

Incidents reported to ERMA NZ in the period 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008

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
02/07/2007	Brightside Road, Stanmore Bay, Whangaparaoa	Department of Labour	1 - Low	chlorine	Five children were taken to hospital with suspected chlorine poisoning after swimming in a leisure centre. The children were at the Rodney District Council's leisure centre in Stanmore Bay when they became unwell about 6.30pm. The district council and the Department of Labour have started investigations in to the incident. Five children were treated and taken to North Shore Hospital suffering shortness of breath, dizziness and nausea.	Other	Workplace
02/07/2007	Crofton Downs, Wellington City.	Wellington Regional Council	1 - Low	hydrocarbons	Hydrocarbons from unknown source affecting surface water in Crofton Downs, Wellington City.	Other	Public Place

03/07/2007	Gamma Corporation Ltd, 23 Walmsley Road, Otahuhu Auckland	Department of Labour	1 - Low	gas	<p>The company, engaged in recycling, owns a baler to bale the steel and other metal scraps into transportable and marketable metal bales. On this occasion the operator was baling a lot of aerosol (fragrance/deoderant) bottles. All these bottles were full and came from a company engaged in disposal of hazardous waste.</p> <p>While baling these bottles, the gas that had escaped from the bottles suddenly ignited and the entire machine caught fire. The operator managed to jump out of the machine cab and rolled over the ground to protect herself. She received serious burns on her arms, legs and other body parts. The approximate quantity involved in the incident was about 4 bins of waste bottles. The operator had baled one lot and was about to finish the second at the time of the incident. Each waste bin has a volumetric capacity of 3 cubic metres.</p>	Explosion, Fire	Workplace
04/07/2007	Rimutaka Hill Road, North of Wellington	Media	1 - Low	diesel	<p>Police are investigating the source of a large suspected diesel spill that caused three accidents on the Rimutaka Hill Road north of Wellington. Inspector Michael Coleman of police central communications said it was not yet known how the spill, presumed to be diesel, happened. It caused three non-injury accidents: one a nose-to-tail and two accidents where vehicles slipped on the road.</p>	Spill/Leakage	Public Place
06/07/2007	Seaview, Hutt City	Wellington Regional Council	1 - Low	hydrocarbons	<p>Hydrocarbons from vehicle affecting land in seaview, Hutt City.</p>	Other	Other
08/07/2007	Picton Ferry Terminal	Media	1 - Low	diesel	<p>The Picton Volunteer Fire Brigade was called out to a diesel spill in the Picton Ferry Terminal yards early yesterday afternoon. Picton fire chief, said as a trailer unit was being moved the fifth wheel on the front ruptured the fuel tank on the generator, resulting in 150 litres of diesel spilling in the yard. Toll staff were quickly on the spot with their spill kit.</p>	Spill/Leakage	Motor Vehicle, Public Place

08/07/2007	Wellington Central	Wellington Regional Council	1 - Low	hazardous material	Hazardous material from commercial property affecting surface water in Wellington Central, Wellington City.	Spill/Leakage	Public Place
09/07/2007	Green Island Landfill	Media	1 - Low	chemicals	Burst pipes in the dangerous goods shed at the Green Island landfill sent a cascade of water down through sprinkler heads, creating a cocktail of chemicals and sparking a major clean-up operation. Frost split the sprinkler head, which resulted in water dripping on to containers holding a mixture of dangerous goods, including old agrichemicals which could not be disposed of in New Zealand. The potentially dangerous water cocktail sparked a level two response from the Fire Service, which sent a command unit, three engines and a decontamination unit to the site. The contaminated water was contained with the shed and crews spent the rest of the day soaking it up with sawdust and earth. The barrels of contaminated absorbent material would be categorised and sent away for disposal.	Spill/Leakage	Workplace
09/07/2007	Old Man Rock Cafe, Queenstown	Media, Department of Labour	2 - Medium	caustic soda	Industrial cleaner, similar to caustic soda has been stored in a reused container that used to contain mulled wine, and not properly labelled as dangerous. Being of similar color to mulled wine, it was served to a customer and also a staff member. Both suffered burns to their throats and the staff member suffered burns to her stomach as well when they consumed the wine. Both ladies were transported to Lakes District Hospital. One stayed one night the other was transferred to Southland Hospital and discharged approximately 3 days later.	Other	Public Place, Workplace
09/07/2007	Pukerua Bay, Kapiti Coast	Wellington Regional Council	1 - Low	chemicals	Chemical spray from unknown source affecting air in Pukerua Bay.	Other	Public Place
11/07/2007	Porirua East, Porirua City.	Wellington Regional Council	1 - Low	dust	Dust from industrial site (metal) affecting air in Porirua East.	Other	Other

12/07/2007	International Fine Foods Ltd, Palmerston North	Department of Labour, Media	2 - Medium	sodium hypochlorite	A growing pile of dead fish and eels is being pulled from the Kawau Stream, as the latest clean-up continues on the embattled waterway. Since admitting to the spill of about 700 litres of sodium hypochlorite, the company has had a contractor at the site, fishing out about 55 dead eels and fish from the polluted water. Risk manager Glen Round said the spill was caused by a hypochlorite hose cracking. There was a catchment bund in place to collect any spills, but the valve failed.	Spill/Leakage	Workplace
14/07/2007	Kilbirnie, Wellington City	Wellington Regional Council	1 - Low	hydrocarbons	Hydrocarbon spill effects coastal marine area	Other	Public Place
14/07/2007	Frankton	Media	1 - Low	chlorine oxidiser (hypochlorite?)	Police have arrested a man for stealing two drums of chemicals but the drums are still missing. Over the weekend of July 14-15 two 50 kg drums of chlorine oxidiser vanished from a chemical plant in Frankton. Police believe the thief mistook the white powder for one used to make methamphetamine.	Other	Workplace
14/07/2007	Kilbirnie, Wellington.	Wellington Regional Council	1 - Low	hydrocarbons	Hydrocarbons from unknown source affecting coastal marine area in Kilbirnie, Wellington.	Other	Public Place
15/07/2007	Old Coach Road, Pongakawa	Media	1 - Low	oil	A time-wasting prank appears to be behind an oil spill that left Pukehina volunteer firefighters with a slippery mess to clean up at midday yesterday. Chief fire officer Errol Watts said the incident appeared suspicious as two 20-litre containers had been dumped on the side of Old Coach Road at Pongakawa on the corner where the oil lay. The Fire Service spent about 90 minutes at the scene and contacted Western Bay of Plenty District Council to request that warning signs be erected Police were also called to investigate the incident.	Spill/Leakage	Public Place

15/07/2007	River Terrace, Ashburton	Media	1 - Low	Insecticide	Several birds died after pecking their way into bags of grain which was treated with insecticide. The incident happened at the South Island Seed plant - the birds had pecked out the staples holding down polypropylene lining and also pecked through the lining. More than a dozen birds were killed.	Other	
16/07/2007	Omahu Road Hastings	Media	1 - Low	LPG	Two youths caused a suspected gas leak when they went on a destructive spree at McCain Foods processing plant in Omahu Road. Police were called after a security guard heard smashing noises in the plant and saw a heavy truck and trailer disappearing up the road. Police who checked the yard a short time later smelled gas, and called the fire service. It is understood a forklift may have been damaged causing the leak.	Spill/Leakage	Workplace
16/07/2007	State Highway 2, Around Takapau Plains and Norsewood	Media	1 - Low	oil, diesel	A substance thought to be oil or diesel which was spilt onto State Highway 2 is thought to have been responsible for two car crashes near Dannevirke. No-one was seriously hurt but two cars are extensively damaged. The dangerous slick was thought to have been dropped by a truck. Roading contractors were cleaning up the slick and putting down grit to prevent further accidents and signs were put up warning motorists of the situation. The slick was too extensive to be dealt with by the fire brigade.	Spill/Leakage	Public Place
18/07/2007	Upper Hutt City	Wellington Regional Council	1 - Low	hydrocarbons	Hydrocarbon spill from residential property	Other	
18/07/2007	Berhampore, Wellington City	Wellington Regional Council	1 - Low	hydrocarbons	Hydrocarbon leak, unknown source	Other	Other
18/07/2007	Otaki, Kapiti Coast.	Wellington Regional Council	1 - Low	chemicals	Chemical spray from commercial property affecting land in Otaki, Kapiti Coast District	Other	Public Place

18/07/2007	Clouston Park, Upper Hutt City.	Wellington Regional Council	1 - Low	hydrocarbons	Hydrocarbons from residential property affecting land in Clouston Park.	Other	Public Place
18/07/2007	Berhampore, Wellington City.	Wellington Regional Council	1 - Low	Hydrocarbons	Hydrocarbons from unknown source affecting land in Berhampore.	Other	Public Place
21/07/2007	Makatote Viaduct - State Highway 4 National Park	Ruapehu District Council	1 - Low	nitrous oxide? (possibly nitrite of some description?)	Truck overturned on viaduct corner rupturing a container containing UN 1479 N.O.S nitrus oxide(?). The TA Hazardous Substance Officer and Fire Service Hazmat unit were called out. Waiouru Defence was also called and they removed the substance and placed it in a plastic bag for disposal.	Spill/Leakage	Motor Vehicle, Public Place
23/07/2007	Corbett Road, Bell Block, New Plymouth	Media	1 - Low	formaldehyde	Two tonnes of formaldehyde spilled from a tanker near the Dynea plant in Bell Block, New Plymouth, forcing fire fighters to close the road and a railway line. Trains were stopped from running as a precaution to stop any ignition source. The spill occurred after a valve left open blew the cap off the container. The tanker was transporting formaldehyde from the Dynea plant in New Plymouth to anothe plant in Nelson. Dams were built along the side of Corbett Road to avoid any spread of the chemical. It was then covered with dry sand and scooped up, put in containers and sent to the New Plymouth landfill. The spill was close to the Dynea plant, and its emergency response team advised the fire service of the cleanup.	Spill/Leakage	Motor Vehicle, Public Place

23/07/2007	Hugo Johnson Drive, Penrose, Auckland	Media	1 - Low	chromic acid, hydrofluoric acid, nitric acid	Two industrial sites were evacuated after a chemical spill in Penrose on Monday. About 150 litres of acid spilled from a truck making deliveries at a premises on Hugo Johnson Drive at about 10am. The truck driver was splashed with the mix of hydrofluoric, chromic and nitric acids after trying to halt the spill from a faulty valve. The driver was later taken to hospital for observation. The Forman Insulation site and a neighbouring property were evacuated for about four hours while the Fire Service cleaned up. The police commercial vehicle unit is investigating.	Spill/Leakage	Workplace
26/07/2007	Seaview, Hutt City.	Wellington Regional Council	1 - Low	hydrocarbons	Hydrocarbons from unknown source affecting coastal marine area in Seaview.	Other	Public Place
26/07/2007	Paraparaumu, Kapiti Coast.	Wellington Regional Council	1 - Low	Hydrocarbons	Hydrocarbons from unknown source affecting coastal marine area in Paraparaumu.	Other	Public Place
29/07/2007	Corner of Hanover and Great King Streets, Opoho, Dunedin	Media	2 - Medium	unknown	A flock of pigeons were killed or became sick due to a poison drop in a park, that had not been authorised. Public Health South, who are responsible for issuing permits for poisoning vermin in Dunedin said no permit had been issued and that they were not responsible.	Other	Public Place
30/07/2007	Kilbirnie, Wellington.	Wellington Regional Council	1 - Low	hydrocarbons	Hydrocarbons from unknown source affecting land in Kilbirnie.	Other	Public Place
31/07/2007	Lansdowne, Masterton.	Wellington Regional Council	1 - Low	hazardous material	Hazardous material from cleanfill affecting land in Lansdowne, Masterton.	Spill/Leakage	Public Place
01/08/2007	Kindercare Learning Centre, Botany Downs, Auckland	Media	1 - Low	LPG	Firefighters were called to a gas leak at Kindercare Learning Centre in Manukau City. Fire Service helped ventilate the centre and assess its safety. The leak was caused by a gas water heated installed the previous day.	Spill/Leakage	Workplace

01/08/2007	Grenada North, Wellington.	Wellington Regional Council	1 - Low	hydrocarbons	Hydrocarbons from commercial property affecting surface water in Grenada North, Wellington.	Other	Workplace
03/08/2007	Back Beach top carpark New Plymouth	Media	2 - Medium	LPG	A 23 year old man pulled his car over to light a cigarette exploding a leaking LPG cylinder next to him. He managed to get himself out of the car before the whole thing was engulfed in flames. He is in the Waikato Hospitals burns unit in a stable condition but is expected to be there for some weeks.	Spill/Leakage	Public Place
03/08/2007	Wavell Crescent, Masterton	Masterton District Council	1 - Low	LPG	Two hours after an LPG cylinder was filled it was connected to a heater and turned on. There was a strong smell of gas. Flames flared up when the igniter was pressed and reached the ceiling. The heater and cylinder were moved outside and eventually the flames died down. Some minor damage occurred to the carpet and curtains but no one was injured. Energy Safety and Masterton District Council are investigating.	Other	Private Dwelling
04/08/2007	Eastbourne, Hutt City.	Wellington Regional Council	1 - Low	hydrocarbons	Hydrocarbons from vehicle affecting coastal marine area in Eastbourne.	Other	Public Place
05/08/2007	Richmond petrol station, Gladstone Street, Richmond	Media	1 - Low	LPG	LPG leak at Richmond petrol station caused emergency services to close a stretch of State Highway 6 for two hours. The source of the leak was later found to be from a feeder pipe at the petrol station. Risk was reported to be minimal.	Spill/Leakage	Workplace
06/08/2007	563 Tremain Avenue Palmerston North	Department of Labour	1 - Low	unknown	One 200 kg drum of Synthecol LDX, on a pallet of 4 drums, suffered a puncture and started to leak very slowly. The drum was found to be leaking on arrival at Palmerston North Tranz Link yards. On examination the drum appeared to have been ruptured with possibly a forklift. There was an indented tear near the top of the drum from which a slow leak of the chemical occurred.	Spill/Leakage	Workplace

