmed, possibly electrical problems. It is believed the fire occurred in a garage at a residential address, but a commercial van containing chemicals was involved along with some pesticide stored.	Fire	Private Dwelling/ Motor Vehicle/ Workplace
14-Oct-06	Redvale	Media	1	acid	A suspected chemical spill closed the northern motorway for 15 minutes. Fire crews came after a motorist saw a chemical container on the median strip. A specialist hazardous waste unit went to clear the scene, but found only a small amount of acid left in the drum.	Spill/Leakage	Public Place

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16-Oct-06	Wanganui	Media	1	diesel	About 250 litres of diesel were spilt at a diesel-filling station in Wanganui just after 8pm when a nozzle fell off a petrol pump. The fire brigade attended. The entire spill was contained onsite in a special container.	Spill/Leakage	Workplace
17-Oct-06	Ranfurlly	Media	1	LPG	Houses had to be evacuated after a 17 year old was found inhaling fumes from an LPG gas cylinder. Police were alerted to the youth's actions at 6pm. A strong smell of LPG was noticed. The street was closed off and two neighbouring houses were evacuated while the fire brigade made the cylinder safe. The fumes dissipated quickly and people were allowed back after 20 minutes.	Other	Private Dwelling/ Public Place
18-Oct-06	North Taranaki	Media	1	diesel	Diesel was spilt into the Awakino river after a trailer unit carrying about 15,000 litres of diesel rolled, about 2 km north of the Awakino tunnel, just before 6 am. About 300 litres of diesel entered the river, but is not expected to cause serious environmental effects. The driver was not injured. Traffic was restricted to 1 lane and the road was closed for about 40 minutes while two cranes lifted the trailer back onto the road. There were no signs the spill had killed any fish.	Spill/Leakage	Motor Vehicle/ Public Place
18-Oct-06	Porirua	Department of Labour	1	LPG	A filling station member filled a badly corroded LPG cylinder. This is a breach of Regulation 56 (1)(e) of the Hazardous Substances (compressed gases) regulations 2004.	Other	Workplace
20-Oct-06	Nelson	Media	1	LPG	An LPG leak at Rockgas, behind BP, closed the petrol station for about 30 minutes early in the morning. A petrol tanker driver noticed the smell at about 1 am. Staff closed the station and waited for fire crews to come and turn the 45 kg cylinder off. The petrol tanker did not fill the stations tanks until after the leak had been dealt with.	Spill/Leakage	Workplace
20-Oct-06	Te Rapa	Department of Labour	1	nitric acid	Nitric acid spill at 8.30 a.m. when an Orica tanker driver overfilled an on site tank. The electronic fill valve failed	Spill/Leakage	Workplace

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					and the overflow pipe deflected the chemical to the outside of the bund. The area was washed down.		
24-Oct-06	Otahuhu	Department of Labour/ Fire Service	1	ammonia	Ammonia gas leaked from a new valve fixture at a Meat Processors plant. Gas travelled into the adjoining division next door. Two security guards were hospitalised overnight for observation after exposure to ammonia as they did not follow procedures and re-entered the building before clearance was given. The remainder of the staff were evacuated without incident. No serious harm occurred to personnel at either site. Matter reported by NZ Fire Service to DoL.	Spill/Leakage	Workplace
25-Oct-06	Te Puke	Department of Labour	1	aqueous copper ammonium chloride	Northfert purchased 1400 200 litre drums on 350 pallets (a total of 280,400 litres) of copper ammonium chloride from an Australian supplier that has since closed down. Northfert usually uses 100,000 litres per annum. They stockpiled the product knowing it might not be available much longer. Signage, tracking and documentation requirements were not met.	Spill/Leakage	Workplace
26-Oct-06	NZ Refinery Company	Media	1	oil	The refining company had to shut part of one of its refining furnaces because of an internal leak. The CE said the unit should reopen within a few days once repairs were carried out.	Spill/Leakage	Workplace
26-Oct-06	Milton	Media	1	cyanide	A Milton pest control worker had a heart attack after either inhaling or ingesting cyanide. He was discharged from hospital and was recovering at home.	Other	Workplace
27-Oct-06	Taylor Preston Ltd	Fire Service/ Public Health Service	1	phosphoric acid/ ecostar detergent plus/ ecostar detergent sour	A spill occurred when an employee was transferring 30% phosphoric acid manually into another container. This led to mixing of the substances below which created chlorine fumes. Substances were: Ecostar detergent plus (ingredients: potassium iodide, 2-butoxyethanol, ethoxylated nonyl phenol, triethanolamine dodecylbenzene, sodium dodecylbenzene sulfonate);	Spill/Leakage	Workplace

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					Ecostar detergent sour (ingredients: hydrofluorosilicic acid, citric acid); Phosphoric acid (30%). Quantities are largely unknown. The phosphoric acid was in a 100 L container, which was nearly empty. The fumes affected two employees, who received medical attention. The incident controller stated that the incident was isolated to the laundry room and thus was downgraded to an onsite response only.		
27-Oct-06	Dunedin	Department of Labour	1	LPG	Two LPG gas cylinders were thrown into a residential bonfire and the Police and Fire Service called. They were unsure if it was safe to remove the cylinders. DoL were called. The DCC also attended.	Fire	Private Dwelling
30-Oct-06	Blenheim	Media/ Fire Service	2	LPG	Five teenagers were inhaling LPG from a 9 kg cylinder inside a parked car. The gas exploded, as the result of lighting a cigarette. An 18 year old died in hospital shortly afterward from heat-inhalation injuries. The other four suffered minor flash burns. Initial investigation showed that the gas cylinder was not faulty.	Explosion	Motor Vehicle
30-Oct-06	Wanaka	Department of Labour	1	fireworks	An employee showed his workmates his box of fireworks in the locker room. He lit a sparkler. The sparkler burnt his hand and he dropped it. The sparkler fell into his box of fireworks, which caught alight and 'went off'. Another employee used a fire extinguisher to put out the fire.	Fire/ Explosion	Workplace
31-Oct-06	Kawerau	Media	1	unknown	The Fire Service attended a chemical spill at the Pulp and Paper Mill. About 6:30 pm a tank containing two million litres of a 'highly concentrated solution' started leaking at 20 litres per minute after a large flange was damaged. The decontamination unit were also called and they managed to isolate the leak.	Spill/Leakage	Workplace
07-Nov-06	Manukau	Department of Labour/ Fire	1	peracetic acid/ sodium hydroxide	Peroxysam (peroxyacetic acid) was being transferred from a vat to a tanker apparently containing caustic (sodium hydroxide). This caused pressure build up in the vehicle	Spill/Leakage / Explosion	Workplace/ Motor Vehicle

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		Service			mounted tank. Tank pressure relief valve then released the material into the air covering an area of 150 square meters (including the driver) with the substance. The company had no method of hazardous substances identification or understanding of how to safely handle such hazardous substances. It is understood a chemist at Trans Pacific recommended that caustic be used as a diluent.		
07-Nov-06	Mataura, Gore District	Department of Labour	1	Glyphosate	A tractor carrying 200 litres of diluted Roundup for spraying and a 20 litre drum of concentrate, (360g/L) had an accident. An unknown volume was spilt. The Fire Service plugged the leak and the Police gritted the road.	Spill/Leakage	Motor Vehicle/ Public Place
08-Nov-06	Mataura, Southland	Media	1	herbicide	A malfunction in the three-point linkage of a tractor sent a 200 litre container of diluted herbicide spilling across the street. Volunteer firefighters were called in to clean up the spill of glyphosate herbicide (Roundup), which had been diluted with water.	Spill/Leakage	Public Place
09-Nov-06	Mosgiel	Dunedin City Council	1	LPG	Owner of a dwelling attached a refilled 9 kg LPG cylinder to a Helius Superser heater. The heater was activated but the owner noticed that in addition to the blue flame of the pilot light the ceramic element was burning a bright yellow/orange flame. He then leaned over the heater to look inside the cabinet and smelled gas. At that point the flame at the front flashed around to the back of the heater enveloping it in flames. The owner immediately took the heater outside and called the fire brigade. No property was damaged.	Fire	Private Dwelling
09-Nov-06	Tauranga	Department of Labour	1	thiamethoxam	A complaint was received after a significant amount of bee deaths occurred following the application of Actara (thiamethoxam) on the neighbouring property. Details of the application were determined but there was no evidence to suggest that the applicator applied the	Other	Workplace/ Public Place

