

Annual compliance report

Air discharges

Activities this report covers

This report covers compliance monitoring for air discharges for the previous year to 30 June 2017. Air discharges include a wide range of activities e.g. industrial discharges, cremators, and discharges generating odour (but not including landfills and wastewater treatment plants).

What we've done

This year we monitored 51 consents relating to air discharges:

	Complying	Minor non-compliance	Non-compliance	Total
Odour	8	2	0	10
Industrial	21	8	2	31
Cremator	6	1	0	7
Other	3	0	0	3
Total	38	11	2	51

What we've noticed

This year the overall level of compliance has dropped slightly from 82% to 74%. The two sites where non-compliance has been noted were:

- An industrial site near Masterton is exceeding their opacity limits on their resource consent. Further follow up is being undertaken with the consent holder.
- An industrial site in Porirua has been operating outside of some consent conditions due to a change in processes on site. They are currently working with a consents officer to rectify these issues.

Minor non-compliance relates to consent conditions that do not have environment effects e.g. late or insufficient reporting of information. Therefore the level of compliance with environmental effects based conditions is very good at 96%.

What we'd like to fix or change

Our focus in the upcoming year will be on industrial sites, who typically discharge chemical compounds to air. We will be checking closely on any changes to processes at these sites and 'running a ruler' over any emission testing results. Given this focus, we will be doing less compliance on sites with good compliance history or those that pose a low environmental risk.