07/08/2007	Dowling Street; Ratray Street, Central Dunedin	Media	1 - Low	LPG	A 150 year old retaining wall fell on to a LPG cylinder causing it to explode into flames and another hit by rubble from the falling wall started to leak gas. Fire fighters evacuated residents of nearby apartments while the gas dispersed and the fire from the other cylinder was put out. The wall probably fell due to the large amount of rain recently.	Explosion	Private Dwelling, Public Place
08/08/2007	Mahurangi river and harbour, Warkworth	Media	2 - Medium	diesel	The Auckland Regional Council dealt with a diesel spill in the scenic Mahurangi harbour. About 13000 litres spilled into the Mahurangi River and the harbour north of Auckland. Most was contained by boom. The source of the spill was an auto workshop about 3km upstream from the township.	Spill/Leakage	Public Place, Workplace
08/08/2007	Blenheim	Media	1 - Low	LPG	LPG tank spill at service station in Blenheim. The site was evacuated along with the neighbouring store. Emergency services responded. The spill was minor.	Spill/Leakage	Public Place, Workplace
08/08/2007	Parliament, Wellington	Public Health Service	1 - Low	1080 (sodium monofluoroacetate)	A person has left a bucket of 1080 pellets and some of the West Coast Regional Council warning signs on Parliament steps. The person had been trespassed off by police but not charged. WCRC arranged for a licenced person to collect the pellets. Assume the person may have picked up the baits from the recent Barrytown drop that was the subject of serious opposition. As the signs are obviously from here it is assumed, but we have no proof, that the baits are too.	Other	Public Place
08/08/2007	Carterton	Wellington Regional Council	1 - Low	hazardous material	Hazardous material from meatworks affecting land in Carterton.	Other	Workplace
09/08/2007	Stratford and Hawera, Taranaki	Media	1 - Low	asbestos	Two police stations were cleaned of asbestos after two men (arrested 9th August 2007) were covered in asbestos dust which they unwittingly spread through several police cars and the Stratford and Hawera stations.	Other	Motor Vehicle, Workplace

09/08/2007	Maoribank, Upper Hutt City.	Wellington City Council	1 - Low	hazardous material	Hazardous material from residential property affecting air in Maoribank, Upper Hutt City.	Other	Private Dwelling, Public Place
10/08/2007	Mangatoi Road, Tauranga	District Health Board	1 - Low	1080 (sodium monofluoroacetate)	Three dogs die of suspected 1080 poisoning a month after the most recent application in that area (12 July 2007). The dog owners claimed poisoned possums had wandered onto their properties and been consumed by the dogs.	Other	Private Dwelling
12/08/2007	Miramar Wharf	Media	1 - Low	oil	High winds may have caused minor oil spill	Spill/Leakage	Ship
12/08/2007	Tidal Creek, Northern Buller	Media	1 - Low	diesel	A contractor attempted to prevent a contamination in Tidal Creek, in northern Buller, on August 12 after a diesel tanker he was towing released about 400 litres into the waterway. The diesel discharged when the vehicle towing the diesel tanker experienced difficulty crossing the ford, 3.7km south-east of where the creek joins the Little Wanganui River, the West Coast Regional Council reports. The draining plug on the bottom of the tank was ripped off, allowing diesel to flow into the creek. The contractor tried to stop contamination downstream and the council compliance staff attended with the emergency response trailer to put measures in place to prevent further contamination.	Spill/Leakage	Public Place
12/08/2007	Lyll Bay, Wellington City	Wellington Regional Council	1 - Low	hydrocarbons	Hydrocarbons from vessel affecting marine coastal area in Lyall Bay, Wellington City.	Other	Public Place, Ship, Workplace
12/08/2007	Newtown, Wellington City	Wellington Regional Council	1 - Low	hydrocarbons	Hydrocarbons from state highway/road affecting land in Newtown, Wellington City.	Other	Motor Vehicle, Public Place

14/08/2007	Over a 1.3km stretch of waterway, part of which runs along Nikau Drive	Marlborough District Council	1 - Low	unknown	Hundreds of eels and bullies have been discovered along a stream. It is unknown at the moment what chemical caused the deaths of the eels, as there are thousands of possible household chemicals that could have caused it. It is believed that the cause of this chemical spill was due to individuals disposing of chemicals into a roadside drain . However the roadside drain connected to the stream resulting in the damage. Currently no prosecution has been laid as police are still looking for clues and anybody with information about the contamination has been urged to contact the council.	Other	Public Place
15/08/2007	House bus, outside Nelson Creek Hotel, north of Greymouth	Media	2 - Medium	LPG	The victim has been attempting to light an LPG cooker in a bus outside the Nelson Creek Hotel, north of Greymouth, about 6.30am when the spark switch failed. He returned with a lighter but the gas had been left running and exploded as soon as he ignited the lighter.	Explosion	Motor Vehicle
15/08/2007	Seaview Lower Hutt	Media	1 - Low	chlorine	50 kg of sodium dichloroisocyanuric acid granules, used to purify spa pool water, caught fire in the ChemPro storage depot in Seaview Road. The chemical was stored in 20kg plastic containers. The fire broke out while the chlorine granules were being decanted from a plastic barrel on a pallet. The granules reacted with some substance in a two-metre wide funnel being used in the decanting process and fire erupted, spreading to all 12 containers on the pallet.	Fire	Workplace
15/08/2007	Epuni, Hutt City	Wellington Regional Council	1 - Low	hydrocarbons	Hydrocarbons from vehicle affecting land in Epuni, Hutt City.	Other	Motor Vehicle, Public Place

16/08/2007	260 Taupo Quay, Wanganui	District Health Board	1 - Low	LPG	The occupier of the property connected up an LPG cylinder to a portable LPG heater. He turned on the cylinder and ignited the heater at which point there was a flash fire back inside the heater back to the cylinder connection. The Fire Service was called and in turn contacted Envirohaz. The LPG cylinder had a QCC valve and had previously been used on a BBQ which had a POL fitting. The heater connection was a QCC fitting. On testing the QCC valve after the fire it was found the back check module was jammed open. It is suspected the back check module was jammed open when the POL fitting on the BBQ was connected to the cylinder.	Fire	Private Dwelling
17/08/2007	Christchurch Carlton Mill Corner Colombo Street Lichfield Street Shirley, North East City Centre	Media	1 - Low	explosives	Four small explosives left at four locations in Christchurch	Explosion	Public Place
17/08/2007	Wellington Central	Wellington Regional Council	1 - Low	hydrocarbons	Hydrocarbons from unknown source affecting coastal marine area in Wellington City.	Other	Public Place
21/08/2007	State Highway 4, 15km south of National Park	Media	1 - Low	hydrogen peroxide	Truck crash causes minor peroxide spill.	Spill/Leakage	Public Place
21/08/2007	Near Kekerengu; state highway 1	Media	1 - Low	diesel, petrol	Fuel Tanker rolls after road's edge gives away. South Fuels Scania truck carrying 10,000 litres of diesel and 836 litres of petrol crossed to the opposite side of the road and crashed.	Spill/Leakage	Motor Vehicle

23/08/2007	Warehouse Rangiora	Media	1 - Low	unknown	Staff overcome by fumes from plastic food container	Other	Workplace
23/08/2007	Gracefield, Hutt City	Wellington Regional Council	1 - Low	hazardous material	Hazardous material from commercial property affecting land in Gracefield, Hutt City.	Other	Workplace
24/08/2007	Whitby, Porirua City	Wellington Regional Council	1 - Low	hydrocarbons	Hydrocarbons from vehicle affecting land in Whitby, Porirua City.	Other	Motor Vehicle
24/08/2007	Petone, Hutt City.	Wellington Regional Council	1 - Low	hydrocarbons	Hydrocarbons from vehicle affecting land in Petone, Hutt City.	Other	Motor Vehicle
28/08/2007	Belmont, Hutt City.	Wellington Regional Council	1 - Low	hydrocarbons	Hydrocarbons from construction/road maintenance affecting air in Belmont, Hutt City.	Other	Public Place, Workplace
28/08/2007	Petone, Hutt City.	Wellington Regional Council	1 - Low	hydrocarbons	Hydrocarbons from vehicle affecting surface water in Petone, Hutt City.	Other	Motor Vehicle
28/08/2007	Titahi Bay, Porirua City.	Wellington Regional Council	1 - Low	hydrocarbons	Hydrocarbons from commercial property affecting coastal marine area in Titahi Bay, Porirua City.	Other	Workplace
28/08/2007	Kaitoke, Upper Hutt City.	Wellington Regional Council	1 - Low	hydrocarbons	Hydrocarbons from vehicle affecting surface water in Kaitoke, Upper Hutt City.	Other	Motor Vehicle
28/08/2007	Owhiro Bay, Wellington City.	Wellington Regional Council	1 - Low	hydrocarbons	Vehicle in and Hydrocarbons from vehicle affecting coastal marine area in Owhiro Bay, Wellington City.	Other	Motor Vehicle

30/08/2007	Wyndrum Avenue, Lower Hutt	Hutt City Council	1 - Low	hydrocarbons methylene chloride	A workman collapsed after he inhaled a substantial amount of solvent (Levene Special Coating Thinner 120 - Aromatic hydrocarbon) leaking from a 20 litre metal container which was stored under the front deck of the property in Lower Hutt. The workman was doing contract cleaning work at the property when he was accidentally exposed to the solvent. The Fire Service and Hutt City Council attended. The workman stood the solvent container upright and some solvent leaked from the container and dropped onto his gloves. He inhaled a substantial amount of the solvent and consequently became dizzy. He walked across the road to seek help and then collapsed. He was taken to the hospital immediately. The solvent container had rusted badly in places. A 20 litre drum of deck stain and a number of small containers of pesticides were stored under the deck.	Spill/Leakage	Private Dwelling
30/08/2007	Alexandra	District Health Board	1 - Low	unknown	A garage worker attempted to steam clean the fuel tank once the fuel had been decanted into a 200 litre steel drum. The fumes from the work caused him to feel chest tightness and they had a skin rash after exposure. Previous exposure with another work and same symptoms. St John attended both times but after assessment let the 2 workers go home. There is also history of one other worker who has had contact with the fuel (prior date unknown) who suffered from headaches and had to be removed from exposure to the product. All key fuel components were collected for further testing and examination. Initial examination showed some corrosion of internal surfaces. Owner of the vehicle is suggesting that his fuel has been sabotaged. Some fuel - estimated 200ml had been released into a stormwater sump on site.	Spill/Leakage	Motor Vehicle, Workplace

30/08/2007	Cummins Engine Co Ltd, 9 Langley Road, Manukau.	Department of Labour	1 - Low	caustic soda	Employee was emptying drums (205 litre) of caustic back into tank while standing at an elevated position on a pallet on the forks of a hoist at a height of approximately 1.77 metres off the floor level. The pallet was wet and slippery and he overbalanced and fell into the tank when a drum of caustic slipped and fell in at the same time. The tank holds approximately 1500 litres of caustic.	Other	Workplace
01/09/2007	Seaview, Hutt City.	Wellington Regional Council	1 - Low	hydrocarbons	Hydrocarbons from transportation/depot affecting coastal marine area in Seaview, Hutt City.	Other	Workplace
04/09/2007	Waiouru	Media	1 - Low	urea	Employees of the Shell Waiouru service station turned up to work discovering a tonne of urea - a nitrogen based fertiliser - dumped across the truck stop. Fertiliser is dangerous, in close proximity to diesel, and potential explosive combination. Also there was a risk that if it had gotten into the drains that it would have polluted the waterways. Wanganui district fire service was attended the situation. Works Infrastructure provided a truck from which the fertiliser could be removed and then spread on grass paddocks.	Other	Public Place, Workplace
06/09/2007	Wellington Central.	Wellington Regional Council	1 - Low	hydrocarbons	Hydrocarbons from commercial property affecting surface water Wellington Central.	Other	Workplace