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					substance in the presence of flowering foliage where bees might forage.		
10-Nov-06	Kapiti Coast	Wellington Regional Council	1	chemicals	Chemical spray from farm affecting land Kapiti Coast	Spill/Leakage	Other
11-Nov-06	Rongotai, Wellington	Wellington City Council	1	LPG	LPG cylinder damaged during garage fire, reportedly caused by fireworks. Owner elected to have cylinder disposed of.	Fire	Private Dwelling
12-Nov-06	McKenzie	Department of Labour	1	acetylene	Father and son working in a farm workshop using acetylene gas when the bottle caught fire. Probably a leak from the bottle.	Spill/leakage/ Fire	Private Dwelling/ Workplace
14-Nov-06	Kerikeri	Media	1	explosives	A home-made pipe bomb was thrown into the grounds of a retirement village in Kerikeri. It was the second such explosion in as many days. The crude devices were about 20cm long and 2.5 cm in diameter.	Explosion	Private Dwelling
15-Nov-06	Wellsford	Media	1	oil	A truck travelling down state highway one leaked sump oil onto the road from an engine it was carrying. The police stopped the truck. The engine which was being carried on the back of the truck had fallen over. Some drivers lost control, but there was no damage or injury. The spill was cleaned up within half an hour.	Spill/Leakage	Motor Vehicle/ Public Place
16-Nov-06	Napier	Media	1	explosives	The bomb squad was called to a house in Greenmeadows, on the outskirts of Napier after a bomb was discovered. The bomb was discovered during dawn raids on houses in the area by Police.	Other	Private Dwelling
16-Nov-06	Wellington	District Health Board/ Wellington City Council	1	bromochloro-difluoro-methane/ bromochloro-methane	Gas leak, cause unknown. Possibly related to the BCF fire fighting system, located in the filing room to provide fire protection for secure documents. The leak affected a person working in the vicinity of the equipment. Person affected suffered symptoms of nausea and headache and attended hospital but was subsequently discharged.	Spill/Leakage	Workplace

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16-Nov-06	Paraparaumu	Wellington Regional Council	1	hydrocarbons	Hydrocarbons from commercial property affecting land in Paraparaumu, Kapiti Coast.	Spill/Leakage	Workplace
19-Nov-06	Waitaki	Media	1	diesel	The theft of diesel from a farm resulted in 1000 litres being spilt in a yard. The theft occurred from a tank sometime over the weekend.	Spill/Leakage	Workplace
21-Nov-06	Tauranga	Department of Labour	2	chlorine/ hydrochloric acid/ pool chemicals	A new staff member in a retail outlet that provides pool chemicals as well as a pool valet service used hydrochloric acid to clean the pools. He had not had the proper training and did not wear gloves and as a result suffered burns to his hands. The injury required skin grafts and he will be off work for six weeks.	Other	Private Dwelling/ Workplace
21-Nov-06	Tauranga	Department of Labour	1	cleaning products	A report that an employee of six months received a chemical splash to the eye and face whilst cleaning out the supermarket butchery. Enforce (a cleaning product) was stored on site and available in a spray pump container. The employee could not get the spray to work due to a blockage. He then looked at the nozzle to see what the cause of the blockage was and the spray came out and hit him in the eye and over his face. He was treated and discharged and was cleared to return to work after two days off.	Spill/Leakage	Workplace
22-Nov-06	New Plymouth	Media	1	wood preservative	Equipment at a sawmill site failed about 7:45 am, spilling 100 litres of toxic wood preservative. Some of the flammable chemical got into a nearby stream after flowing through a drain outside the building. Sawmill staff used spill protection equipment to contain the chemical. The spillage was 100 litres, but quite a bit was recovered. There was some potential for an explosion in the drain. Rain at the time of the spill helped to dilute it. Two Regional Council officers conducted a bio-survey of the stream after the spill, but found no dead fish. It was	Spill/Leakage	Workplace

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					unknown what had caused the spill.		
24-Nov-06	Turakina	Media	1	diesel	Traffic was diverted for two hours after a freak accident caused up to 30 litres of diesel to spill from a tanker. A truck was heading for Wanganui about 5 pm when a large piece of fibreglass panel fell off the back of it. The panel flicked up underneath the tanker, breaking the drainage valve. The driver noticed smoke and stopped. The spill caused a car to go out of control and almost roll over the edge of a hill.	Spill/Leakage	Motor Vehicle/ Public Place
25-Nov-06	Havelock North	Media	2	mevinphos	A banned insecticide has been identified as the poison that killed hundreds of birds in Havelock North in late November. Test results given to Police show that Mevinphos, an organophosphate insecticide once used in orchards but no longer allowed to be made, imported or used in NZ, caused the deaths of at least 200 birds, a dog and several cats. A suspect was being interviewed by police. Mevinphos is extremely toxic to animals and humans.	Other	Public Place
26-Nov-06	Wellington	Department of Labour	1	petrol	An eye injury occurred to a customer when the swivel on one of the petrol nozzles came off and her eye was splashed with petrol.	Spill/Leakage	Workplace
28-Nov-06	Miramar, Wellington	Department of Labour	1	acetylene	A one cubic metre acetylene cylinder fell on its side or was knocked over and burning started at the neck. Fire Service played water from a monitor on the burning cylinder until the acetylene ran out.	Spill/Leakage / Fire	Workplace
30-Nov-06	Christ-church	Christ-church City Council	1	petrol	A customer had preset the pump to dispense 40 litres of petrol into his car. They hung up the dispenser and went in to pay. They returned to the car to find dispenser had fallen out of the holder and was pouring petrol onto the forecourt (this is the only BP owned service station in Christchurch that does not have Ecodrains to prevent	Spill/Leakage	Workplace

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					spillages going offsite). BP staff shut off the pump and followed the emergency procedure calling fire service and city council.		
02-Dec-06	Te Puke	Media	1	powergel	A Bay of Plenty arborist detonated 30kg Powergel on his rural property to dispose of it, 500 m from the road. The blast created a crater several metres deep, uprooted a 25m tree and shook nearby houses. The sound of the explosion could be heard 10 km away.	Explosion	Private Dwelling
04-Dec-06	Hataitai, Wellington	Wellington Regional Council	1	Hydrocarbons	Hydrocarbons from unknown source affecting coastal marine area.	Spill/Leakage	Public Place
07-Dec-06	Wiri	Media	1	isopropyl alcohol	Several drums of isopropyl alcohol were crushed and others were leaking when a damaged shipping container was delivered to an industrial site. Firefighters used breathing apparatus and worked in shifts to remove the leaking drums.	Spill/Leakage	Workplace
07-Dec-06	Pukekohe	Media	1	vanadium	An explosion occurred in a secondary bag house (de-dusting system) at a factory. No one was injured in the incident, but there was some structural damage. The incident occurred during a trial process for the recovery of vanadium, a by-product of the steel-making process. An investigation confirmed that the incident was caused by a surge of unburnt flammable gases that ignited in ducting adjacent to the bag house. The investigation found that the risk of an explosion was not adequately identified in the hazard analysis process adopted for the trials. It also found that all the appropriate authorities were notified immediately after the incident; the cladding damaged in the incident which contained small amounts of asbestos was isolated and cleaned up effectively and there was no risk to staff; the decision not to evacuate the site was the correct one in this incident; dust levels were, and continue	Explosion	Workplace

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					to be, within the normal range.		
09-Dec-06	Wiri, Auckland	Media/ Fire Service/ Department of Labour	1	lithium	A person disposed of lithium in a sink instead of the proper cabinet. While disposing they turned the water tap on. The lithium and water reacted causing an explosion that set off the fire alarms. A fire crew attended the call out and were informed that there was no issue. The fire crew proceeded without any chemical equipment. While the fire crew were investigating the cause of the alarm, they became aware of the lithium, were overwhelmed by lithium fumes and had to be admitted to hospital for observation. Two people involved were also admitted.	Explosion	Workplace
10-Dec-06	Henderson, Auckland	Media/ Department of Labour	2	chlorine dioxide	11 water polo players needed hospital treatment after they were exposed to elevated levels of chlorine gas at a pool. A number of them developed breathing difficulties, coughing and tightness in the chest. The pool had been shock-dosed with chlorine two days previously (8 December) after some players were linked to a diarrhoea bug. All nine pools were given high doses of chlorine dioxide to kill cryptosporidium. During the weekend (9-10 December) chlorine levels were 25 to 29 per cent higher than usual. It is thought the players may have been breathing hard due to physical exertion and breathing the air immediately above the water, where elevated levels of chlorine could be found. At least one of the victims was taken to hospital.	Other	Public Place/ Workplace
10-Dec-06	Richmond, Nelson	Media	1	cleaning chemicals	A woman was injured after cleaning chemicals spilled in a storeroom at the pool. The centre remained open and the woman was taken to hospital for treatment.	Spill/Leakage	Public Place/ Workplace
11-Dec-06	Paremata, Porirua	Wellington Regional Council	1	Hydrocarbons	Hydrocarbons from residential property affecting coastal marine.	Spill/Leakage	Public Place/ Private Dwelling

