

Information for Building Consent Applicants on the National Environmental Standard (NES) for Assessing and Managing Contaminants in Soil to Protect Human Health

What is the NES? The objective of the NES is to ensure that land affected by contaminants in the soil is identified at the time of development, and if necessary, is made safe for humans.

How does the NES require soil to be made safe? If an activity on the land meets certain 'triggers' in the NES, a resource consent will be required. The resource consent will make sure that any contaminants are identified and made suitable for humans to live and work on the site. *Please note that a resource consent is different to a building consent. Please contact the Duty Planner on 07 885 0340 if you want to know what a resource consent is.*

Why is Council required to administer the NES? The NES falls under the Resource Management Act 1991, and came into force on 1 January 2012. The NES is required to be implemented by all District, City and Regional Councils, including South Waikato District Council.

What does this mean for my building consent application? From January 2012, people applying for building consents will need to provide Council with more information than they have in the past. This will ensure that Council Planners can decide whether any of the criteria under the NES applies to your proposal.

Why should I provide the additional information? If you do not answer the questions below, it may result in delays in the processing of your building consent.

If you have any questions regarding the NES, please consult the Ministry for the Environment's website <http://www.mfe.govt.nz/laws/standards/contaminants-in-soil/>. If you are unsure when answering the questions below, please contact the Duty Planner on 07 885 0340.

Applicant: _____

BC/RM Number (if known): _____

Street Address: _____

Legal Description: _____

Any other comments to help identify the site: _____

Please see overpage

Information required by Council

Please answer the questions below

1. Will the proposal involve removing or replacing a fuel system **OR** does it involve removing or replacing any underground part of a fuel system? YES NO *(Please circle.) If you answered 'YES', please describe what is being removed or replaced.*

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2. Will soil be sampled to determine if soil is contaminated, and how much contamination there is? YES /NO *(Please circle.) If you answered 'YES', please provide the following details: where the sampling will occur (describe below AND identify on site plan), when it will occur, which company will undertake the sampling and what contaminants are being tested for e.g. arsenic etc.*

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3. Will the new building(s) result in a change of land use? YES/NO *(Please circle.) If you answered 'YES', please provide the following details: What the land was used for in the past, what the land is currently being used for, and what the intended use in the future is.*

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4. To your knowledge, has the site been used for a Hazardous Activities and Industries List (HAIL) purpose in the past? Please see the attached list. YES/NO *(Please circle). Please provide details on what HAIL purpose(s) occurred. Indicate on your site plan where the HAIL activity occurred.*

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5. Will the activity result in soil **disturbance** (movement of soil around the site) of more than 25m³ volume per 500m² of land? YES/NO. If so, please mark this on your site plan.

6. Will the activity result in soil **removal** (taking soil offsite) of more than 5m³ (in situ) volume per 500m² of land? YES/NO. If so, please mark this on your site plan.

This form has been filled out by the owner(s) of the property, or to someone who is authorised to do so on their behalf, to the best of their knowledge.

Name Signature Date

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