07/09/2007	Fonterra - Kapuni: Manaia Road, Kapuni, Taranaki	Media, District Health Board	2- Medium	nitric acid	A truck driver suffered serious acid burns at Fonterra's lactose factory at Kapuni. Fonterra site manager said the accident occurred when a 200 litre drum split open when it dropped off the back of the truck, spilling nitric acid all over the driver. The 34 year old driver was given an emergency shower by Fonterra staff who saw what had happened, and was airlifted by the Taranaki Rescue Helicopter Trust to Base Hospital for treatment. His condition is stable. Drains on site were blocked to ensure none of the spill reached the Kaupokonui Stream. The Taranaki Regional Council was investigating how the acid could be safely removed. Four appliances, including one from New Plymouth, attended. The chemical contained 60% nitric acid and was used for cleaning.	Spill/Leakage	Workplace
08/09/2007	Otumoetai	Media	1 - Low	hydrochloric acid	Firefighters had to use "heaps" of water to control a chemical leak in Otumoetai on Saturday evening. A 20 litre drum containing hydrochloric acid sprang a leak shortly after 8pm. The acid, used for etching concrete, was in the back of a ute when its driver noticed the problem. Firefighters used water to dilute the leak. No one was hurt in the incident.	Spill/Leakage	Public Place
10/09/2007	Great South Road, Papakura.	Department of Labour	1 - Low	petrol	Customer spilt approximately 15 litres of fuel on herself when she removed the pump from her vehicle and it failed to stop pumping fuel. The spill was not attended to by staff as it should have been according to their emergency procedures. She had considerable fuel on her clothes when she went to the carwash then left the premises.	Spill/Leakage	Workplace

11/09/2007	Tranz Rail Yard Spring Creek	Media	1 - Low	solvent(s)	The Tranz Rail yards at Spring Creek were closed this morning after a leaking drum sparked an emergency services call out. Blenheim Volunteer Fire Brigade station officer Paul Fuller said a drum had been hit by a fork lift and a small amount of fibreglass solvent was spilled. He said Tranz Rail staff were able to turn the drum over so it stopped leaking. The incident occurred just before 8.30am. The material was not overly hazardous and was in an isolated spot. Firefighters were cleaning up the spill this morning.	Spill/Leakage	Workplace
12/09/2007	Main Road, Katikati	Media	2 - Medium	LPG	A 12-year old boy was flown to the burns unit at Waikato Hospital after a portable gas cylinder used to heat water in a Katikati home caught fire early this morning. A St. John spokesman said the youngster was a "status two patient" when he was picked up from his Main Rd home by Katikati St John about 7.20am. He said the boy's injuries "must be fairly serious" for him to be a status two patient and to be flown by the TrustPower TECT Rescue Helicopter to Waikato Hospital for treatment. Katikati Volunteer Fire Brigade deputy chief fire officer Lance Reyland said "It appears the boy was preparing to take a shower, using a clifont portable water heating system attached to a 9 kg gas cylinder when the cylinder caught fire.	Fire	Private Dwelling
15/09/2007	Woburn, Hutt City	Wellington Regional Council	1 - Low	hydrocarbons	Hydrocarbons from vehicle affecting surface water in Woburn, Hutt City.	Other	Motor Vehicle
16/09/2007	Everett Park, Taranaki	Media	1 - Low	diesel	Diesel spilt from a petrol tanker yesterday morning has been surrounded with a sand bunker until it can be cleaned up. The Inglewood fire chief said the 9am spill at a quarry near Everett Park, occurred when a fuel tanker's hose blew off while filling up a diesel tank on site. About 400 litres of diesel was released into a quarry.	Spill/Leakage	Public Place

18/09/2007	Vogeltown, Wellington City	Wellington Regional Council	1 - Low	hydrocarbons	Hydrocarbons from unknown source affecting coastal marine area in Vogeltown, Wellington City.	Other	Other
20/09/2007	State Highway 1 Foxton	Media	1 - Low	unknown	Two large containers of chemicals containing approximately a thousand litres each, fell from the back of a truck onto State Highway 1, around Foxton about 5am. The road was closed while the spill was cleaned up. A decontamination unit from Palmerston North attended the incident.	Spill/Leakage	Public Place, Other
20/09/2007	Freyberg Wharf, Auckland	Media	1 - Low	sodium hydroxide	Firefighters wearing protective clothing used pumice and vinegar to neutralise a chemical spill on a container ship. The fire service was called to the ship on Freyberg Wharf at 5:30pm on Thursday. The spill occurred from a container holding 100 drums of sodium hydroxide.	Spill/Leakage	Ship
21/09/2007	Tauwhare home, Victoria Rd North of Cambridge	Media	1 - Low	presursors to methamphetamine	Two women escaped injury when a P-lab explosion started a fire at a Tauwhare home, north of Cambridge. Three vehicles were seen to have exited the Victoria Rd property shortly before 6am. The two women were decontaminated by means of a shower.	Clandestine Drugs Laboratory	Private Dwelling
21/09/2007	Mt Victoria, Wellington City.	Wellington Regional Council	1 - Low	hydrocarbons	Hydrocarbons from and odour from construction/road maintenance affecting air in Mount Victoria, Wellington City.	Other	Public Place, Workplace
25/09/2007	Lancing Drive, Sandringham Auckland	District Health Board	2 - Medium	cyanide	Cyanide use in suicide of an individual. The Fire Service raised their response level to 2, and required Public Health attendance. The Fire Service confirmed that the substance used in the suicide was cyanide. They had sealed the substance and double-bagged it. They also confirmed that the deceased was a jeweller and so was able to carry/have a license to have cyanide.	Other	Private Dwelling
26/09/2007	Titahi Bay, Porirua City.	Wellington Regional Council	1 - Low	hydrocarbons	Hydrocarbons from residential property affecting air in Titahi Bay, Porirua City.	Other	Private Dwelling, Public Place

27/09/2007	SH17, Kahikatea Flat Rd, Auckland	Media	1 - Low	LPG	A gas leak at a Dairy Flat service station prompted a full-scale rescue call-out. Five police vehicles, four fire engines, a hazardous materials response unit, a number of support vehicles, rescue and support personnel from Silverdale, Albany and Auckland Central attended. A fire service hazardous substance adviser was on the scene as well. The leak developed as excavation works to replace the ageing underground storage tanks were being done. A mechanical digger ruptured a distribution pipe from the Rockgas LPG containment tank. A motorist travelling along SH17 smelled the flammable gas, saw the works at the gas station, and reported the leak.	Spill/Leakage	Public Place, Workplace
30/09/2007	Whangamoia Saddle State Highway 6, Nelson	Media	1 - Low	diesel	Two crashes occurred on the Whangamoia Saddle after cars slid on a long diesel spill. The spill on Saturday stretched for at least 10km on State Highway 6 between Nelson and Blenheim. Emergency services were called to the first crash half a kilometre from the Teal Valley turn-off just before 10.30am. No one was seriously injured in the crashes. Grit was laid over the diesel spill and drivers were warned to travel no more than 30kmh over areas covered in diesel. The spill is said to have been possibly caused by a freight truck but the owner has yet to be identified by police.	Spill/Leakage	Public Place
02/10/2007	Placemakers Pakuranga (Auckland)	Department of Labour	1 - Low	unknown	A small tube containing about 3mL of unidentified chemical leaked in an enclosed area in a Placemakers store in Pakuranga. Employees working in the area became dizzy following inhalation of the fumes. The substance was not definitively identified but was thought to be some sort of touch-up paint. It was sent to laboratory for identification.	Spill/Leakage	Workplace

04/10/2007	Queenstown	Media	1 - Low	diesel	A diesel slick across State Highway 6 near Queenstown sent two cars spinning off the road within minutes of each other yesterday. The accidents, near the Lake Hayes Pavillion, happened within 5 minutes of each other about 2pm, after both vehicles struck the same slippery patch as torrential rain fell on a curving section of the highway. Traffic backed up after the road was reduced to 1 lane for about an hour, while police and firefighters worked to clear the scene. No-one required hospital treatment.	Spill/Leakage	Public Place
04/10/2007	State Highway 1, South of Foxton	Media	1 - Low	diesel	A diesel slick on State Highway 1 south of Foxton caused a car to slide off the road and down a bank yesterday afternoon. The driver was uninjured but the car was written off. The origin of the diesel spill was not known.	Spill/Leakage	Public Place
05/10/2007	Rotorua	Media	1 - Low	calcium chloride	1000-litre chemical tanker ruptures in Rotorua, spilling low concentration calcium chloride.	Spill/Leakage	Motor Vehicle, Public Place
05/10/2007	Mt Maunganui	Media	1 - Low	sodium chlorate	Tauranga firefighters battled a fire at a fertiliser factory in Newton Street, Mt Maunganui following a large explosion and fire. Fifty firefighters fought the fire for 40 minutes. About 60 businesses near the Newton St building had to evacuate their premises. One employee was treated at the scene by ambulance staff for a minor leg injury. The possible cause of the incident was incorrect mix of chemicals during a clean up of the factory. Conflicting information regarding the chemical(s) involved. One newspaper report stated sodium nitrate, another sodium chloride and a radio report identified the chemical as sodium chlorate.	Explosion	Workplace

08/10/2007	Ashburton, Wilkinson Road	Media	1 - Low	unknown	A stockwater race supplying the properties of two Chertsey lifestyle block farmers has potentially been contaminated by a fungicide containing copper hydroxide fungicide and a bactericide. One of the farmers noticed white foam overflowing from a nearby shingle pad on the race's edge. The shingle pad was located on a large farm and a contractor was spraying a nearby paddock at the time. Environment Canterbury were provided with a water sample for testing, and were also following up the details with the landowner and also the contractor.	Other	Public Place
09/10/2007	Bay of Plenty	Media	1 - Low	unknown	The Armed Offenders Squad was called out to search a Bay of Plenty house where a man allegedly sprayed a house with a potentially dangerous chemical substance. The two occupants of the Ohope house sprayed with the substance were taken to hospital as a precautionary measure in case they had ingested any of the substance. The substance was believed to be a skunk bait/repellant.	Other	Private Dwelling
10/10/2007	Annadale Road, Masterton	Media	1 - Low	2, 4 - D	A chemical spill was found at Annadale Road, Masterton after a farmer became light-headed when he was working in his shed. A drum of 2,4-D herbicide was found to be leaking from a rusty steel container nearby. A hazardous materials unit from Wellington attended the spill, along with DOL and the Masterton Fire Service.	Spill/Leakage	Private Dwelling
10/10/2007	Tinui, Masterton.	Wellington Regional Council	1 - Low	hazardous material	Hazardous material from farm affecting land in Tinui, Masterton.	Other	Private Dwelling, Workplace
11/10/2007	Cloustonville, Upper Hutt	Wellington Regional Council	1 - Low	hydrocarbons	Hydrocarbons from residential area affecting land in Cloustonville, Upper Hutt City.	Other	Private Dwelling

13/10/2007	Pak'n'Save, Mangere, Auckland	Media	1 - Low	petrol	An Auckland petrol station holding tank leaked approximately 14,000 L of petrol into the ground on Wednesday. The leak at the as-yet unopened Pak'N'Save supermarket petrol station in Mangere was believed to have been caused by a contractor who accidentally pierced one of the pipes. Auckland Regional Council Staff assessed the area and were satisfied the leak had been contained to a localised area and posed no risk to people.	Spill/Leakage	Public Place, Workplace
13/10/2007	Bay of Plenty	Media	1 - Low	paint thinner	A Bay of Plenty man remained in a critical condition in hospital last night after being engulfed in a fireball while working in his Katikati house on Saturday. Victim was removing linoleum when fumes from paint thinner ignited.	Explosion	
13/10/2007	Takapuwahia, Porirua	Wellington Regional Council	1 - Low	hydrocarbons	Hydrocarbons from residential property affecting surface water in Takapuwahia, Porirua City.	Other	Private Dwelling
16/10/2007	Niven Street Onekawa Napier	Department of Labour, Media	1 - Low	ammonia	Fifteen staff were evacuated from a factory in Onekawa, Napier after a drum containing 60 L of ammonia exploded outside the plant yesterday. The explosion is believed to have been caused by a regulator fault.	Explosion	Workplace
19/10/2007	Railway alongside Huntly township, SH1 Waikato	Taupo District Council	1 - Low	dioxane, ethylene glycol	A southbound goods train containing chemicals derailed at Huntly on 19 October. Approximately eight containers were affected, with the major substances of concern being 200 L of 1,4-dioxane/ethylene glycol. A slight odour was detected in the air around the scene but there was no immediate public health risk. Nearby drains were blocked off in the event of a spillage.	Other	Train

19/10/2007	Waikanae	Media	1 - Low	LPG	A road leading into Waikanae was blocked for a time after a truck carrying gas cylinders crashed near the entrance to the Waikanae water treatment plant. The truck struck a culvert and rolled, strewing 39 LPG tanks weighting 45kg across the road. The area was closed off by the Police and the area cleared by fire crews. The driver was taken to Hospital.	Other	Public Place
19/10/2007	Lyll Bay, Wellington	Wellington Regional Council	1 - Low	hydrocarbons	Hydrocarbons from residential property affecting surface water in Lyll Bay, Wellington City. Non compliant - verbal warning given.	Other	Private Dwelling
21/10/2007	Rotorua	Media	1 - Low	LPG	Rotorua Emergency services were called to domestic residence after two of the occupants became ill from the effects of an LPG leak. A gas barbeque which had been used the previous night had not been turned off properly filling the house with LPG. The two occupants were treated by ambulance staff and taken to hospital. Their condition was described as minor.	Spill/Leakage	Private Dwelling
21/10/2007	30 Km southwest of New Plymouth	Media	2 - Medium	oil	Ten kilometres of Taranaki coastline were polluted with a tar-like slick following two oil spills from an off-shore oil field production station. The oil washed up on the Okato coastline after it was spilled from the processing ship at the Tui oilfield 60 km off the coast. An investigation into the cause of the spills has been started by Australian Worldwide Exploration (AWE), which operates the Tui Oil project. The cleanup cost will cost \$40,000 and will be paid by AWE.	Spill/Leakage	Public Place
21/10/2007	Trusts Stadium, Waitakere	Department of Labour	1 - Low	fireworks	The last stage pyro effect in a display for Diwali was fired, shot upwards and hit the ceiling of the stadium causing minor smouldering. The stadium was evacuated and the Fire Service called. The stadium fire safety officer put out the fire using a dry powder fire extinguisher and a hand held water pump. The device stipulated a height limit of 10m and the ceiling was 14 m high. The device was made by a reputable supplier and all procedures were followed correctly.	Fire	Public Place