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11-Dec-06	Brooklyn, Wellington	Wellington Regional Council	1	Hydrocarbons	Hydrocarbons from residential property affecting land.	Spill/Leakage	Private Dwelling
13-Dec-06	Waikato	Department of Labour	1	bulk emulsion explosive/ explosive	A 150mm diameter, 16 metre charged blast-hole detonated unexpectedly. The cause is not known and is being investigated.	Explosion	Workplace
13-Dec-06	Waiwhetu, Hutt City	Wellington Regional Council	1	Hydrocarbons	Hydrocarbons from state highway/road affecting land.	Spill/Leakage	Public Place
14-Dec-06	Hataitai, Wellington	Wellington Regional Council	1	Hydrocarbons	Hydrocarbons from state highway/road affecting air.	Spill/Leakage	Public Place
15-Dec-06	Greymouth	Media	1	diesel	The hose on a pump was perished and leaked a few litres of diesel when it was turned on. The clean up team sprayed water and foam on the spill.	Spill/Leakage	Public Place/ Workplace
17-Dec-06	Mataura	Media	1	thermal oil	A pipe at a fibreboard plant split and leaked thermal oil in the main press room, sparking a fire brigade call-out. It also caused further problems when a blowback in the fuel conveyor belt caused some oil to catch fire.	Spill/Leakage	Workplace
18-Dec-06	Rotorua	Police	1	liquid nitrogen	A gas tanker carrying liquid nitrogen was struck by another heavy vehicle and trailer that had jack-knifed downhill on a left hand corner. There was a minor leak from a pipe at the rear of the semi trailer. The Fire Brigade checked the leak, but were not concerned.	Spill/Leakage	Motor Vehicle/ Public Place
19-Dec-06	Nelson	Media/ Department of Labour	1	LPG	A driver called the Fire Service after smelling gas coming from a 2.5 kg barbeque gas cylinder that had just been filled. Because the remaining gas would have to be bled from the cylinder, causing a gas cloud that would be dangerous for cars to drive through, the traffic was diverted.	Spill/Leakage	Public Place/ Motor Vehicle

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19-Dec-06	Tawa Wellington	Media/ Wellington City Council	1	pirimiphos methyl/ permethrin/ ethylene glycol	Anti-freeze (ethylene glycol 900 ml/L) and Insecticides (95 g/L pirimiphos methyl and 5 g/L permethrin) were mixed and digested by children. Two of the children had mixed the chemicals together and digested some of the mixture. The children were taken to the hospital for checks. The chemical mixture was removed along with the clothes worn by the children when they were mixing the chemicals. WCC and the Fire Service attended.	Other	Private Dwelling
20-Dec-06	Victoria Park, Auckland	Media	1	benzo-a-pyrene	Workers cleaned up three areas of toxic soil at Victoria Park. The playground was fenced off after the discovery of benzo-a-pyrene, a suspected cause of cancer. Council staff also found hot spots beneath five trees and one in a street which were also to be cleaned up.	Spill/Leakage	Public Place
21-Dec-06	Hastings	Media	1	petrol	A man working in an orchard shed had filled a container with petrol from a larger container. He left the containers and on return he touched the container and got a small shock of static electricity. The shock sparked a fire in the container. He was not hurt, but the fire destroyed the 40m by 25m shed containing four tractors and farm implements. Four fire engines took about half an hour to put out the fire.	Fire	Private Dwelling/ Workplace
28-Dec-06	Lake Benmore, South Canterbury	Media	2	butane	A teenager died after inhaling butane gas. He was staying at a camping ground with his friend's family when the incident happened late on Thursday night. Witnesses said he died after "huffing" butane gas.	Other	Public Place
28-Dec-06	Auckland	Media	1	oil	At least 30 litres of oil was dumped into Otaki Stream. Several ducks died after swimming into the oil. The spill was cleaned up the next day by the Council.	Spill/Leakage	Public Place
31-Dec-06	Upper Hutt	Wellington Regional Council	1	hydrocarbons	Hydrocarbons from industrial site (timber) affecting surface water.	Spill/Leakage	Public Place/ Workplace

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04-Jan-07	Wellington Central	Media/ Public Health Service/ Wellington City Council/ Wellington regional Council	1	chlorodifluoro methane (Freon)	Staff were removing a refrigerator unit from the ice machine in the basement. They found the unit hard to move up the stairwell and decided to beat the casing with hammers. This caused copper pipes carrying chlorodifluoromethane to rupture, releasing the compressed liquefied gas. An unknown but minor amount of the chemical was released into the basement. Staff evacuated the building. Four people required treatment from ambulance staff.	Spill/Leakage	Public Place/ Workplace
04-Jan-07	Wellington Central	Wellington Regional Council	1	hazardous material	Hazardous material from commercial property affecting air.	Spill/Leakage	Public Place/ Workplace
04-Jan-07	Kawerau	Media	1	unknown	Fire crews spent about six hours trying to control a chemical leak at a mill overnight. Firefighters were called at about 8:40 pm where pressurised black liquor was spraying from a machine called a continuous digester. The fire service and two crews from Rotorua attended the leak and sent firefighters with gas suits into a confined space to control the leak. Unable to stop the leak but reduced the amount that was spraying out. Unlikely to be any environmental risk as the mill had its own waste management system in place.	Spill/Leakage	Workplace
07-Jan-07	Karaka, Auckland	Media	2	cyanide	A man is dead and two police officers and a woman were taken to hospital as a precaution after being exposed to cyanide when pulling the man out of a car. The officers were called to a scene and to a car with an elderly man inside. They pulled him out and found he was dead. He was covered with powdered cyanide and fire and ambulance staff advised the officers to get checked for poisoning hospital. The officers did not use protective equipment as they did not know if the man was dead and chose to act quickly to try and revive him. There were no	Other	Motor Vehicle

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					suspicious circumstances surrounding the man's death. Police have confirmed they believe the man used the cyanide to commit suicide.		
10-Jan-07	Turangi	Media	1	petrol	A fault with a petrol tanker saw petrol spilled across the forecourt of the service station while delivering petrol. The fire service was called to the spill at about 10 pm.	Spill/Leakage	Workplace
12-Jan-07	Te Anau	Media/ Department of Labour	1	petrol	A fuel tanker carrying 7000 litres of petrol and diesel caught on fire. The tanker driver noticed a small fire between the truck's wheels as he was changing the delivery hose from one tank to another. The fire blew back through the hose and the driver threw it away, but the truck was on fire. The fire was described as being "pretty intense" and the driver could not get to his fire extinguisher. Firefighters used foam to smother the flames in less than ten minutes before the tanker was doused in water for several hours. The petrol station was not damaged, but the windows of a nearby building cracked from the heat of the flames.	Fire	Motor Vehicle/ Workplace/ Public Place
12-Jan-07	Tauranga	Media	1	ammonia	Fire officers were called twice in 1 day to ammonia spills resulting from an electrical fault in equipment. The 1st leak, at about 3:15 pm, began after some equipment was shut down and the 2nd, at about 5:20 pm, was when it was restarted. The company's engineers dealt with the spill.	Spill/Leakage	Workplace
12-Jan-07	Masterton	Media	1	petrol	1950 litres of fuel spilt during a rural fuel tanker transfer. A tanker driver was transferring fuel between the truck and a trailer when the coupling malfunctioned as the driver was in his cab doing book work. The spill occurred around 6 pm and covered a 30 m area. Two fire appliances, police, ambulance and regional council officers attended the scene. On arrival fire crews soaked up the ponded fuel with foam pads and put it into hazardous material drums. By that stage the fuel had	Spill/Leakage	Workplace

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					spread and reached some drains, so Oldfields was called in to dump a load of sand to contain it. There were concerns that rain would spread the contamination into waterways.		
12-Jan-07	New Plymouth	Media	1	diesel	Lunchtime diners beside a stream were put off by a strong smell wafting downstream. Diesel was washed into the stream, causing a horrible smell. Council investigators did not know where the spill came from. The spill was not big enough to warrant a clean up and because the diesel slick did not mix with water it was expected to evaporate quickly.	Spill/Leakage	Public Place
16-Jan-07	Shannon	Media/ Horowhenua District Council	1	chlorine/ pool chemicals	A lady was mixing chemicals for her swimming pool at the kitchen sink of her home. She decided to add hot water from her kitchen sink tap directly to approximately 4 kg of chlorine. This caused an explosion in her kitchen.	Explosion	Private Dwelling
17-Jan-07	Dargaville	Media	1	petrol	About 10 litres of petrol leaked onto the forecourt when a car was being filled. The hose had blown off where it joined a metal pipe from the pump. Some of the petrol seeped under an ice freezer. Service station staff isolated the pumps and brigade members turned off all power to the building, fearing that the freezer's electric motor could ignite the petrol. Firefighters squeegeed the petrol away to let it evaporate before hosing the area with foam.	Spill/Leakage	Workplace
21-Jan-07	Rimutaka	Media	1	soap powder	Soap powder was spilled on the road during a fatal crash. The road was closed for about ten hours while the scene was cleared.	Spill/Leakage	Motor Vehicle/ Public Place
21-Jan-07	Lake Wakatipu	Media	1	hazardous material	A fire destroyed a container full of chemicals at about 2 am on a contractor's building site near the lake edge. Fire Brigade donned breathing equipment before entering the container and extinguishing the blaze. The volunteers were decontaminated after dealing with the hazardous materials inside the container, which included a	Fire	Workplace

