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Report to Environment Committee
from Annette McGovern, Resource Advisor

Review of Resource Consent Condition under Section 127 of the Resource Management Act 1991: Moa Point Wastewater Treatment Plant, Wellington City Council, WGN910096 [20847]

1. Purpose

To report to the Environment Committee on a review of a resource consent condition of the Discharge to Air Permit WGN910096 [20847].

2. Background

Wellington City Council has sought to reduce the frequency of bioaerosol monitoring from its Moa Point Sewage Treatment Plant. They have requested the monitoring be carried out at least once every six months, rather than the current monthly monitoring of the plant. The sampling is to be continued at three sites downwind and three sites upwind when wind conditions are greater than 20 knots. One of the monitoring sites is required at the Air New Zealand kitchens. The samples are monitored for faecal coliforms and salmonella.

There were no submissions in opposition to the proposal.

I am satisfied that the varied condition is sufficient to continue safeguarding against the presence of faecal coliforms or salmonella from the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Details of the proposal and my assessment are outlined in attachment 1.

3. Communications

No further public communication is necessary for this report.

4. Recommendation

That the Committee, under the delegated authority of the Wellington Regional Council, in accordance with sections 104, 105, 108, 131, and 132 of the Resource Management Act 1991, amend condition 6 the Discharge to Air Permit WGN910096 [20847], reads as follows;

The Wellington City Council shall monitor air quality in the vicinity of the plant to confirm the absence of faecal coliforms and salmonella originating from the plant. Sampling is to be carried out at least once every six months when wind conditions are predicted to be greater than or equal to 20 knots. The sampling method and locations are to be agreed by the Wellington Regional Council. Tests are to be carried out at a minimum of three sites downwind and three sites upwind of the plant, with at least one site to be in the vicinity of the Air New Zealand kitchens and one at the level of Kekerenga Street. The other sites are to be located outside of and within 100 metres of the site boundary. The results are to be supplied to the Regional Council at yearly intervals or on request. Should the presence of faecal coliforms or salmonella be measured at any time, the Wellington Regional Council may direct that the applicant revert to sampling at least once every month for six months before returning to the six monthly sampling regime.

All other conditions to stand.

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