25/10/2007	Upper Hutt	Wellington Regional Council	1 - Low	hydrocarbons	Hydrocarbons from state highway/road affecting land in Upper Hutt Central.	Other	Public Place
27/10/2007	Owhiro Bay, Wellington City.	Wellington Regional Council	1 - Low	hydrocarbons	Hydrocarbons from unknown source affecting coastal marine area in Owhiro Bay, Wellington City.	Other	Other
30/10/2007	SH1, 2km north of the Horotiu Dairy Factory	Media, Taupo District Council	1 - Low	diesel	A southbound diesel tanker and a northbound Freightlines truck collided on SH1 near Horotiu about 7am yesterday. Two truck drivers were pulled to safety by members of the public just moments before their vehicles were engulfed in flames. Both drivers were taken to hospital with minor to moderate injuries. The Environment Waikato services manager said no serious environmental impact was likely.	Explosion	Motor Vehicle, Public Place
30/10/2007	Ohaaki Road, Reporoa, between Taupo and Rotorua.	Media	1 - Low	unknown	A toyota van was destroyed when it was blown up at 6pm on tuesday the 30th Oct on a country road between Taupo and Rotorua. The force of the blast was felt by one local resident 1km away. The sliding doors of the van were blown out as were all the windows and part of the roof was split and lifted up to 25mm. The van was towed to Taupo after a scene investigation. It was without license plates and police are unsure whether it was stolen. No one was injured and the cause of the blast remains unknown.	Explosion	Motor Vehicle, Public Place
31/10/2007	Tikitapu Scenic Reserve Track near Lake Okareka.	Media	1 - Low	cyanide	A 900m trail of cyanide was laid out in the form of a blue-green paste in dollops the size of old 50c coins along Tikitapu Scenic Reserve track. There were 27 "baits" found about 35cm apart over the track. DoC staff, contractors and health officials spend all day at the site, removing the illegal poison from the walkway. The area was closed to members of the public for 10 days as a precaution.	Spill/Leakage	Public Place

01/11/2007	Stokes Valley Road, Stokes Valley	Public Health Service	1 - Low	asbestos	A molotov cocktail was thrown into a house (Unit A of four units in a row) causing a fire. The units had asbestos roofing which was burnt in the fire, causing asbestos debris to be dispersed around the property. Unit A was completely destroyed, Unit B (next door) was damaged and Units D and C appeared to be undamaged although likely sustained heat damage to their roofs. Two people escaped from the property unharmed.	Other	Private Dwelling
02/11/2007	Near Blackhead Beach in Southern Hawke's Bay	Media	2 - Medium	LPG	A seriously injured man was pulled from his home near Blackhead Beach in southern Hawke's Bay after a massive explosion caused by a gas leak from LPG cylinders. It is thought that the two 45 kg LPG bottles that were supplying gas to the man's home had leaked and ignited when he lit a cigarette. The man suffered burns to 45% of his body and was taken to Middlemore hospitals burn unit.	Explosion	Private Dwelling
02/11/2007	Makara, Wellington City	Wellington Regional Council	1 - Low	hydrocarbons	Hydrocarbons from unknown source affecting surface water in Makara, Wellington City.	Other	Other
03/11/2007	Glen Eden, West Auckland		1 - Low	fireworks	Man taken to Auckland hospital with eye injury following firework failure.	Explosion	Private Dwelling
03/11/2007	Howick Lions Club, Alexandra Park, Greenlane, Auckland.	Media	1 - Low	fireworks	Three young girls were taken to hospital after an errant firework plunged into a crowd watching a Howick Lions Club display at Alexandra Park on Saturday night. The club president said the people running the show were experienced and qualified pyrotechnicians and everything was done as it should have been. The girls were released from hospital within an hour.	Explosion	Public Place

03/11/2007	Woodford Glen Speedway, Kaiapoi, Near Christchurch.	Media	1 - Low	fireworks	Two pyrotechnic technicians were injured during a pyrotechnic display at Woodford Glen Speedway in North Canterbury on Saturday night. The men were hand-firing a "star-shell" pyrotechnic when it "blew up in the tube". The men were fully qualified approved handlers who had been doing the speedway show for about 30 years. The men's injuries were minor, with one man suffering lacerations to his hand, and the other to his hand and nose.	Explosion	Public Place
03/11/2007	Off Hewlett Road, near Mata.	Media	1 - Low	fireworks	A blaze started by fireworks became a 200m by 100m inferno, burning through a hillside of gorse. The blaze was fought by 30 officers from the Ruakaka Fire Station.	Fire	Public Place
03/11/2007	Queen Street UCol campus in Masterton.	Media	1 - Low	fireworks	A fire at the entrance to the Masterton UCol premises was believed to be started by fireworks. Two passing students saw metre high flames and alerted the fire service. It took 5 mins to extinguish the fire, with some help from the general public. Police arrived shortly after firefighters.	Fire	Public Place
03/11/2007	Howick, Auckland.	Media	1 - Low	fireworks	An 8 year old autistic boy and his 14 year old friend were hit by a firework when it malfunctioned, sending fireballs sideways instead of into the air. The two boys had water splashed on their burns and were then taken to hospital. The 8 year old suffered redness around his eyes and lips while the 14 year old suffered a sore, dark patch on his neck. Neither boy was seriously injured.	Explosion	Private Dwelling
03/11/2007	Pages Road, near New Brighton Pier, Christchurch.	Media	1 - Low	fireworks	A teenager was arrested on Guy Fawkes night for firing shots from a firework out the drivers window at a car in front of him while he was driving. Several of the shots hit the other car, which was apparently being driven by a friend. The teenager has been charged \$500.	Other	Motor Vehicle, Public Place

03/11/2007	Oamaru	Media	1 - Low	fireworks	A 57-year old grandmother was hit in the back of the head by a rogue firework. The fireworks were being set off at what was considered a safe distance of 10 – 12 m away when the five-barrelled cracker misfired, firing shots in every direction but up, with one hitting the grandmother in the back of her head. Other misfired shots hit the house and a neighbouring property.	Other	Private Dwelling
04/11/2007	Pyle Road, Marsden Pt.	Media	1 - Low	unknown	Firefighters were called out to a vegetation fire at Pyle Road, Marsden Point that had been maliciously lit. Firefighters spent more than two hours at the scene and were helped by local youths who carried hoses and portable pumps to and from the scene which was 200 metres away from the nearest appliance. Police were called to the scene and are investigating.	Fire	Public Place
05/11/2007	Mosgiel near Dunedin	Media	1 - Low	petrol	Two men used petrol to light a fire at the back of a property in Mosgiel. One of the men was holding a petrol container when the other tacked him backwards into the fire. Fuel spilled from the container burning both men severely. They were taken to Dunedin Hospital.	Fire	Private Dwelling
05/11/2007	Browns Bay Police station, Aucklands North Shore.	Media	1 - Low	fireworks, gun powder	A home-made pipe bomb made from fireworks and packed with shrapnel and .22 bullets caused thousands of damage to the Browns Bay police station. Police said they did not believe the bomb was thrown by someone with a grudge against Police. If the bomb had detonated early its likely the bombers would have killed themselves.	Explosion	Workplace
05/11/2007	Welcome Bay, Tauranga.	Media	2 - Medium	fireworks	A baby received burns to 8 percent of her body when an out of control firework exploded in her pram. The baby was with her parents, who were letting off fireworks, when the incident occurred. She received burns to her lower back and body and will require skin grafts. The family believe the firework was faulty and will make a formal complaint.	Explosion	Private Dwelling

05/11/2007	Spooner Range, Tapawera.	Media	1 - Low	fireworks	Firefighters spent two hours battling a blaze believed to have been started by fireworks in the Spooner Range. The fire, which started at about 8:40pm, was spread over a hectare of land but was brought under control before it spread to a pine forest.	Fire	Public Place
05/11/2007	Poihaere Street, Turangi.	Media	1 - Low	fireworks	A 13 year old boy is being questioned by police after a Turangi home was destroyed by fireworks. The house was gutted in the fire which started about 7:30pm after the boy threw a sparkler into the house. Three people were home at the time but managed to get out safely. Firefighters were at the scene during the night to deal with any hot spots.	Fire	Private Dwelling
05/11/2007	Tangoio Conservation Reserve, Hawkes Bay	Public Health Service	1 - Low	potassium cyanide	Feratox (potassium cyanide VTA) was laid in bait bags on trees along the public Tangoio walkway by an operators untrained staff in an area the operator did not have approval for (under section 95A fo the HSNO Act). The operator does have approval for a similar walkway over the road. 20-30 bags were stapled to trees at a height of around 5.5 feet (165 cm). The staff did not hold CSLs and were not under immediate supervision. For the similar track over the road the baits were required to be at least 20m from the track and not to be present on weekends, public or school holidays. Five bags were removed by DoC on 15 November. The remainder were removed by Hawkes Bay Regional Council staff on 11 December 2007 (there was a miscommunication - he thought DoC had removed them all). The bags were all ripped open and empty by the time they were removed.	Other	Public Place

06/11/2007	Rockdale Road Invercargill	Media, Department of Labour	1 - Low	carbon dioxide, sodium hydroxide, hydrogen, hydrochloric acid	Police and emergency services were called to an Invercargill motel yesterday to investigate a possible chemical spill. One person suffered minor injuries to the face and eyes as a result of the incident. The chemicals involved were identified as sodium hydroxide, aluminium, hydrogen, carbon dioxide and hydrochloric acid. Although it was initially thought the motel room was being used as a P-lab, subsequent enquiry established that the chemicals were being used for experimenting to produce alternative fuels.	Spill/Leakage	Private Dwelling, Workplace, Public Place
06/11/2007	Auckland	Media	1 - Low	butanediol	Two Auckland preschool children needed hospital treatment after swallowing a popular toy's 'magic beads'. Both children recovered shortly after. Subsequent enquiries established that the glue in the beads contained a toxic ingredient that when ingested, is broken down in the body to form the illegal drug Fantasy or gamma-hydroxybutyric acid (GHB). The Ministry of Consumer affairs was working on a voluntary recall with companies in the supply chain.	Other	Private Dwelling
06/11/2007	Ferguson Street, Palmerston North.	Media	1 - Low	fireworks	A family of five escaped unhurt from a fire that started in their house as a result of fireworks. Only a small section of the house was damaged. One of the occupants, a 15 year old male, was asleep on the couch when he awoke to see flames at the window. He alerted the family and used buckets of water to slow the fires progress until firefighters arrived. There was no evidence to suggest the incident was deliberate and police have not established who might have caused the blaze.	Fire	Private Dwelling
06/11/2007	The Coachman Inn, corner Tay Street and Rockdale Road, Invercargill.		1 - Low	unknown	Police rule out drug link to spill.	Spill/Leakage	Private Dwelling

08/11/2007	Portion of Corrlands property situated on the northern side of SH 46 just past intersection of SH1 and SH46	Waikato District Council, District Health Board, Media	2 - Medium	1080 (sodium monofluoroacetate)	On Tuesday, 6 November and Wednesday, 7 November Epro Ltd and Lakeland Helicopters were undertaking the toxic aerial application of VA003 (Turangi) sector 5A. Prior to the aerial application, Epro Ltd and Rangipo Prison Farms staff had negotiated and agreed a paddock to be excluded from the aerial operation to hold 23 horses which are grazed on the farm temporarily. Whilst undertaking the aerial drop, a Lakeland Helicopter pilot saw that the horses in an adjacent pine block being treated and informed Epro staff accordingly. Epro staff advised the owner to shift them immediately however the owner considered the small amount of bait did not pose a risk. On Thursday morning (November 8) three horses were found dead. The other 20 horses have been shifted from the paddock.	Other	Private Dwelling, Public Place
08/11/2007	Wye Creek Track, Lake Wakatipu	Public Health Service	1 - Low	cyanide	One of DOC's staff was doing a track inspection and encountered dead possums and traces of cyanide along the track. He took photos of the possums and cyanide. Public Health had not issued permits to use toxin for fur/skin recovery in this area. Public Health is aware of a number of people carrying out possum control using cyanide on pastoral leases but none had approached us to use it on land we administer.	Other	Public Place
09/11/2007	Ruahapia Stream, Karamu Stream and Clive River in Hawkes Bay.	Media	2 - Medium	ammonia	Hawke's Bay Regional Council is trying to find out who was responsible for the contamination of Karamu Stream (Hastings) with ammonia. More than 1000 eels found dead, with the level of ammonia in the stream found to be 34 times higher than normal. A public health warning was issued to people to avoid gathering food from the stream, which was subsequently lifted on November 12. It is thought that a nearby industrial zone was to blame for the incident.	Spill/Leakage	Public Place