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					concoction of solvents and glues. A 25 year old was charged with arson.		
22-Jan-07	Invercargill	Media/ Department of Labour	1	sodium hydroxide	A 20 litre container of sodium hydroxide fell from the back of a moving truck and was struck by a following car. Two people who were in the car were checked by ambulance staff and released.	Spill/Leakage	Public Place/ Motor Vehicle/ Workplace
24-Jan-07	Westport	Media	1	1080 (sodium monofluoroacetate)	Police are investigating the theft of 100 kg of 1080 from a Westport container. Thieves hacked through a steel padlock on a container to take four 25 kg sacks of the poison pellets from Target Pest's premises on the outskirts of Westport overnight.	Other	Workplace
25-Jan-07	Kawerau	Media	1	chlorine	Firefighters were called to two chlorine leaks at the sawmill. Workers at the sawmill were evacuated to safe areas during the leaks but no one was hurt. Firefighters were there to ensure no one was overcome by the fumes. Roads were closed briefly.	Spill/Leakage	Workplace/ Public Place
26-Jan-07	Upper Hutt	Public Health Service	1	chloroform/ solvent thinner/ silver nitrate/ lubricant dye/ ethylene chloride/ acetic acid/	Chemicals were stored in a corroded steel container since at least 2002. They were thought to be left over from the chemistry laboratory at CIT. The chemicals were discovered by prisoners cutting grass in a nearby storm water drain. They complained of a pungent odour and the council was called. UHCC inspected and called the Fire Service. Chemicals were in 2 – 4 L containers and were very poorly labelled. Some could not be identified. Chemicals and containers holding any residual chemical were disposed of by a contractor.	Spill/Leakage	Workplace
29-Jan-07	Central Wellington	Media	2	unknown	A man was hospitalised with life threatening burns after running from a house that exploded in a fireball. The man suffered first-degree burns to 78 percent of his body. A man working next door to the house smelled gas at about 10pm, and heard an explosion shortly after. The property was unoccupied and had no power and no gas supply.	Fire/ Explosion	Private Dwelling

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					The injured man had used a candle to see. Paint and thinners were stored at the property. The cause of the fire was unknown.		
29-Jan-07	Tauranga	Media	1	LPG	Tauranga firefighters were called to an LPG filling station at 8.30pm after a 12 tonne cylinder started to leak. Firefighters isolated the valve and dispersed the LPG using water.	Spill/Leakage	Workplace
05-Feb-07	Christ-church	Media	1	thiodicarb	Firefighters and environmental advisors dealt with a chemical spill at a Hornby seed factory of approximately 100 L of thiodicarb insecticide. The chemical was used in the company's seed-treatment process. The chemical was stored inside a building in a container. The accident, about 11 am, was probably caused by the container being pierced while being shifted. Staff were evacuated from the vicinity. Company procedures had been followed. Four fire engines and a hazardous chemicals vehicle were used in the clean-up, and the factory was given the all clear by ECan enforcement officers at about 2pm.	Spill/Leakage	Workplace
06-Feb-07	Rotorua	Media	2	aerosol cans	A teenager's car exploded when he used deodorant spray to polish his dashboard and then lit a cigarette, igniting the aerosol's fumes. He suffered burns and spent five days in hospital, initially on an oxygen machine in intensive care. The doors of the car blew out and the windows shattered. The windscreen was found metres away down the driveway of the house.	Fire/Explosion	Private Dwelling
08-Feb-07	Palmerston North	Media	1	alkyl benzene sulphonic acid	A man was injured and workers evacuated after a large amount of alkyl benzene sulphonic acid was spilled in the Toll Tranzlink building on Tremaine Avenue. A 44 gallon drum of the acid was being moved on a forklift. It is not known how the drum was punctured. Two men tried to stop the leak by laying the drum on its side. One of them, the forklift operator, got some of the acid on his skin and clothes. The building was evacuated and workers sent	Spill/Leakage	Workplace

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					<p>home. A second spill was discovered at the other end of the building. Firefighters wearing splash suits covered the chemical with dry material that included sand and lime. They were then able to pick up the poison and put it in a drum. Palmerston North City Council disposed of the drum. The contaminated worker complained of a burning sensation on his hands and was taken to hospital. The Labour Department is investigating the incident.</p> <p>A second man came in to contact with the acid spilled at Toll Tranzlink when two men tried to stop the leaking 44-gallon drum. One was treated and released at Palmerston North Hospital. The second man, who had gone to Wanganui, had acid on his shoes and clothing, and was given instructions by telephone by the Chief Fire Officer. He did not need to go to hospital.</p>		
08-Feb-07	Whangarei	Media	1	hydraulic oil	A digger, on the back of a truck & trailer, became wedged under the bridge at Walton Street's five-finger roundabout at 11 am. The stuck digger blocked only one lane but a spill of hydraulic oil combined with the rain created a dangerously slippery surface, which was cleaned up by council contractors.	Spill/Leakage	Public Place
11-Feb-07	Picton	Media	1	calcium hypochlorite	A woman was taken to hospital and a street in Picton was evacuated after a chemical spill involving calcium hypochlorite and sodium hydrogen sulfate. Two Picton fire appliances and a police car attended the scene at Anchorage Lodge. A woman was taken to hospital with minor injuries and treated for inhalation. Chief Fire Officer said the woman had been combining chemicals to clean the lodge's swimming pool on Sunday when the mixture exploded.	Explosion	Workplace
13-Feb-07	Whakatane	Media	2	fly spray	A 16 year old girl from Whakatane is believed to have died from inhaling aerosol fumes from a can of fly spray. She was taken to hospital but was pronounced dead on arrival.	Other	Private Dwelling

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17-Feb-07	Wellington	Department of Labour	1	LPG	The fire service team paged DoL around 6 pm to attend a fire caused by a leaky LPG cylinder. The fire service officer involved with the incident advised that the cylinder was cooled down by fire hose and left with the owner. The connection from the BBQ to the cylinder was loose and gas vented out of the cylinder and caught on fire. The cylinder was checked, with no signs of leaking but it had black spots by the cylinder's neck and a melted hose from the fire. The cylinder's owner was happy for DoL to collect the cylinder and dispose of it at the landfill.	Fire	Private Dwelling
17-Feb-07	Onehunga	Media	1	soya bean oil	9000 L of soya bean oil spilled in to a stream in Onehunga after thieves stole stainless steel valves from a tank on an industrial site nearby. Absorbent booms were put across the waterway but most of the oil washed in to the Manukau Harbour. The stream runs through an industrial area before emptying in to the Manukau Harbour.	Spill/Leakage	Public Place
17-Feb-07	Wanganui	Ministry of Consumer Affairs	1	LPG	Owner turned on the BBQ. After approximately ten minutes a fire flashed back to the cylinder resulting in a small fire around the cylinder. The owner called the Fire Service who attended the incident & shut off the cylinder which extinguished the fire. No apparent loss or damage to the appliance or LPG cylinder. Investigations revealed that the rubber bull nose seal had come off the POL fitting. When fitted to the internal thread of the QCC valve the flat brass surface of the POL fitting failed to make a gas sealed connection resulting in a small amount of gas being discharged around the connection.	Spill/Leakage /Fire	Private Dwelling
18-Feb-07	Kaikohe	Department of Labour	1	unknown	A chemical smell was identified coming from the produce area. Staff were evacuated from the building and the room was ventilated. Staff were sent to the doctor, with one staff member sent home and the other staff cleared to go back to work. Employer has contacted chemical supply company, and flushed the drains. No further incidents.	Spill/Leakage	Workplace/ Public Place

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18-Feb-07	Pirongia	Media	1	UN1719/ paint/ UN 2810/ UN 3082	A southbound B-train truck rolled on a corner at about 7pm on 18th Feb. Firefighters from Hamilton's HS Unit had to remove potentially hazardous material before the long salvage process was able to begin. The entire operation went well into Monday morning before the road could be reopened. Luckily no other vehicles were involved in the crash and the truck driver was not injured. The police inquiry is continuing. Fire service confirm the substances were: 3082 Environmentally HS N.O.S. Class 9 1263 Paint 1719 Caustic, Alkali Liquid, N.O.S. 2810 Toxic Liquid Organic N.O.S.	Spill/Leakage	Motor Vehicle/ Public Place
19-Feb-07	Onehunga	Media	1	anti-freeze	Environmental workers were cleaning a 9000 L spill from a stream (see above) when it was polluted again. An Auckland Regional Council officer said that on 19 Feb officers were still cleaning up the first spill when the stream was clogged again with a thick green sludge. He says the new pollutant is probably anti-freeze, which reacted with the oil to form a rubbery substance.	Spill/Leakage	Public Place
21-Feb-07	Nelson	Media	1	LPG	An LPG leak, believed to have been caused by an over-pressurised cylinder, caused the BP service station to be cordoned off for half an hour. It took two hours to "bleed" the gas in to the atmosphere.	Spill/Leakage	Workplace
22-Feb-07	Wellington	Wellington City Council	1	hydrocarbons	Hydrocarbons from commercial property affecting surface water in Wellington.	Spill/Leakage	Public Place
25-Feb-07	Auckland	Department of Labour	1	ammonia	Ammonia leak caused by wear and tear of a hydraulic hose connection. Only a small quantity of ammonia was reported to have leaked out.	Spill/Leakage	Workplace
25-Feb-07	Wellington	Wellington City	1	hydrocarbons	Hydrocarbons from petrochemical storage site affecting land in Berhampore, Wellington City.	Spill/Leakage	Other

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28-Feb-07	Levin	Media	1	chlorine	Emergency action was taken when a sudden overdose of chlorine was pumped into the pool at the Levin Aquatic centre causing one man to experience breathing difficulties. Initially it was feared there had been a large chemical spill, but it was later found to have been a false alarm. Work was being done on the balance tank at the pool when it shot a larger than normal dose of chlorine into the pool and a man, believed to be asthmatic, was affected by the fumes. He was sent to hospital.	Spill/Leakage	Public Place/ Workplace
01-Mar-07	Tauranga	Media	1	unknown	A truck carrying a container leaking chemicals sparked a fire service callout at 5.20 pm yesterday. Senior Station Officer said a police officer following the truck noticed the leak and raised the alarm. Firefighters isolated the container so it could be checked by a DoL inspector. The type of chemical was not known.	Spill/Leakage	Motor Vehicle/ Public Place
03-Mar-07	Napier	Media	1	powergel	Napier Police discovered a cache of explosives stolen from a parked car. A Napier CIB Detective said an 18-year-old farm worker had come forward to report the theft after hearing of the attempted destruction of a letterbox. A neighbour interrupted a youth connecting a bomb in the letterbox. Military explosives experts from Wellington had to be called in to disable the bomb. Police were worried the bomb, a sophisticated plastic explosive device, might only be the tip of the iceberg. The teenaged farm worker said he had a box holding four or five 25cm sticks of "Powergel" explosive, five detonators, and electrical wiring stolen from his car.	Other	Public Place
07-Mar-07	Riwaka	Department of Labour	1	petrol	A petrol pump started to pour petrol before the attendant had put the nozzle into the car, so that it hit a customer in the face. The previous customer had self served \$20 of fuel and had activated the mechanism to hold the trigger	Spill/Leakage	Workplace

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					on. When the dispenser handle was replaced after the pump stopped, the holding mechanism did not release as it should have. This allowed the pump to pour petrol when the handle was next released from the pump. Amount spilt estimated to be less than 5 litres. Pump maintenance checked all of the pumps and found that the mechanism to release the trigger holding device was bent, making it ineffective. This has been remedied.		
08-Mar-07	New Plymouth	Media	1	paint	A council worker has been found responsible for polluting a stream with paint. New Plymouth's Huatoki Stream turned milky white after paint flowed into the waterway from a storm drain. He said a cap came loose on a line-marking machine and paint spilt on to the road. The staff member, who didn't usually do the job, washed the machinery down in the wrong place and paint ended up in the stream. The regional council compliance manager said further investigations were being carried out and the NPDC would review its procedures.	Spill/Leakage	Public Place
09-Mar-07	Wellington	Public Health Service	1	ammonia	Engineers were repairing a gas pipeline in the morning. A leak was noticed by an employee after repairs had been made. Ammonia gas leaked from pipes on the first floor of the chiller room. An employee informed management, other staff and made sure the building was evacuated. The employee's exposure to ammonia gas resulted in eye irritation.	Spill/Leakage	Workplace
16-Mar-07	Spring Creek, Marlborough	Marlborough District Council	1	disodium trioxosilicate powder	A spill of disodium trioxosilicate powder caused a shutdown of the Toll Tranzrail yard. Marlborough Fire Service fire safety officer said the powder, which is used in dishwasher chemicals, was spilled from a bag at the yard. The spill was small but the fire service was called as a precaution as the chemical could be dangerous if it came in to contact with human skin. The yard was locked and police monitored the gates. Police also went to a	Spill/Leakage	

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					house backing on to the shed to evacuate it but nobody was home. Firefighters donned protective suits to clean up the spill and were assisted by fire fighters from Nelson. He said the cause of the spill was being investigated and several workers were checked by St. Johns to make sure they had not been affected. A Toll spokesperson said the spillage came from one bag and emergency services were called as a precaution. She said nobody was injured.		
19-Mar-07	Auckland	Media	2	alpha-chloralose	A poisoner left 80 ducks, swans, geese, pigeons and other birds dead or dying after placing grain laced with a pest control toxin at Western Springs Reserve. More than 30 birds died and 50 were sick after eating the contaminated grain near the Auckland Zoo. A 4 kg box of grain, laced with what appeared to be alpha-chloralose, was found at the reserve. The grain appeared to have been scattered from the lake to Great North Road, which borders the reserve. Police and ARC are investigating. AC Council parks officer said a pile of grain laced with alpha-chloralose was found in the reserve not far from Great North Road and staff found a 4kg carton of the poison in a rubbish tin nearby. The Fire Service and Police were called to the scene.	Other	Public Place
21-Mar-07	Kaitaia	Media	1	diesel	A BP fuel tanker crashed just south of Kaitaia yesterday. A small diesel spill was contained, and all the fuel was pumped out, according to the oil company. BP NZ said the tanker was carrying 33,000 litres of diesel. The driver received treatment for a broken leg and shoulder. Once all the diesel had been pumped out, the truck and trailer were towed to Whangarei. An investigation was underway to determine the cause of the accident.	Spill/Leakage	
23-Mar-07	Reefton	Media	1	weedkiller	The driver was not hurt when his Target Pest truck rolled on the Reefton saddle. The truck was half full of weed killer and the emergency chemical clean-up kit was put in	Spill/Leakage	

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					to action, but little pesticide leaked out. Reefton police and the volunteer fire brigade attended.		
23-Mar-07	Mount Maunganui	Media	1	acetylene	A "potentially catastrophic explosion" was averted about 4.30pm when Tauranga firefighters cooled down a leaking acetylene cylinder into a small portable pool. The incident was in a truck and trailer manufacturing building.	Spill/Leakage	
27-Mar-07	Christ-church	Media	1	diesel	Environment Canterbury attended a diesel spill in the Avon River (4:30pm). The spill appeared to be a mix of diesel and an undetermined contaminant. It was being soaked up by an oil-absorbent boom and pads. By 6pm the main slug of diesel had flowed through the storm water drain. The drain is a major storm water pipe running for several kilometres through a residential zone. He said no ducks, eels or other wildlife had been harmed but officers would check further up the river to determine how far the diesel had spread. Environmental protection operations team manager estimated the spill to be in the tens of litres.	Spill/Leakage	
28-Mar-07	Nuhaka	Media/ Police	1	diesel/ petrol	A fuel tanker travelling from Napier to Gisborne lost control. The truck and trailer unit left the road with the trailer being launched end over end and coming to rest behind the tanker which had apparently done the same. An amount of the load had escaped. Quantities were 27,000 litres of petrol and some 8,000 litres of diesel.	Spill/Leakage	
04-Apr-07	Waipunga	Media	1	aerosol cans/ household cleaners	A head-on smash between a bitumen truck and a goods truck occurred on the Napier-Taupo highway. The scene looked like a rubbish dump or a bomb site as the load from one truck blocked the road. The highway was closed for more than five hours and was open only to one lane until late in the day. Emergency service workers were wary of chemicals in the truck's load and wore suits to protect against hazardous substances. One driver died.	Spill/Leakage	Motor Vehicle/ Public Place