10/11/2007	State Highway 1, 5km north of Taihape	Media	1 - Low	1080 (sodium monofluoroacetate)	A stretch of road on State Highway 1 was given the all clear by emergency services after being closed for nearly three hours because of a chemical spill. A truck carrying chemicals, including the poison 1080, spilled its cargo about 5km north of Taihape at 8am. Emergency services were on the scene to determine the chemicals involved.	Spill/Leakage	Motor Vehicle, Public Place
10/11/2007	Cambridge, Waikato.	Media	2 - Medium	butane (liquified gas)	A man was injured when a 1950's styled stove fuelled by lighter fluid exploded whilst he was trying to boil water. The man was engulfed in fire which was put out by bystanders using blankets and water to douse the flames. A local firefighter and a qualified nurse were on hand to tend to the scene. The man was taken to the Intensive Care Unit with burns to 30 per cent of his body.	Explosion	Public Place
15/11/2007	Harold Moody Reserve, Glen Eden, Waitakere	Media	1 - Low	sulphuric acid	A West Auckland playground was closed for a period of time following an incident where a toddler's pants were eaten away by an acid-like substance. It was thought the toddler came into contact with the substance while crawling around on rubber matting at the Harold Moody Reserve in Glen Eden. The toddler was not badly injured, but his knees were red. Tests on the toddler's jeans later identified the substance as sulphuric acid. The matting around the playground was removed as a precaution although it was unclear whether the boy had come into contact with the acid outside the park.	Other	Public Place
18/11/2007	Corner of Dee and Thames Streets, Oamaru	Media	1 - Low	LPG	A LPG leak at an Oamaru service station kept the Fire Brigade on emergency watch for four hours and led to the evacuation of a flat and a house. Two appliances and 10 firefighters were called to the Caltex service station at 12:19am after LPG was reported leaking from a pump. The substance, which turns into a heavier than air gas, was naturally dispersed by a breeze, but the brigade flushed drains with fire hoses to ensure nothing remained.	Spill/Leakage	Public Place, Workplace

19/11/2007	Mt Cargill Road, Dunedin	Police	1 - Low	LPG	During a roading maintenance operation, a 9 kg LPG bottle that was being used to heat bitumen on the rear of a truck caught fire, setting the truck and two additional LPG bottles alight. No-one was harmed during the incident.	Fire	Motor Vehicle, Public Place, Workplace
20/11/2007	Coolpak Coolstores, Fraser Street, Timaru	Media	1 - Low	ammonia	A Timaru business was evacuated and two roads were closed after an ammonia gas leak about 9:30am. Three fire appliances including the hazardous material unit, two police patrol cars and a St John ambulance attended the incident. The building was evacuated and nearby roads closed while the leak was contained by emergency services. No-one required medical assistance.	Spill/Leakage	Workplace
21/11/2007	Mount Victoria, Wellington City	Wellington Regional Council	1 - Low	hydrocarbons	Hydrocarbons from and solid waste from unknown source affecting surface water in Mount Victoria, Wellington City.	Other	Other
21/11/2007	Lyllall Bay, Wellington City.	Wellington Regional Council	1 - Low	hydrocarbons	Hydrocarbons from airport affecting coastal marine area in Lyall Bay, Wellington City.	Other	Public Place, Workplace
23/11/2007	Rintoul Street, Newtown, Wellington.	Media	1 - Low	mortar bomb	A three-inch mortar bomb was discovered in a town house development in Rintoul Street, Wellington forcing Police to close off surrounding streets and causing severe traffic disruption. The bomb was buried just over a metre underground. The bomb was taken to Trentham Army base by army personnel for disposal. It was not known how the mortar ended up in Newtown.	Other	Workplace
23/11/2007	Miramar, Wellington City	Wellington Regional Council	1 - Low	hazardous material	Hazardous material from residential property affecting land in Miramar, Wellington City.	Other	Private Dwelling

25/11/2007	Kumeru River, Auckland.	Media	1 - Low	oil	1300 litres of waste oil was accidentally discharged into the Kumeu River from a nearby company. Less than half went in the river, with the rest contained on site. Auckland Regional Council acted quickly, using absorbant booms, organic peat and oliophilic pads in the river to clean up the oil.	Spill/Leakage	Public Place
26/11/2007	State Highway 1, near Fairton turn-off, Ashburton.	Media	1 - Low	insecticide	Fire appliances from Ashburton and Rakaia were called to a chemical spill on State Highway 1 near the Fairton turn-off. A 20 litre container containing the organo-phosphorus insecticide Torrel, appeared to have fallen from a passing vehicle, spilling approximately half the contents onto the verge. Firemen in protective gear hosed down the spill site and covered the area with sand. The container was bagged and removed for disposal.	Spill/Leakage	Motor Vehicle, Public Place
26/11/2007	Avalon, Hutt City	Wellington Regional Council	1 - Low	hazardous material	Hazardous material from residential property affecting surface water in Avalon, Hutt City.	Other	Private Dwelling, Public Place
26/11/2007	Miramar, Wellington City	Wellington Regional Council	1 - Low	hazardous material	Hazardous material from residential area affecting air in Miramar, Wellington City.	Other	Private Dwelling, Public Place
27/11/2007	C-Block, NZ Refining Co Ltd Site, Marsden Point.	Department of Labour	1 - Low	hydrogen	There was an incident at the Marsden Point refinery where the end cover of a 4 stage hydrogen compressor blew off. The compressor end cap struck a handrail on the platform approx. 4 metres from the compressor and dropped approx. 2.5 metres to grade. A hydrogen gas release resulted until the compressor was depressured. No injuries or environmental impact resulted from the incident 11(other than flaring). Emergency response procedures were immediately initiated and the equipment was made safe.	Spill/Leakage	Workplace

27/11/2007	Greytown, South Wairarapa District	Wellington Regional Council	1 - Low	chemicals	Chemical spray from farm affecting air in Greytown, South Wairarapa District.	Other	Private Dwelling, Public Place
27/11/2007	Martinborough, South Wairarapa District	Wellington Regional Council	1 - Low	chemicals	Chemical spray from farm affecting air in Martinborough, South Wairarapa District.	Other	Private Dwelling, Public Place
28/11/2007	Kawakawa road, Feilding.	Media	1 - Low	ammonia	An ammonia leak at a coolstores on Kawakawa Road, is believed to have started in a freezer unit. Workers began experiencing side effects - irritated eyes, sore throats and nausea - after the smell of the ammonia became overpowering. Six workers were taken to hospital. Fire workers were called to the scene at about 1:30 pm. The scene was investigated for about half an hour.	Spill/Leakage	Workplace
30/11/2007	Paraparaumu, Kapiti Coast	Wellington Regional Council	1 - Low	hydrocarbons	Hydrocarbons from vehicle affecting land in Paraparaumu, Kapiti Coast. Non compliant - under investigation.	Other	Motor Vehicle
30/11/2007	New Zealand	Media	2 - Medium	tributyltin naphthate	Builders working with chemically treated timber are suffering nose bleeds, headaches, nasty rashes and coughing up blood. Registered Master builders Federation has said problems have emerged since the treatment process was introduced after the leaky building crisis. The process was safe if timber was "flushed off" - properly dried after treatment - but some treatment companies were not meeting obligations under a voluntary code. The cause for concern is for H3.1 timber treated with Tributyltin Naphthenate (TBTN).	Other	Workplace
30/11/2007	Thames Street, Oamaru	Department of Labour, Media	1 - Low	sulphuric acid, lead	Oamaru's Fire Brigade carried out full contamination procedures after a large sulphuric acid spill injured two men. A pallet laden with batteries broke, causing six batteries to split apart and release about 360 litres of sulphuric acid onto the concrete floor. Acid splashed onto the clothes of two contractors, who were treated at the scene by St John ambulance staff.	Spill/Leakage	Workplace

01/12/2007	Wellington Area	Media	1 - Low	unknown	A woman noticed a chemical taste after drinking a glass of Keri apple juice. She tried a sip from a second bottle and noted the same strange taste. Her partner then tried a sip with similar results. Both women suffered blisters to their tongues and burning to the insides of their mouths and throats. Laboratory tests on the bottles have as yet not detected any contaminants, but testing is continuing. The whole batch of bottles had been withdrawn from sale as a precautionary measure. The Food Safety Authority is investigating.	Other	Private Dwelling
04/12/2007	North of Waipapa Bay.	Land Transport Safety Authority	1 - Low	carbon dioxide	A train carrying a 20 tonne carbon dioxide cylinder was forced to stop after the cylinder started billowing a white cloud. The Kaikoura Fire Brigade was called after the driver noticed the problem. The Brigade entered the area with breathing apparatus to find and isolate the leaking valve. The train then continued on its way.	Spill/Leakage	Train
06/12/2007	Sandeman Road, Richmond	Media	1 - Low	formaldehyde	Staff at a Richmond adhesive company were evacuated due to a suspected formaldehyde gas leak. Firefighters spent two hours at the site as a precaution. No one needed treatment after the leak.	Spill/Leakage	Workplace
06/12/2007	Wadestown, Wellington	Wellington Regional Council	1 - Low	hydrocarbons	Hydrocarbons from food manufacturing/retail affecting surface water in Wadestown, Wellington.	Spill/Leakage	Workplace
07/12/2007	Carterton	Wellington Regional Council	1 - Low	chemicals	Chemical spray from unknown source affecting land in Carterton.	Spill/Leakage	Other
11/12/2007	Mount Cook, Wellington City	Wellington Regional Council	1 - Low	hazardous material	Hazardous material from residential property affecting land in Mount Cook, Wellington City.	Spill/Leakage	Private Dwelling

11/12/2007	Grayson Ave Papatoetoe, South Auckland	Department of Labour	1 - Low	sulphuric acid, cyanide, sodium cyanide	A chemical reaction occurred at a recycling factory. The company uses cyanide based strippers to remove plated deposits from the base metal. One employee was preparing stripper to remove nickel from the brass/copper base. It appears at some stage while mixing the employee added sodium cyanide by mistake. The sodium cyanide reacted with sulphuric acid and produced a deadly gas. The employee who was stirring the solution was exposed. When he felt symptoms, he immediately rushed out into the open air where he was seen unconscious by the owner. The owner immediately asked other staff to evacuate the building and he rushed to help the employee. The exposed employee by this time had gotten enough oxygen and recovered rapidly though an ambulance took him to Middlemore Hospital. Fire services managed the emergency and cleared the scene.	Spill/Leakage	Workplace
13/12/2007	Mawheraiti, Buller.	Media	1 - Low	detonator, explosives	While searching a house for illegal drugs Police found some explosives in an old broken fridge. The fridge contained two stitches of power gel, four detonators and a fuse cord. The man had no qualifications or licence to hold the items, which are subject to strict storage requirements. He told the police he had obtained the explosives when a licence was not needed and was unaware of the new requirements. He had used them to blow up old tree stumps on his lifestyle block near Reefton.	Other	Private Dwelling
15/12/2007	Tawa, Wellington City	Wellington Regional Council	1 - Low	hazardous material	Hazardous material from recreational facility affecting land in Tawa, Wellington City	Spill/Leakage	Public Place

16/12/2007	Blenheim, Marlborough.	Media	1 - Low	ammonia	Ammonia leaked from a refrigerator at a meat processing plant in Blenheim. The Blenheim Fire Brigade Station Officer said ammonia spilled from a flexi hose coming from a refrigeration unit at about 9:40am. Two fire fighters in gas suits isolated the leak quickly.	Spill/Leakage	Workplace
18/12/2007	Portal Street, Wanganui	Media	1 - Low	diesel	The fire service were called to Portal Street, Wanganui, after a drum containing diesel fuel leaked onto the road. One engine attended the scene at about 8:30am. The spillage occurred after a drum being carried on the back of a vehicle tipped over and spilt diesel fuel on to the road from the moving vehicle. A temporary speed limit was imposed while the clean up operation took place.	Spill/Leakage	Motor Vehicle, Public Place
19/12/2007	Wallis Road, Kaiti Hill, Gisborne	Media	1 - Low	calcium hydroxide	Corrosive and toxic lime powder blanketed homes and cars on Kaiti Hill, scaring residents and causing potential health issues. A large cloud of what is believed to be slaked Lime, or Calcium Hydroxide, coated Wallis Road. It is believed the lime came from a neighbouring earthworks site. Gisborne fire fighters hosed down the houses and paths in the area and the District Council, along with public health officers, investigated the area.	Spill/Leakage	Private Dwelling, Public Place
19/12/2007	Whangateau-Matakana area	Media	1 - Low	cyanide	Eighty green cyanide pills in a canvas beltbag are missing in the Whangateau-Matakana area. Dargaville pest control officers targeting possums in the area left the bag of pills on a ute roof and think it fell off in the area.	Other	Public Place
19/12/2007	Stokes Valley, Hutt City	Wellington Regional Council	1 - Low	hydrocarbons	Hydrocarbons from unknown source affecting surface water in Stokes Valley, Hutt City.	Other	Other

20/12/2007	Corner of Taniwha Street and Line Road, Glen Innes, Auckland.	Fire Service, Media	1 - Low	petrol	Around 10,000 litres of petrol was lost into the surrounding ground following the filling of inground tanks with 12,000 litres of petrol. The petrol escaped from tanks, flowing into drains and a waterway leading to the Tamaki Estuary. The spill was contained by fire fighters and Auckland Regional Council. The cause is not identified but is considered to be a failure of the associated inground pipework.	Spill/Leakage	Public Place, Workplace
22/12/2007	Timaru.	Media	1 - Low	ammonia	A cloud of ammonia, which drifted over a kilometre and left people feeling ill, alerted Timaru Fire Services to a leak at a freezing works. Traffic was diverted north on SH1 and staff from a BP station were evacuated. Fire service, Ambulance and Police attended the scene. Emergency workers using breathing apparatus quickly contained the situation. A blown valve was found to be the cause of the leak.	Spill/Leakage	Public Place, Workplace
26/12/2007	Johnsonville, Wellington City	Wellington Regional Council	1 - Low	hydrocarbons	Hydrocarbons from vehicle affecting land in Johnsonville, Wellington City.	Other	Motor Vehicle, Public Place
01/01/2008	Picton Harbour - New Years Eve celebrations	Department of Labour	1 - Low	fireworks	During a fireworks display on a barge in Picton harbour one of the fireworks involved failed toward the end of the show, destroying the mortar and throwing debris around the barge, some of which was burning. The malfunction set-off some nearby 4" star shells. The show was ceased immediately leaving the 3", 5" and 6" finale shell racks unfired. Two of the technicians aboard the barge were hit by debris, the show was ceased and the barge returned to shore where St Johns treated the technicians for minor injuries. The technicians were taken to Wairau Base Hospital to have their wounds dressed and were released back to Picton. There was no damage to the barge.	Other	Ship

03/01/2008	Jellicoe Street, Te Puke.	Media	1 - Low	herbicide	A contractor working in Te Puke sprayed Roundup weedkiller on the pavement around shoppers, coming within 30 centimetres of people sitting at outdoor tables eating their lunch. Business owners in the area were concerned spraying was being done at such a busy time.	Other	Public Place
03/01/2008	Papakowhai, Porirua City	Wellington Regional Council	1 - Low	hazardous material	Hazardous material from education/training facility affecting air in Papakowhai, Porirua City.	Spill/Leakage	Workplace
06/01/2008	Masterton	Wellington Regional Council	1 - Low	hydrocarbons	Hydrocarbons from workshop affecting surface water in Masterton	Other	Workplace
08/01/2008	Brooklyn, Wellington City	Wellington Regional Council	1 - Low	hydrocarbons	Hydrocarbons from unknown source affecting land in Brooklyn, Wellington City.	Spill/Leakage	Other
09/01/2008	20 Gabador Place, Mount Wellington, Auckland	Fire Service	1 - Low	ammonia	A compressor oil line fracture due to metal fatigue through vibration lead to release of the gas (the amount released considered to have been between 100 and 200 kgs of anhydrous ammonia).	Spill/Leakage	Workplace
12/01/2008	Kelburn, Wellington	Wellington Regional Council	1 - Low	hazardous material	Hazardous material from education/training facility affecting air in Kelburn, Wellington	Spill/Leakage	Workplace
13/01/2008	Interisland Ferry Railyards, Aotea Quay, Wellington.	Public Health Service, Department of Labour	1 - Low	citric acid	A shipping container was leaking a corrosive liquid onto the Aotea Ferry railyards. The container was moved to the main Tranzlink railyards where the fire service removed the contents of the container. The 1,000 L container of citric acid (66%) was found to be leaking due to a split in the top of the container. Approximately 200 L of the liquid had spilt. The spill seems to be the result of impact damage or a weight which cracked the top of the container. Damage appears to have happened between leaving Ecolab at Te Rapa and arriving in Wellington.	Spill/Leakage	Workplace

13/01/2008	Thorndon, Wellington	Wellington Regional Council	1 - Low	hazardous material	Hazardous material from railway affecting land in Thorndon, Wellington	Spill/Leakage	Workplace
16/01/2008	Stephens Bay, Kaiteriteri.	Media	1 - Low	LPG	A gas bottle fire at a house in Stephens Bay near Kaiteriteri was put out by the Motueka volunteer fire brigade after the bottle was isolated and extinguished by the fire brigade. The bottle had a leak around one of its fittings.	Fire	Private Dwelling
16/01/2008	Gracefield, Hutt City	Wellington Regional Council	1 - Low	hydrocarbons	Hydrocarbons affecting water in Gracefield	Spill/Leakage	Other
16/01/2008	Glenside, Porirua	Wellington Regional Council	1 - Low	hydrocarbons	Hydrocarbons from unknown source affecting surface water in Glenside, Porirua.	Spill/Leakage	Other
16/01/2008	Wellington Central	Wellington Regional Council	1 - Low	hazardous material	Hazardous material from commercial property affecting air in Wellington Central	Other	Workplace
22/01/2008	Foreshore Road, Bluff.	Media	1 - Low	ammonia	Two men were taken to Southland hospital after they were caught by fumes from an ammonia leak at a Bluff coolstore while working on a neighbouring roof when they complained of headaches and nausea. They were later discharged. Emergency Services were called to the site after a safety valve on the plant's freezing system blew, leaking ammonia. The leak set off alarms in the coolstore prompting an evacuation. The valve was designed to fail when the cooling system came under excessive pressure, and was replaced shortly afterwards.	Spill/Leakage	Workplace

22/01/2008	State Highway 1, Titri	Police	1 - Low	aerosol(s), chlorine, herbicide, kerosene, oil, paint thinner	An accident involving a car and a heavy motor vehicle resulted in the heavy motor vehicle rolling over, spilling several different chemicals. The heavy motor vehicle "B train" was carrying general freight which included a number of dangerous goods. Most of the containers remained intact however a few ruptured. The fire service was in attendance.	Other	Motor Vehicle, Public Place
23/01/2008	Rotorua to near Waihi	Media	1 - Low	detonator, explosives	Police chased a van after interrupting a burglary in Ngongotaha about 12:30pm. 15 police cars chased the van for over 120 km to Waihi and was stopped using road spikes. A man in the van shot at police and was shot as he exited the van. The female driver was arrested. A "quantity of explosives" and detonators were found in the van and Defence explosive experts called in to remove them.	Other	Motor Vehicle, Public Place
24/01/2008	Futter Street, Foxton	Department of Labour	1 - Low	nitric acid	A 20 L container of nitric acid was purchased from FruitFed Supplies in Levin. The substance is used to reduce the pH level in water for growing tomatoes. The container was placed in a storage shed. The next morning the self employed owner, decanted a measure (using the appropriate method) and emptied it into the water tanks, adjacent to the store shed. When he returned to the shed minutes later he observed yellow smoke coming from a bunch of loose plastic wrapping which was lying about a metre away from the nitric acid container. He threw a bucket of water over the plastic and called the Fire Service. The Fire Service called DoL and Horowhenua District Council. The Fire Service checked the area and discovered a leak in the container. They turned the container upside down and left the site. The DoL enforcement officer supervised the cleanup procedure, checked the storage controls and PPE controls. Fruitfed Supplies found another leaking nitric acid container in their store. They cleaned it up and disposed of it according the controls in place.	Spill/Leakage	Workplace

24/01/2008	NZ Post Sorting Centre, Wanaka Street, Ravenbourne, Dunedin.	Public Health Service	1 - Low	rotenone, sulphur	<p>A small quantity of powder (light dusting) was released inside a mail sorting bag. The bag had been taken by the postie from the sorting centre to his vehicle boot parked in Wanaka St. When he reached inside the mail bag he noticed the loose powder and the split envelope that it was packed in.</p> <p>He called the Fire Service HSTLC to evaluate the risk and to assist in identifying the spilt product.</p> <p>No members of the NZ Post sorting house (apart from the Postie in question) were exposed to the powder. Public Health South were also called. As the substance appeared to be in its original packaging and was clearly labelled no further action was taken – the package was placed in a plastic bag and removed for transport to consignee.</p>	Spill/Leakage	Motor Vehicle, Public Place
31/01/2008	Princess Street, Hawera	Department of Labour	1 - Low	Metalex	<p>A courier driver driving containers of Metalex from New Plymouth to Hawera noticed a strong smell, felt dizzy, unwell and felt his breathing was compromised.</p> <p>The Fire Service was called. They found two 1 litre containers of Metalex clear in a box in the van with lids that were not tight despite seal being intact. Caps were half a turn loose. Fumes had escaped the containers into the van. It was a hot day (29 degrees) and chemical is known to be more pungent when warm. The Fire Service cordoned off the road while investigating.</p> <p>The driver was taken to hospital for treatment and is ok. The company has checked all lids on their product for tightness and have notified the manufacturer of the incident.</p>	Spill/Leakage	Workplace

06/02/2008	Jellicoe Street, Te Puke	Media	1 - Low	hydraulic oil	A 2000 litre hydraulic oil tank exploded, sparking a fire which took over a hour to put out. The top exploded off it and had oil burning all around the tank. It is thought the fire was cause by workmen who were welding above it the day before, and the area was not "watered down" after the work was finished. Nobody was hurt in the fire because staff had the day off due to a public holiday.	Explosion	Workplace
07/02/2008	Coromandel Street, Newtown, Wellington	Wellington City Council	1 - Low	LPG	The owner of an LPG barbeque cylinder noticed that it had begun to make noise and there were signs of leakage after a small, unrelated fire was put out. The cylinder was left in an open area within the property to be checked at a later date. After being taken to a testing station it was determined that the ullage valve was open, which caused the leak. The cylinder was disposed of.	Spill/Leakage	Private Dwelling
07/02/2008	Karori, Wellington	Wellington Regional Council	1 - Low	hydrocarbons	Hydrocarbons from petrochemical storage site affecting surface water in Karori, Wellington.	Spill/Leakage	Workplace
08/02/2008	Plimmeron, Porirua City	Wellington City Council	1 - Low	hydrocarbons	Hydrocarbons from vehicle affecting land in Plimmerton, Porirua City.	Spill/Leakage	Motor Vehicle
08/02/2008	Owhiro Bay, Wellington	Wellington Regional Council	1 - Low	hydrocarbons	Hydrocarbons from unknown source affecting coastal marine area in Owhiro Bay, Wellington	Spill/Leakage	Public Place

16/02/2008	Gladstone Road, Richmond	Department of Labour	1 - Low	LPG	<p>Customer had a 2kg LPG cylinder filled at the Mobil service station at approximately 2 p.m. on Saturday 16 February 2008. The staff member who filled the cylinder had an approved fillers test certificate.</p> <p>Customer placed the filled cylinder in her car and whilst driving the 2km to her home, she noticed a strong smell of gas. She reached her home and immediately placed the cylinder in a cool part of her basement.</p> <p>On Sunday 17 February a friend arrived and took the cylinder away with a view to having it weighed as he suspected an overfill situation. After about 5 minutes he noticed the cylinder venting into his vehicle. He stopped his car and wrapped the cylinder in a wet towel to cool it before proceeding home.</p> <p>On Monday 18 February he met an enforcement officer at the Rockgas premises in Haven Road Nelson at which time a Rockgas staff member confirmed that the cylinder had been overfilled by about 0.6 kg.</p>	Spill/Leakage	Workplace
17/02/2008	Cook Street, Howick, Auckland	Media	1 - Low	LPG	<p>An explosion that ripped through a Howick restaurant, hurling chairs and debris through the front windows, was related to the gas supply to the rear kitchen.</p> <p>Residents living within 1 km of the restaurant said they were woken by a huge bang that shook their homes.</p>	Explosion	Public Place, Workplace
17/02/2008	Paraparaumu Kapiti Coast.	Wellington Regional Council	1 - Low	hydrocarbons	Hydrocarbons from vehicle affecting surface water in Paraparaumu, Kapiti Coast.	Other	Public Place
19/02/2008	Lower Moutere, Motueka	Media	1 - Low	LPG	Motueka firefighters were called to a Lower Moutere property at 5:15am after a gas leak was discovered in a caravan. Firefighters shut off the gas and ventilated the caravan while a Motueka ambulance crew treated one person.	Spill/Leakage	Private Dwelling

19/02/2008	Kensington Road, Waihi.	Media	1 - Low	chlorine	A small amount of chlorine leaked into Waihi's drainage system. The chlorine leaked from two 200 litre containers stored on a Kensington Road property. The area was cordoned off the the leaking chemical was diverted to the towns sewerage system. Environment Bay of Plenty was made aware of the leak and the Hauraki District Council was investigating.	Spill/Leakage	Public Place
20/02/2008	Petone, Hutt City.	Wellington Regional Council	1 - Low	hydrocarbons	Hydrocarbons from unknown source affecting coastal marine area in Petone, Hutt City.	Other	
21/02/2008	Kilbirnie, Wellington.	Wellington Regional Council	1 - Low	hydrocarbons	Hydrocarbons from Vehicle affecting land in Kilbirnie, Wellington.	Other	
21/02/2008	Karori, Wellington.	Wellington Regional Council	1 - Low	hydrocarbons	Hydrocarbons from residential property affecting air in Karori, Wellington City.	Other	Public Place
22/02/2008	Westpac Stadium, Wellington City	Department of Labour	1 - Low	fireworks	A pyrotechnics display at the start of a Super 12 Rugby game at the Westpac Stadium caused a fire. The display initially proceeded as planned but some time into the display, the pyrotechnic shell-casings caught fire. There was no risk to the public although it was noted that a number of procedures were not followed adequately. There was no apparent emergency plan, no fire extinguishers in close proximity, inadequate personal protective equipment for field staff, and a lack of coordination to deal with the emergency. Field staff dealing with the fire were in danger of being burnt (using blankets to move burning material). Despite this, no one was injured.	Explosion	Public Place