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05-Apr-07	Invercargill	Media	1	LPG	Emergency services were called to the Invercargill business district yesterday after a strong gas smell was reported. Two Invercargill Fire Service appliances and a St John Ambulance were called to a house at the rear of a Thai Restaurant and Tailors. It was found that an LPG installation at the rear of the premises had developed a leak around the gas regulator.	Spill/Leakage	Workplace
09-Apr-07	Mangere, Auckland	Public Health Service	1	asbestos	A house was completely destroyed by fire. The heat appears to have caused the roof and wall material to explode, spreading debris over the large section that the house and onto some of the surrounding properties.	Fire	Private Dwelling
10-Apr-07	Thames	Department of Labour/ Media	1	battery acid/ sulphuric acid	An attempted burglary by youths was thwarted when a lean-to shed caught fire. The fire is thought to have started in a paint and solvents storage compartment approximately 1.5 x 1 m, which spread to an adjoining compartment which contained 3 x 20 L plastic containers of sulphuric acid. 1 container melted, a second partly melted and the third remained intact.	Fire/ Spill/Leakage	Workplace
12-Apr-07	Tauranga	Media	1	compressed air	Tauranga fire-fighters were called to a house after a woman thought she had a gas leak at her home. A leaking compressed air cylinder was found.	Spill/Leakage	Private Dwelling
16-Apr-07	Matamata	Media	1	unknown	A chemical spill yesterday morning closed off part of Matamata. Businesses were evacuated and two men needed medical treatment after inhaling fumes. The two men were exposed to insecticide after a bag holding the substance burst inside a shipping container. Both were taken to a doctor with breathing problems. Police, the fire service, a dangerous goods inspector and a Labour Department representative all attended the incident. A cordon was set up around the street site where the shipping container was opened and about 20 people were evacuated from nearby businesses. The cordon was lifted	Spill/Leakage	Workplace

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					about 1.20pm.		
17-Apr-07	Palmerston North	Media	1	diesel/oil	Oil and diesel poured in to the Kawau Stream, turning it black. Horizons Regional Council staff spent two days cleaning up the spill. The spill came in from the industrial area around Tremaine Avenue, where the stream is underground and a number of sites feed the stormwater drains out of sight. Absorbent pads were put in to the water to soak the chemicals off the top. A couple of oily ducks were the only obvious casualties.	Spill/Leakage	Public Place
18-Apr-07	Auckland	Department of Labour	1	ammonia	A contractor completing the annual testing of a fume hood broke a bottle of ammonia (approximately 100-150ml) when it fell off a trolley (approximately 1 m high). The contractor quickly moved to dilute the spill using wet paper towels. As the smell became strong the building was evacuated and the fire service arrived, cleared the spill kit and ventilated the building for approximately 40 minutes.	Spill/Leakage	Workplace
18-Apr-07	Dargaville	Kaipara District Council/ Media	1	peroxide	A worker was moving a pallet containing a 200 L drum of peroxide to the HAZMAT bunded storage area when the container tipped over causing a spillage of a small amount of liquid. This spillage ignited the wooden pallet the container was on. It was reported to management and a full HAZMAT incident response was set in motion. The area was cordoned off, NZFS and District Council staff requested to attend. Subsequent actions were dictated by the MSDS by the company HAZMAT team and Fire Service. The container was righted and placed in bunded area, and washed down to dilute spillage to less than 1%. The company intends to replace the container and contents. No evacuations necessary, no adverse environmental effects.	Spill/Leakage	Workplace
20-Apr-07	Tauranga	Media	1	unknown	Two fire crews from Mount Maunganui and Tauranga were called to Sulphur Point at Port of Tauranga to attend a	Spill/Leakage	Public Place/ Workplace

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					chemical spill.		
21-Apr-07	Tauranga	Media	1	oil	Vandals at McLaren's Falls caused 80-100 litres of oil to spill directly into the river after they broke into the power station at the falls. Most of the oil was contained and removed by a "super sucker truck" however, some would have gone downstream. Council staff removed the oil from the other transformers to prevent further incidents.	Spill/Leakage	Public Place
25-Apr-07	Dunedin	Media	1	diesel	Firefighters stopped traffic on State Highway 1 north of Dunedin, yesterday after a mystery diesel spill made the road treacherous. Police were unsure how the spill, which spanned about 15 km occurred, but had to assist firefighters to slow traffic in the area until Transit NZ spread grit on the road.	Spill/Leakage	Public Place
27-Apr-07	Dunedin	Media	1	sulphur dioxide	A school science class was evacuated after a botched science experiment left the room filled with sulphur dioxide. Four fire crews were called to the science building after the gas triggered smoke alarms about 10.20am. The Senior Station Officer said the classroom was "absolutely" full of gas when fire crews arrived. Fire crews wore breathing apparatus while ventilating the building and an extractor fan was used to force the gas out of the building. Occupants of the classroom were checked by Ambulance staff, but none were found to have suffered any ill effects.	Other	Other
27-Apr-07	Otorohanga	Media	2	hydrocarbons	A 28-year-old man died when his car collided with a truck in heavy fog near the town this morning. The crash happened at 9.20am on Ouruwhero Road, north of Otorohanga. An oily, petroleum-based substance had spilled on the road and that may have contributed to the crash, police said. Inquiries were being made to try to find out where the substance had come from.	Spill/Leakage	Public Place
27-Apr-07	Dunedin	Dunedin City	1	LPG	Occupier of house attempted to start an LPG Radiant	Explosion/Spill	Private

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		Council			heater. Date stamped on regulator was 1988. He heard a hissing noise, turned valve off, checked clip-on adaptor, found nothing wrong, re-connected adaptor and repeated process. Again heard hissing noise which stopped after 4 or 5 seconds. Didn't smell gas. He ignited the heater and was wheeling it into another room when the interior of the cabinet exploded sending a flame out through the top flap of the cabinet scorching his face. He threw cabinet and cylinder out of the house but leaked gas ignited the room setting fire to the house and causing extensive damage to a living room/ kitchen area. The heater was checked and found a faulty regulator; a plastic type which was recalled in 1989/90 due to a faulty locking mechanism. This was replaced by the Distributor free of charge on recall. The heater had been bought 2 nd hand, two years ago and had slipped through the cracks.	/Leakage	Dwelling
30-Apr-07	Wellington	Media/Hutt Valley District Health Board	1	dichloroiso-cyanuric acid salts	A chemical reaction at the New Zealand Blood Service's Wellington premises caused the evacuation of about 30 people from the building this afternoon. The reaction involved a chemical used to clean up spilled blood mixed with water, forming a noxious, chlorine-gas-releasing slurry. At its peak, ten trucks and their crews, as well as ambulance staff, attended the scene in the suburb of Newtown, he told NZPA. Firefighters had the chemical cleaned up in about two hours.	Spill/Leakage	Workplace
30-Apr-07	Palmerston North	Palmerston North City Council	1	diesel	The Council was called to investigate a diesel spill on a BP forecourt. The Fire Service was already on site. A van filled up with the wrong fuel (diesel) and the driver asked the attendant how it could be removed and disposed of. The attendant notified the person in charge and told the driver to park in an area on the forecourt in the proximity of a grid giving access to the storm water system. During this procedure the fuel was spilled onto the forecourt. This area is situated outside of the API catchment and as a result, all	Spill/Leakage	Workplace

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					the fuel went in to the storm water system. The Fire Service was able to remove about 20L of Diesel from the manhole, and after inspecting another down-stream, did not find any further signs of diesel. It was concluded that most, if not all the spilled diesel was recovered. They covered the spilled area on the forecourt with an absorbent material.		
01-May-07	Bluff	Media	1	fuel oil	An operation to mop up more than 400L of fuel oil spilled into Bluff Harbour had been completed with minimal impact, Environment Southland said. The spill, involving a beleaguered Korean fishing boat had exceeded initial expectations and represented one of the largest spills ever at the Port of Bluff. It appeared the oil was spilled during refuelling when it was being pumped from one tank to another, but that had yet to be confirmed.	Spill/Leakage	Public Place
01-May-07	Dunedin	Dunedin City Council/ Media	1	LPG	An occupant placed ashes from a fire that he thought were cold, in a large plastic wheelie bin which was directly adjacent to two 45kg LPG cylinders that reticulate gas into the dwelling. The occupier, attracted by "a loud roaring noise" found a wheelie bin fully alight and a jet of ignited gas erupting from one of the cylinders. The fire from the wheelie bin had burnt through the hose and an aluminium coupling to the nearest cylinder, causing the escaping gas to ignite. The occupier then used a garden hose to cool the house and cylinder until the Fire Brigade arrived. His actions undoubtedly saved the house from serious damage.	Fire	Private Dwelling
03-May-07	Lower Hutt	Hutt Valley District Health Board	1	hydrochloric acid	An employee was using a forklift to move 200 L drums of hydrochloric acid from a trailer unit/transport truck. They lost control of the drums and two 200 L drums dropped onto the concrete floor where one of the drums split. The other drum was undamaged. Approximately 190 L of HCL was dispersed onto the warehouse floor covering	Spill/Leakage	Workplace