23/02/2008	State Highway 1, 50km south-west of Taupo.	Media	1 - Low	carbon dioxide	A truck carrying flammable liquids, including carbon dioxide and turpentine, rolled, causing the cylinders it was carrying to explode moments later. No one was hurt but the main highway was closed at Turangi and Taupo and traffic was diverted through State Highway 32 as emergency workers dealt with the crash.	Explosion	Motor Vehicle, Public Place
23/02/2008	Naenae, Hutt City.	Wellington Regional Council	1 - Low	hazardous material	Hazardous material from unknown source affecting land in Naenae, Hutt City.	Other	Public Place
23/02/2008	Titahi Bay, Porirua City.	Wellington Regional Council	1 - Low	hydrocarbons	Hydrocarbons from unknown source affecting surface water in Titahi Bay, Porirua.	Other	Public Place
24/02/2008	250 Ocean Beach Road, Bluff.	Southland District Council	1 - Low	ammonia	A Paua factory, previously a freezing works, had a disused ammonia refrigeration plant on site. A leak in a cooling tank resulted in some of the gas dissolving into a water tank, and this discharged into the stormwater system, that travels down a 600ml drain to the beach. A member of the public noticed the odour and alerted Environment Southland. The tank was isolated.	Spill/Leakage	Public Place, Workplace
24/02/2008	Lyllall Bay, Wellington.	Wellington Regional Council	1 - Low	hydrocarbons	Hydrocarbons from residential property affecting surface water in Lyllall Bay, Wellington.	Other	Public Place
01/03/2008	Cnr Kinleith Road and Old Taupo Road	District Health Board	1 - Low	chlorine dioxide	A chlorine leak in a paper and pulp factory created a gas cloud. Concerns were raised that the cloud may settle down wind. Possible areas of concern were Mangakino and Waipapa.	Spill/Leakage	Workplace
02/03/2008	Raumati South, Kapiti Coast	Wellington Regional Council	1 - Low	hydrocarbons	Hydrocarbons from vehicle affecting land in Raumati South, Kapiti Coast.	Other	Motor Vehicle, Public Place

03/03/2008	Union East Street, Whangarei	Media, Northland District Health Board	1 - Low	hydrochloric acid	Three people were admitted to hospital after a hydrochloric acid spill in a Northland warehouse. The spill happened at a warehouse in Whangarei. A 20 L of container of hydrochloric acid on a pallet was found to be leaking early in the morning. Three men were treated after suffering nausea and one received an inflamed eye.	Spill/Leakage	Workplace
03/03/2008	Masterton	Wellington Regional Council	1 - Low	hazardous material	Hazardous material from commercial property affecting surface water in Masterton.	Other	Public Place
05/03/2008	Aratere Ferry, between Wellington and Picton.	Media	1 - Low	weedkiller	A substance found leaking from the Interislander ferry Aratere as it headed to Picton was believed to be weedkiller. Emergency services were alerted to a possible chemical spill from a rail wagon on the freight-only ferry. Toll NZ said it was a freight-only sailing and the one-litre spillage did not pose any danger to crew.	Spill/Leakage	Ship
05/03/2008	Daniel Place, off Te Rapa Road, Hamilton.	Media	1 - Low	nitric acid	Staff at two businesses were evacuated, and one person treated for breathing difficulties, after nitric acid spilled from a 1000 litre storage tank in Hamilton. A staff member reported seeing smoke coming from the tanker and a sound like gas venting. Emergency services were alerted. After inspecting the tanker firefighters discovered it had ruptured.	Spill/Leakage	Workplace
06/03/2008	Te Rapa, Hamilton	Media	1 - Low	acid	Firefighters battled toxic fumes at a factory in Hamilton after a drum containing 1000 litres of nitric acid ruptured. Police blocked roads at an industrial estate in Te Rapa in the evening and evacuated neighbouring buildings. One person was treated at the scene for asthmatic symptoms.	Spill/Leakage	Workplace

07/03/2008	Rewa Rewa Road, Whangarei	Northland Regional Council	1 - Low	unknown	A 200 litre plastic drum was being moved by a fork lift and sitting atop a wooden pallet. It fell off the pallet and onto the concrete floor of the enclosed freight handling building. The fork-lift driver stopped and went to upright the drum which he did and then noticed the spillage which had occurred due to the fall apparently damaging the drum cap (the threaded plastic seal). Approx 15 litres had leaked from the fallen drum.	Spill/Leakage	Workplace
09/03/2008	Tarewa Road, Whangarei	Northland Regional Council	1 - Low	petrol	A man was draining a petrol tank when the fluid spilt on the ground. He also spilt the fluid on himself. When help arrived on the scene he appeared to be dizzy, disorientated and complained about burning on his chest and around his face. He was taken to Accident and Emergency at Whangarei Base Hospital and left there. The incident scene and area was secured and assistance was requested from the Fire Service. The Fire Service fogged the general area while the remainder of the unknown substance was decanted into containers. The containers were then placed into safe storage.	Spill/Leakage	Private Dwelling
10/03/2008	Pauatahanui, Porirua City	Wellington Regional Council	1 - Low	hydrocarbons	Hydrocarbons from vehicle affecting surface water in Pauatahanui, Porirua City.	Other	Motor Vehicle
13/03/2008	Wainuiomata, Hutt City.	Wellington Regional Council	1 - Low	hydrocarbons	Hydrocarbons from unknown source affecting surface water in Wainuiomata, Hutt City.	Other	Public Place
14/03/2008	Porirua	Wellington Regional Council	1 - Low	hydrocarbons	Hydrocarbons from petrochemical storage site affecting air in Porirua Central.	Other	Workplace

15/03/2008	Matai Place, Pirimai, Napier	Media	2 - Medium	gas	A gas cylinder explosion in a sleepout out the back of a residential property in Napier is being regarded as a warning over the storage of gas cylinders after a young man was taken to hospital with serious burns. He was rushed to Hawke's Bay Hospital and flown later that day to a specialist burns unit at Hutt Hospital. The cylinder was given to a Hazardous Goods Inspector for inspection to establish if there was a fault. The owner requested the cylinder be destroyed.	Explosion	Private Dwelling
17/03/2008	Wellington Central	Wellington Regional Council	1 - Low	hydrocarbons	Hydrocarbons from vessel affecting coastal marine area in Wellington Central.	Spill/Leakage	Ship, Public Place
18/03/2008	Wainuiomata Hill Road	Hutt City Council	1 - Low	LPG	A Toyota Lite Ace truck carrying a heated crucible for holding bitumen in a liquid state, 4x LPG bottles, an air compressor and remains of bitumen in a solidified condition caught fire, with the LPG possibly fueling the fire. The driver was unsure whether the valve on the LPG bottle had been turned off before driving up the road.	Fire	Motor Vehicle, Public Place
19/03/2008	Domain Road, Papamoa, Tauranga	Tauranga District Council	1 - Low	LPG	The New Zealand Fire Service (Papamoa Fire station) were called out by a member of staff at a service station at around 9:00pm. A staff member had been checking fuel usage at the site and noticed what she believed was a rusty crack in the tank, that was leaking gas. The Fire Service was contacted but it turned out that the supposed crack was in fact the welded base of a bracket on the surface of the tank. The bracket had long before been hack sawed off, as close to the weld as possible and the area had not been painted over. As a result it showed rust cover. Once the owners were made aware of the situation, they had their contractor wire brush the area and repaint.	Spill/Leakage	Public Place, Workplace

26/03/2008	State Highway 1, near Putaruru, Waikato	Media	1 - Low	hydrochloric acid	State Highway 1 was closed, then shortly re opened, after two 200 litre drums of the chemical began spilling from a truck across 50 meters of road way. Police evacuated a house near-by as a precaution. Fire fighters blocked the drains next to the road way and cleaned the road dressed in full body protective suits. Environmental Waikato staff measured the acidic levels in the adjacent waterway and found them to be too high, so fire fighters diluted the acidic water with fresh water.	Spill/Leakage	Public Place
26/03/2008	Port of Tauranga.	Media	1 - Low	ethyl acrylate	A chemical leak at the Port of Tauranga saw Tauranga fire fighters rush to the scene in full protection gear. A 22-tonne container that arrived from the United States was leaking the highly flammable and pungent smelling chemical, ethyl acrylate, from the top of the container. It was estimated around three litres was lost during the containers move. An engineer tightened the hatch and the container continued to Auckland.	Spill/Leakage	Ship, Workplace
01/04/2008	Hutt City.	Wellington Regional Council	1 - Low	hydrocarbons	Hydrocarbons from vehicle affecting surface water in Hutt Central. Non compliant.	Other	Public Place
01/04/2008	Raumati South, Kapiti Coast.	Wellington Regional Council	1 - Low	hydrocarbons	Hydrocarbons from vehicle affecting land in Raumati South, Kapiti Coast.	Other	Public Place
03/04/2008	BP 2 GO, Carlton/Fitzherbert Ave, Wanganui.	Media	1 - Low	LPG	A BP 2 GO station was closed and cordoned after a customer alerted staff about a leaking LPG pipe. Staff were quick to shut down all the pipes simultaneously and clear the customers off the forecourt. Staff then sprayed the pipe as a precaution before bleeding the remaining LPG into the atmosphere. There was no danger to the public.	Spill/Leakage	Public Place, Workplace
04/04/2008	Porirua Central	Wellington Regional Council	1 - Low	hydrocarbons	Hydrocarbons from workshop affecting surface water in Porirua Central. Non compliant.	Other	Public Place

05/04/2008	Icepak Coolstores Ltd, Devine Road, Tamahere	Department of Labour, District Health Board, Media	2 - Medium	propane, refrigerant	An explosion at a Hamilton Coolstore, Icepak, kills one fire fighter and injures 7. The firefighters went to the coolstore at 4pm after reports of gas fumes coming from one of the buildings. The building exploded as the officers entered, injuring them all. The building was a mass of flames after the blast and the fire spread to a second adjoining building destroying them both. 80 - 100 firefighters and 20 appliances attended the fire. Noone was working in the coolstore when the blast occurred. The coolstore mostly contained cheese.	Explosion	Private Dwelling, Public Place, Workplace
08/04/2008	Between Plimmerton and Paraparaumu, State Highway 1	Media	1 - Low	transformer oil	A truck carrying roughly 4000 litres of transformer oil leaked oil between Plimmerton and Paraparaumu. Police were contacted and the fire service was dispatched to identify the substance. Police stopped the articulated truck at the former Mobil service station on State Highway 1 in Paraparaumu. A valve was believe to have opened on the container. Police used absorbant material and sand to cover the spills.	Spill/Leakage	Public Place
11/04/2008	Rimu Road, Paraparaumu, Kapiti.	Media	1 - Low	gas	Paraparaumu firefighters attended a suspected gas leak at a gym in Paraparaumu. Fire fighters cordoned off the area.	Spill/Leakage	Public Place, Workplace
14/04/2008	Rolleston, 22km southwest of Christchurch.	Media	1 - Low	chlorine	Labour Department enforcement officers are investigating an apparent chlorine gas leak at a Canterbury chicken processing factory that has put one person in hospital. Paramedics treated 11 people for respiratory complaints after the leak.	Spill/Leakage	Workplace
14/04/2008	Totara Park, Upper Hutt City	Wellington Regional Council	1 - Low	hazardous material	Hazardous material from unknown source affecting land in Totara Park, Upper Hutt City.	Other	Public Place

16/04/2008	Wanganui.	Other/General	1 - Low	LPG	LPG was smelt in a public area, and the Fire service was contacted. The smell was deemed to be coming from a pizza restaurant, where there was a bank of 20 45kg LPG cylinders attached to a manifold. It appears the gas leaked from a faulty pressure gauge attached to the manifold.	Spill/Leakage	Workplace
24/04/2008	Kawerau Mighty River Power Plant.	Media	1 - Low	hydrogen sulphide	A suspected hydrogen sulphide leak at Kawerau's Mighty River Power Plant saw two people require medical attention. Kawerau geothermal project manager said staff were in the process of commissioning the plant when the leak occurred. They had started to open up the wells at the plant and there was a gas release from one of the wells when it was opened. Two people who breathed in the gas became unwell and were checked by St Johns ambulance staff at the scene. The leak was contained but the plant was evacuated.	Spill/Leakage	Workplace
27/04/2008	Dusky Sound, Fiordland.	Media	1 - Low	diesel	A vessel leaking diesel into Dusky Sound was located in Bowen Channel, at a depth of 10m to 12m and about 10m from shore. Only a small amount of diesel was leaking from the boat, which was a former fishing trawler, and now used for hunting.	Spill/Leakage	Ship
28/04/2008	Seddon Street, Levin	Media	1 - Low	gas	Residents of Seddon Street, Levin were evacuated after an unlicensed driver hit a gas meter. Levin Volunteer Fire Brigade deputy fire chief said that the car knocked the box off the meter, leaking gas into the air. Firefighters dragged the car off the meter and waited for the Palmerston North Fire Service hazard unit to arrive and switch off the gas. Residents were allowed back into their houses once the gas was switched off.	Other	Public Place

29/04/2008	Bristol Street, Riverlands Industrial Estate, Marlborough.	Media	1 - Low	LPG	A cloud of white mist was seen near an LPG tank on the back of a truck in Bristol St, Riverlands, forcing police to close State Highway 1 for half an hour. Fire fighters wearing protective gear located a leaking valve on the truck and tightened it by hand.	Spill/Leakage	Motor Vehicle, Public Place
03/05/2008	Craigavon Park, Blockhouse Bay Reserve, Auckland	Media	1 - Low		A man walking his dog in Blockhouse Bay Reserve noticed his dog had picked up a sausage. After being told to put it down without eating any, the dog later went back and ate a part of the sausage. His owner rushed him to the vet who confirmed that the blue pellets found in the sausage were poison. The dogs owner reported the matter to the police and returned to the park to warn others. An Auckland City Council staff member put up warning signs around the park and stayed on site for several hours warning people.	Other	
08/05/2008	Rakaia, Canterbury.	Other/General	1 - Low	1080 (sodium monofluoroacetate), strychnine	A dog ate a freshly dead possum. Neighbour had heard someone using strychnine to poison possums. According to the district council there was no licenced poisoning in the area. Dog died from strychnine or 1080 poisoning.	Other	Public Place
09/05/2008	Snodgrass Road, Westport, West Coast	Media	1 - Low	LPG	The Solid Energy Rescue Helicopter attended a call to Westport where a young girl had been badly burned by an LPG cylinder which blew up in her face. The girl was flown to Grey Base Hospital with burns and a suspected eye injury. Fire safety officers would be inspecting the heater to ensure it was not dangerous. It's believed to have been functioning properly but the girl had held the overload button too long, and too much gas had leaked out.	Spill/Leakage	Private Dwelling

12/05/2008	Wanganui River.	Media	1 - Low	1080 (sodium monofluoroacetate)	A couple whose dog died after eating 1080 poison while walking along the Wanganui Riverbed blame the fact that there was no suitable notification or signage about the 1080 drop in the region. The lack of warning signs was verified by a Regional Council Officer who drove the same route on the same day.	Other	Public Place
13/05/2008	cargo building, Auckland International Airport.	Department of Labour, Media	1 - Low	ammonia, sodium hydroxide	A box of chemicals in a cargo room at Auckland Airport fell from a fork hoist and was run over, causing it to open. The driver handled the powder. A strange odour coming from the pallet of chemicals put Auckland International Airport and emergency services on alert. The source of the odour was identified as being an ammonia byproduct. One worker was treated by St Johns ambulance for inhalation problems. The spill was cleared and disposed of by firefighters wearing splash suits.	Spill/Leakage	Workplace
14/05/2008	Tay Street, Invercargill.	Media	1 - Low	LPG	Invercargill Fire Service was called to a service station in Tay Street after gas was detected. A cordon was put in place and the leak was quickly isolated to a bulk LPG storage tank and fixed.	Spill/Leakage	Public Place, Workplace

14/05/2008	Unknown.	Energy Safety Services	1 - Low	LPG	The owner purchased the heater three years previously. She had it serviced regularly, with the most recent preventative maintenance 9-10 months ago. Prior to the accident, the heater had been used without any problem. She used an exchange cylinder but had it filled by a different company. Three days after the cylinder was filled her son screwed the QCC regulator into the cylinder valve, as tightly as possible. When he ignited the heater, flames came out of the heater, emanating from the cylinder connection point, accompanied by a hissing sound. The flames started small but grew to about a metre above the heater. He tried to turn the cylinder off but the flames were too intense. He carried the heater outside, although scared of an explosion. He then turned the cylinder off, using a wet tea towel. He disconnected the cylinder and tested the heater with a spare that operated without problem. Deciding the problem was with the cylinder, he took it to a cylinder testing station and was asked to bring in the heater. The station tested the heater, found it was O.K., and replaced the QCC system with a clip-on system.	Spill/Leakage	Private Dwelling
16/05/2008	Herekino Street, Whangarei.	Northland Regional Council, District Health Board, Media	1 - Low	styrene	The company was shifting their operation to a new site. Workers were employed by one of the owners to clean out the wastes in their sheds including drums containing waste oil and styrene based products. These drums were thrown into a skip bin which had been placed at the back of the yard. A number of the containers either had no lids or the lids came off when the drums were thrown carelessly into the bin. The styrene based products were at this stage leaking into the bottom of the bin and giving off a very strong odour. Three office workers based in another company at the front of the site began to feel ill and complained of a tightness of the chest. An ambulance was called and the three workers were taken to the hospital for observation. In all approximately 20 litres of styrene was spilt in the bottom of the bin along with the waste oil.	Spill/Leakage	Workplace

20/05/2008	ACC building, cnr Hawkestone and Molesworth streets, Wellington	Public Health Service	1 - Low	unknown mineral	<p>Mail staff in ACC mail room removed envelope from letter opening machine. Staff member immediately noticed white powder. Staff member was only person in room, panicked and carried the envelope out to the receptionist who took it from her. The mail room staff suffered a blood nose and rash to forearm and chest/neck within a short time of having contact with the substance. The receptionist also reported a rash on her arm. A senior manager was eventually notified who then contacted the emergency services and a response initiated.</p> <p>10 staff members from the mail room were considered to be exposed, all went through the decontamination unit. An ambulance assessment was undertaken. The entire ACC building was evacuated and the street cordoned off. Note the mail room is on the ground floor and the air conditioning for this is separate to the rest of the building. The police are arranging for analysis of the white powder to be undertaken.</p>	Spill/Leakage	Workplace
22/05/2008	Halswell, Christchurch	Christchurch City Council	2 - Medium	explosives	<p>A young man home alone accessed his brothers stash of black reloading powders and pyrotechnics from the garage. They were unsecured. They were ignited in the backyard and the black powder squeezed from a squeezey bottle onto the fire. It flashed back and caused burns to 18% of his body. A neighbour raised the alarm. The emergency services checked the garage and noticed large quantities of pyrotechnics and other white powders and called in the Army.</p>	Fire	Private Dwelling
23/05/2008	Napier Road, Manawatu Gorge.	Media	1 - Low	diesel	<p>Police closed Napier Road on the Manawatu Gorge after a barrel containing up to 250 litres of fuel was spilt through the Gorge, spreading across both lanes. The spill was too risky for motorists to travel over, Police said. Transit was brought in to clean up the diesel and police re-opened the road within several hours.</p>	Spill/Leakage	Public Place

24/05/2008	Aratere, Interisland Ferry Terminal.	Public Health Service	1 - Low	LPG	Staff loading the vessel noticed an LPG smell from a tanker wagon that contained LPG containers. Cause of leak unknown. 14 staff and 9 drivers were evacuated from the vessel. The 2 captains and chief engineer stayed on board vessel. Fire service used gas detectors to confirm level of gas present. No discernable leak detected, however slight smell was evident. TOLL NZ was contacting gas expert from Shell Todd to assist with clearance to sail.	Spill/Leakage	Ship
30/05/2008	Warren Street North, Hastings.	Department of Labour	1 - Low	chemicals	Copy of film negative enlarged. This is a throwaway item but a residual chemical is left behind sometimes. Paper is usually inserted between negatives for keeping but this was not done. The film decomposed giving off an unpleasant odour, but no smoke. Fire service called in.	Other	Workplace
31/05/2008	Makino Track, Kaweka Forest Park, Hawkes Bay.	District Health Board	1 - Low	potassium cyanide	A number of bait bags were found stapled to trees alongside the track from the Hot Springs road carpark up to the Makino Bivvy, starting about 50 metres from the carpark and continuing to within about half a kilometre of the bivvy. There were probably about 15 to 20 bags over this distance. Most of these had been torn by animals and contained no toxin or baits, but there were two that were still intact and these were removed from the track. There were also about half a dozen possum carcasses on the track itself. Most of the bait bags seen were within 2 - 3 metres of the centre of the track and all were within sight of anyone walking the track.	Other	Public Place
01/06/2008	South Westland	Media	2 - Medium	1080 (sodium monofluoroacetate)	Seven kea have died at Fox Glacier after eating 1080 poison. Testing confirmed the poison.	Other	Public Place

05/06/2008	Intersection of Gray and Cameron Roads, near Papakaio, on the lower Waitaki Plains, North Otago.	Media	1 - Low	oil	A rural North Otago intersection was coated in up to 60 litres of oil. Three 20-litre oil containers were left at the intersection of Gray and Camerons Roads, after being emptied on the road. Staff from Whitestone Ltd were cleaning up the intersection. No one was hurt but the oil had the potential to be extremely dangerous for motorists.	Other	Public Place
06/06/2008	Waterman Place, Ferrymead, Canterbury.	Media	1 - Low	LPG	Businesses on Waterman Place in Ferrymead were evacuated on Friday after a truck backed into a bank of LPG cylinders. Christchurch senior station officer Mike Johns said the truck backed into the cylinders behind the new Speights Ale House and ruptured the gas lines. It took the fire fighters around 10 minutes to seal the leak and allow employees to return to their premises.	Spill/Leakage	Public Place
09/06/2008	Ohuanga Rad, Turangi.	Media	1 - Low	LPG	A leaking LPG tank in Turangi forced emergency services to close streets and evacuate a service station, Burger King and a backpackers hostel. Staff at the BP on State Highway 1 heard loud hissing noises coming from the pumps. Fire appliances from Turangi and Taupo and a Hazardous Materials Unit from Rotorua rushed to the scene. They determined that one of the valve groups on the tank had a leak in it.	Spill/Leakage	Public Place, Workplace
10/06/2008	Green Island, Otago.	Media	1 - Low	ethylene glycol	Three cats and one dog died from what appears to be poisoning from consuming anti-freeze. It is not believed the poisonings are deliberate as the animals came from different areas and have little in common. It is thought to be the result of people changing the water in car radiators for winter and it spilling into the driveway.	Other	Private Dwelling

13/06/2008	Hutt Central	Wellington Regional Council	1 - Low	hydrocarbons	Hydrocarbons from - workshop - affecting surface water - in Hutt Central - rated high significance by Regional Council	Spill/Leakage	Public Place
14/06/2008	Carmen Road, Hornby, Christchurch	Christchurch City Council	1 - Low	acetone, solvent thinners	The product (recycled thinners acetone based UN 1088) is pumped from underground storage tanks to printing machines printing plastic bags inside the factory. The factory was not operating on Saturday. A hose ruptured and product continued to pump onto the factory floor and out the door into a side channel and into the storm water drains. Approx 1000L was lost. The spill was noticed just before lunch and the fire service contacted. A spade was inserted into the storm water drain to prevent any offsite effects.	Spill/Leakage	Workplace
17/06/2008	Maungaraki - HUTT CITY	Wellington Regional Council	1 - Low	hydrocarbons	Hydrocarbons from - unknown source - affecting land - in Maungaraki - HUTT CITY	Spill/Leakage	Public Place
18/06/2008	Pine Hill Road, Dunedin	Dunedin City Council, Media	1 - Low	LPG	The occupant at the address connected a full 9kg cylinder of LPG to his gas heater. The connection according to him was only finger tight. He then turned the heater on and left the room. He returned a short time later (less than a minute) to find fire burning inside the heater cabinet. The fire intensified and the room began burning. The man was taken to hospital with minor burns to his hands and face and singed hair. The house was destroyed. What remains of the heater, connection and cylinder are currently undergoing examination prior to destruction.	Fire	Private Dwelling

23/06/2008	Porthills Road, Christchurch	Christchurch City Council	2 - Medium	solvent(s)	An eyewitness noticed smoke and went to investigate. The whole valley was filled with smoke. He switched off the power to the shipping container and called the fire service. They opened the door to the container and fire erupted out igniting combustible material several metres away. Two firefighters were blown backwards and received burns to their faces. The electric still and other electrical equipment located inside the shipping container has been seized as the council believes it is not suitable for a hazardous substance location. A warrant is being executed to obtain the electrical certificate of compliance and the electrical equipment is being examined.	Fire	Workplace
25/06/2008	Wellington central - coastal marine area	Wellington Regional Council	1 - Low	hydrocarbons	Hydrocarbons from unknown source affecting coastal marine area wellington central	Spill/Leakage	Public Place
27/06/2008	Palmerston, Otago	Media	1 - Low	diesel	About 400L of diesel was spilled during an attempt to siphon fuel from a truck parked in Palmerston on Friday night. The police said the offenders were disturbed while siphoning the diesel.	Spill/Leakage	Motor Vehicle, Public Place
27/06/2008	Queenstown waterfront	Media	1 - Low	fireworks	Debris from fireworks display for Queenstown winter festival fell into the crowd along several hundred metres of the resorts waterfront, hitting two people and injuring one. A heavy duty firework blew up on the ground on Rees St. Sparks showered over people following a "deafening boom" from the exploding firework.	Other	Public Place