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					approximately 12m ² . Ten employees were working in the building at the time of incident. The hydrochloric acid was fuming when Fire Service arrived. They evacuated the building and two employees were treated by ambulance staff for exposure. The spill was cordoned off by Fire Service, and contained within the building. The building had no internal drains. External drains were sucked out by pollution control.		
04-May-07	Napier	Media	1	timber treatment chemical	A 1000 litre container carrying additives used to waterproof timber spilt at a truck depot tipping the contents into a nearby stream. Between 300 and 400 litres of the additive gushed out of the container, down a drain and into a stream. Firefighters, OSH and the regional council were at the site cleaning the spill for about four hours.	Spill/Leakage	Workplace
05-May-07	Wellsford	Media	2	precursors to methamphetamine	Two men were left critically injured and more than a 12 staff from a medical centre had to be decontaminated after an explosion at a suspected P lab. The men were injured after chemicals detonated in a rural small shack. They suffered horrific burns to 40% of their bodies - emergency staff reported they were in "serious pain" with burns to the chest, face, arms and across their hands. The men were in the burns centre in intensive care.	Explosion	Private Dwelling
07-May-07	Taupo	Media	1	chlorine	A chlorine leak at the Rainbow Point Water Treatment Plant closed the popular Lions Walkway. It was contained within 90 minutes and didn't cause harm to any members of the public. The District Council's infrastructure services manager said there had been no effect on the water supply and the only damage was some yellowing of nearby vegetation. The leak triggered an alarm, which alerted council staff. The Fire Service was called in and police and ambulance staff attended as a precaution. Fire staff in full protective clothing were sent into the building to turn the cylinders off. A fire crew was on standby. The cause of	Spill/Leakage	Workplace

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					the leak was being investigated.		
09-May-07	Cambridge	Media	2	petrol	A man died after accidentally spilling petrol on his clothes while doing a burn-off on his farm. Initial investigations have revealed the person died of massive burns at his home after accidentally spilling petrol on his clothing. The clothing then ignited when he started burning rubbish in his back yard. Cambridge police said the man died at the scene. The incident was an accident and there were no suspicious circumstances. The death has been referred to the coroner.	Fire	Private Dwelling
13-May-07	Takapuna Beach	Media	1	unknown	The careless disposal of a paint-like substance made the water on Takapuna Beach bluer than usual. A Council pollution prevention officer thinks the substance leaked on to the beach because someone had not cleaned up properly after painting. The spill could not be traced but it is believed to have come from a nearby residential and business area.	Spill/Leakage	Public Place
14-May-07	Wainuiomata, Hutt City	Greater Wellington Reg Council	1	hydrocarbons	Hydrocarbons from unknown source affecting surface water in Wainuiomata.	Spill/Leakage	Public Place
14-May-07	Porirua	Greater Wellington Reg Council	1	hydrocarbons	Hydrocarbons from residential property in Porirua central, Porirua city.	Spill/Leakage	Private Dwelling
14-May-07	Johnsonville, Wellington City	Greater Wellington Reg Council	1	hazardous material	Hazardous material from unknown source affecting land in Johnsonville.	Spill/Leakage	Other
15-May-07	Taihape	Media	1	battery fluid, ethanol, paint thinner	The driver of a rolled truck and trailer escaped a potentially explosive situation when he crashed. The truck, which was transporting flammable chemicals including ethanol, paint thinner and battery fluid, rolled when it struck a power pole. Power lines were left dangling over the trailer, forcing	Spill/Leakage	Motor Vehicle/ Public Place

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					emergency services to wait for the electricity to be turned off. Some of the chemicals had spilled from the trailer but were contained in the area and caused no problems. The accident blocked SH1 for more than five hours.		
15-May-07	Matamata	Media	1	unknown	The Matamata shopping area was evacuated for more than an hour while Fire officers tried to trace the smell of leaking gas. Large LPG tanks were isolated at various service stations and the town's stormwater system was examined but the source of the smell could not be identified.	Other	Public Place
16-May-07	Frankton	Media	1	LPG	A leaking valve in an underground LPG tank sparked panic with fire crews and police evacuating a 250m radius around the site. Police were called to divert traffic and a gas engineer contacted to inspect the 5000L tank. The leak was isolated and contained about an hour after the initial callout.	Spill/Leakage	Public Place/ Workplace
16-May-07	Palmerston North	Media	1	hydrochloric acid	Fifteen people were evacuated from a freight forwarding company after a fork lift pierced a 200L drum of hydrochloric acid. The fire service was called to clean up the spill in a freight truck at a transport company. All workers were evacuated and fire-fighters wore full protective gear while they cleaned up, using kitty litter to neutralise the spill. All the other goods in the truck had to be destroyed, he said. Fire-fighters spent five hours mopping up the spill. No-one was injured.	Spill/Leakage	Workplace
17-May-07	Mount Maunganui	Media	1	hydrochloric acid	A glass bottle of hydrochloric acid was spilt at a transport facility for a courier company. The bottle had been in a package and on reacting with the air, began to emit fumes. The fire fighters wore splash suits and breathing masks. The spillage was isolated and fire-fighters identified the chemical. A dangerous goods inspector came. Oxygen had to be given to a male worker "who was feeling sick". The man was taken to Tauranga Hospital. Due to handling the dangerous chemical, fire-fighters had to "wash down"	Spill/Leakage	Workplace

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					afterward.		
19-May-07	Johnsonville, Wellington City	Greater Wellington Reg Council	1	hydrocarbons	Hydrocarbons from residential property affecting land in Johnsonville, Wellington City.	Spill/Leakage	Public Place
20-May-07	Mt Cook, Wellington City	Greater Wellington Reg Council	1	hydrocarbons	Hydrocarbons from residential property affecting land in Mt Cook, Wellington City.	Spill/Leakage	Public Place
21-May-07	Whakatane	Media	2	rosin	A truck carrying chemicals overturned, spilling rosin over the road and into a stream. Swift action was credited with saving hundreds of eels threatened by the acidic chemical that leaked from the upturned truck. There was an estimated 80% survival rate for the eels and fish that were in the drain. Approximately 500 eels were rescued and transferred to a holding tank in the river. A large pit had been dug at a neighbouring farm, into which the contaminated water was pumped. None of the chemical escaped. Bunds were put in the stream up and downstream of the spill, containing the spill within 500m of the drain.	Spill/Leakage	Other/ Public Place
22-May-07	Havelock North, Hastings	Department of Labour	1	LPG	Twelve 45 kg gas cylinders inside a pipe and netting enclosure supply LPG to run a dryer and waxer inside an apple pack house. A hose leading from one cylinder to a valve attached to the manifold ruptured and LPG escaped. Employees did not approach the area to turn the gas off, as they were not equipped with breathing apparatus. The Fire Brigade brought the scene under control. It is most likely the hose became damaged when replacement gas cylinders installed bumped against the hose and valve.	Spill/Leakage	Workplace
23-May-07	Christ-church	Media	1	petrol	A fireman prevented disaster after a man flooded a service station forecourt, and covered an attendant, with fuel. A man was charged with arson after he walked into the	Fire/ Spill/Leakage	Workplace

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					Caltex station and allegedly set the forecourt alight.		
24-May-07	Whangarei	Department of Labour	1	petrol	A fuel tank on mini-motorbike was overfilled and leaked when the bike was placed on its stand. The bike was parked in the main ground floor foyer of a building. Approximately 0.5 litres spilled onto floor. Fire Service call to clean up and ventilate building. Evacuation not considered necessary.	Spill/Leakage	Motor Vehicle/ Workplace
29-May-07	Gisborne	Media	1	LPG	Fire-fighters were called after a gas bottle caught alight. The 9kg bottle was believed to have had a leak around the fitting, which ignited when the owners attempted to start the heater. No-one was seriously hurt and there was little damage to the house.	Fire	Private Dwelling
30-May-07	Porirua	Media	1	asbestos/ paint/ solvents	A fire at a panelbeaters left one worker in hospital, and caused a health hazard with the exposure of an asbestos roof. The foreman of the workshop was taken to hospital suffering from smoke inhalation, and nobody else was hurt. The fire caused severe damage. The spray booth and all the roof area were destroyed. There was no explosion, but fire spread rapidly through the filters and then out on to the roof of the spray booth and into the main building. The fire was caused by a staff member using a welding tool while he was inside the spray booth, which was not normal practice. The City Council, Labour and environmental authorities all attended the incident. The building had fire extinguishers but they would have been inadequate.	Fire	Workplace

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01-Jun-07	875 State Highway 1, Poroutawhao	Media/Horowhenua District Council	1	chloropicrin	NZ Fire Service received a 111 telephone call around 2 pm regarding 2 tins in a shed. Waitarere Fire Brigade was the initial responder. There were 2 containers in a shed and one of these was a plastic 20L which had started to break down under UV action. The information from the owner was that the containers had been there for some time and they thought that the contents were used to poison rabbits. Enviro Haz recommended the Fire Service upgrade to HAZMAT to handle the containers using Level 4 suits and breathing apparatus, place into a containment drum and label as 'unknown chemical - handle wearing protective clothing only'. This was carried out and on investigation by the Fire Service personnel a 3rd container was located in the same area as the others. It was labelled Larvacide Soil Fumigant Rabbit Destruction CHLOROPICRIN. The containment drum was transported to Levin and was locked in a HDC storage area.	Spill/Leakage	Workplace
05-Jun-07	Agathis Avenue and Matipo Road, North Shore	Media	1	diesel	Strong diesel fumes coming from stormwater manholes in the Agathis Ave and Matipo Rd areas near Mairangi Bay School led to residents contacting the North Shore City Council's Actionline last month. Council officers then found a large amount of pooled diesel in a stream behind properties on Matipo Road. "The diesel was immediately contained to prevent any further stream contamination and a clean-up operation undertaken", the pollution prevention officer said. An investigation is underway.	Spill/Leakage	Public Place

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06-Jun-07	Pages Road Water Treatment Plant, Christchurch	Christchurch City Council	1	mercury	Contractors demolishing old control room picked up a mercury filled gauge which had previously been removed and laid on the floor. Mercury (approximately 100ml) spilled onto the floor. Mercury (approximately 100ml) spilled onto the floor. Nearby laboratory assistants were contacted and sulphur was thrown onto the mercury - increasing the pool on the floor. Mercury/sulphur was then tracked through the building on the feet of the workers. The fire service was called for advice on clean-up and an engine was dispatched. A chemical disposal company was called in to clean up and dispose of contaminated clothing and equipment.	Spill/Leakage	Workplace
07-Jun-07	Clutha Print, James Street, Balclutha	Southland District Council	1	diesel	2000L disused underground tank formerly supplying burner was in the process of being removed. Personnel thought that the tank was empty. As they were removing it, the vent pipe broke off resulting in a spill of around 60-80L of diesel in to the hole.	Spill/Leakage	Workplace
07-Jun-07	Toll Rail, Tremaine Avenue, Palmerston North	Department of Labour	1	diesel	Two above ground stationary container tanks, interlinked, each capable of 50,000L capacity, were being topped up by an employee of Provincial Freightlines. It was a wet cold morning and the employee did not read the dip stick correctly. As a result he miscalculated the amount of diesel that could be put into the tanks, and there was an overflow of diesel. The overflow was contained in the secondary containment around the tanks. The Fire Service attended the incident as well as the Department of Labour.	Spill/Leakage	Workplace
09-Jun-07	Ardmore Street, Wanaka	Media	1	petrol	Police and the Queenstown Lakes District Council are considering charging a man with depositing dangerous litter and breaching the council's environmental bylaws, after the man was caught pouring petrol down a storm water drain in Ardmore Street, outside the Caltex service station on Saturday afternoon. The man had accidentally	Spill/Leakage	Public Place

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					put about 30 litres of petrol into his diesel vehicle and was trying to remove it. It was not known how much petrol was released in to the environment. Wanaka's storm water drains into Bullock Creek and Lake Wanaka.		
10-Jun-07	Kapiti Pak n Save, Rimu Road, Paraparumu	Media	1	refrigerant gas	Kapiti Pak n Save had to be evacuated on Sunday morning, because of a gas leak. A small pipe carrying oil and refrigerant gas in the compressor system that serviced the store had a crack in it, allowing gas to seep out. At 7am their security service called to say the gas detector alarm had gone off. The night manager went up to the plant room where there was a lot of smoke and haze. The night manager called the store manager, who told him to shut it down. The area was isolated. The smoke had gone through the shop. The decision was made to evacuate the store, which was done immediately. Six or seven fire engines arrived and wash down facilities were set up. The two managers were checked out by ambulance staff, and the rest of the staff and customers had to wait until 10.15am when the all-clear was given. The split in the pipe was caused by a combination of vibrations and age and has since been replaced.	Spill/Leakage	Workplace
10-Jun-07	Thorndon, Wellington City	Greater Wellington Regional	1	hydrocarbons	Hydrocarbons from petrochemical storage site affecting surface water in Thorndon, Wellington City.	Spill/Leakage	Workplace
11-Jun-07	Thorndon, Wellington	Greater Wellington Regional	1	hydrocarbons	Hydrocarbons from commercial property affecting surface water in Thorndon, Wellington City.	Spill/Leakage	Workplace

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12-Jun-07	Kaihoka Lakes walking track, Cape Farewell, Golden Bay, Tasman District	Nelson City Council	2	1080 cereal pellets	The incident was discovered on 13 th June by an Health Protection Officer during an audit of the Cape Farewell aerial and ground possum control operation. Approximately six 1080 cereal pellet baits were observed to be within sight of the Kaihoka Lakes walking track, along the first 150m section. It was later ascertained that the baits were hand-laid on the 12 th June. The entire track was not checked. DoC Officers had also observed these baits during an unrelated exercise. A telephone call was immediately made to the operator (Vector Control Services) and the Vector Manager (Southern Pest Management) to inspect the track and remove all visible baits. The operator was later requested to provide a written explanation of the cause of the incident and was given 14 days to do so. The exact reasons for the breach of conditions are not known at this stage.	Other	Public Place
13-Jun-07	State Highway 29, Lower Kaimai area, Bay of Plenty	Media	1	oil	Police, Environment Bay of Plenty and clean-up crews were dealing with an oil spill on State Highway 29 in the Lower Kaimai area of Bay of Plenty tonight. Tauranga police said they were notified at 9pm a tanker truck had lost a considerable amount of oil between Old Kaimai Road and McLaren Falls Road.	Spill/Leakage	Public Place/ Motor Vehicle
19-Jun-07	Wanganui East	Media	1	LPG	A Wanganui man had a narrow escape from injury when he took a burning gas heater outside. The bottle exploded about five minutes later on the front lawn, damaging the guttering and paintwork at the front of the house. A neighbour said the heater burned steadily before erupting in to "a giant fire". "The house completely disappeared behind a wall of fire. It didn't burn long - about 30 seconds." The man had singed fingers from carrying the heater but was not seriously hurt. It was understood a faulty regulator or seal may have been to blame for the gas bottle catching fire.	Spill/Leakage / Explosion/ Fire	Private Dwelling

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23-Jun-07	Translink Railyards, Aotea Quay, Wellington	Hutt City Council	1	Derigan/ Hydrogen peroxide/ peroxyacetic acid	A shipping container was being relocated by forklift. The driver crashed into another stationary shipping container. The container being relocated was significantly damaged and the chemicals stored within it were damaged and started leaking. Leakage was confined to within the container. The spill was "mopped up" and Nuplex arranged to remove. Substances involved: hydrogen peroxide: 4 drums. hydrogen peroxide & peroxyacetic acid mix: 3 drums. Derigan: 1 litre	Spill/Leakage	Workplace
25-Jun-07	Riccarton Road, Mosgiel	Media	1	cyanide	A property owner discovered a seeping bag of cyanide in the roof of a shed on his Riccarton Road, Mosgiel, property yesterday and contacted the emergency services. The Fire Service responded to the call at 12.50pm yesterday and, in turn, called out Dunedin City Council dangerous goods inspector Peter Woods. Mr Woods disposed of the small bag of cyanide without incident.	Spill/Leakage	Private Dwelling
25-Jun-07	Island Bay, Wellington	Greater Wellington Regional	1	hazardous material	Hazardous material from residential property affecting land in Island Bay, Wellington	Spill/Leakage	Private Dwelling/ Public Place
25-Jun-07	Wellington Central	Greater Wellington Regional	1	hydrocarbons	Hydrocarbons from construction/road maintenance affecting coastal marine area in Wellington Central	Spill/Leakage	Public Place
29-Jun-07	Evans Street, Timaru	Media	1	oil	An oil spill on Evans Street yesterday caused delays for drivers and a minor accident. Timaru police confirmed about 50 litres of oil was spilt on the road from a generator on board a Netcon truck. The spill occurred about 1pm with oil reaching from Luxmoore Road to Bridge Street. The slippery surface caused one accident. While braking, the empty trailer of a Fonterra milk tanker slid and hit a parked car. Sicon was called to put grit on the road and Transit New Zealand and Timaru police are investigating	Spill/Leakage	Public Place

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					the incident.		
29-Jun-07	New Plymouth Power Station	Media	1	bitumen	Firefighters battled an 11,000-litre leak of bitumen at New Plymouth's Power Station yesterday. Station officer Nick Burke said the black liquid escaped after a pipe burst, but was contained by a bund on site. The bitumen set fire to some insulating material.	Spill/Leakage / Fire	Workplace
29-Jun-07	Martha Mine Open Pit, Newmont Waihi Gold	Department of Labour	1	bulk emulsion explosive	Fly rock from two holes in an open pit production blast scattered over an area 30 to 40 metres from the blast exclusion zone. One rock holed the roof of Newmont's office in Moresby Ave. The cause is being investigated.	Explosion	Workplace