

Air Quality for Civil Engineers



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Part 1

Introduction to NIWA – resources available to engineers

Introduction to air quality management

- What is "air quality"
- Common pollutants
- Regulation
- Management measures

Air Quality Management in NZ

- AQ in NZ
- Regulations - NES and the RMA



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Part 2

Impact assessments

- AEE – general
- AQ Impact Assessment
- Requirements
- Steps
- Data sources
- Screening assessment
- Scoping assessment
- Detailed assessment



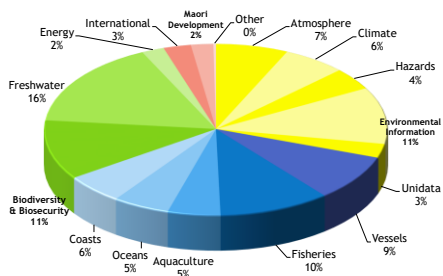
* NIWA's purpose



- Enhance economic value & sustainable management of NZ's freshwater and marine resources
- Leverage the benefits of New Zealand's climate
- Increase resilience to weather and climate hazards to improve the safety and wellbeing of New Zealanders



NIWA's services arranged around 'National Science Centres'



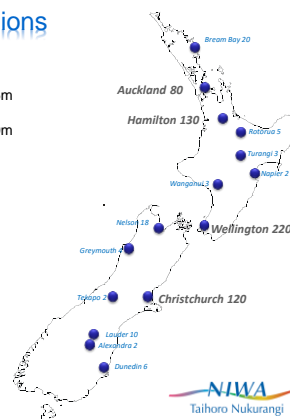
* Dimensions

Revenue: \$125m

Assets: \$130m

Employees: 600

Main locations:
Auckland
Hamilton
Wellington
Christchurch



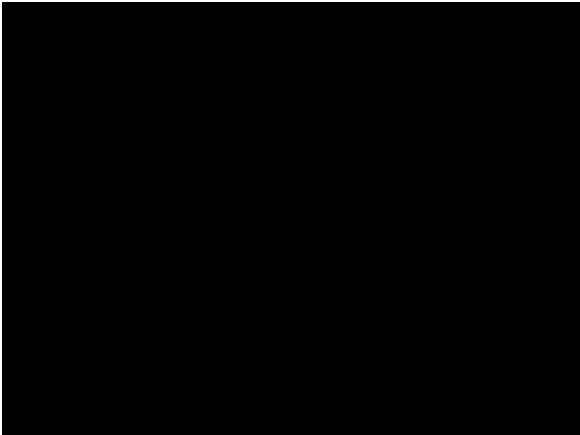


* Key Assets

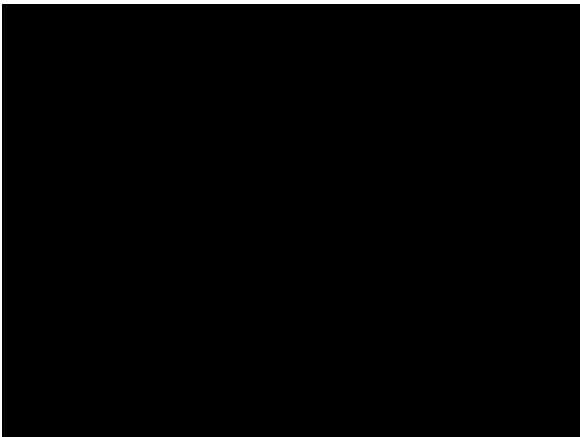
- People: includes 450 scientists and technicians, 70 science support and 80 administration staff
- National environmental monitoring network (climate, hydrological, satellite, sea-level, mesosphere lasers & balloons)
- Nationally significant collections & databases (e.g., climate, water, atmosphere, marine invertebrates)
- Internationally significant data records (ozone, GHGs, climate, etc.)
- Variety of specialist laboratories
- NZ's largest finfish aquaculture research facilities
- IBM Super computer
- Large array of specialty freshwater and marine research vessels



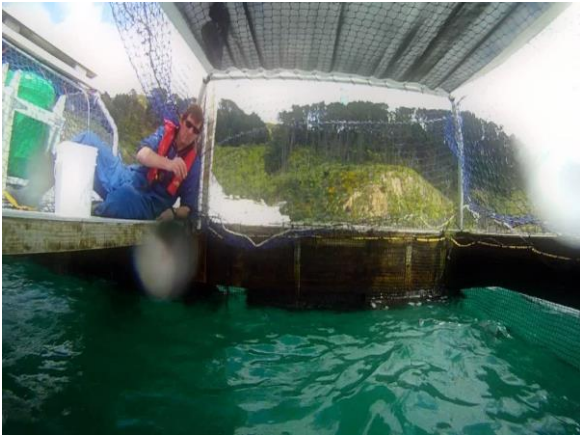
- IBM super computer
- National e-Science Infrastructure (NeSI)
- EcoConnect services



- Tangaroa - major upgrade completed –DPS, multibeam, & other to extend life of vessel
- New capability
- Deployed AUV for first time in 2011
- New charter opportunities



Finfish Aquaculture -scaling up for commercialisation
Towards \$1 billion aquaculture industry by 2025



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	Airborne pollution	Road accidents
Deaths per year	1100	400
Cost to NZ economy	\$4.28 billion	4.15 billion
Research budget?	\$1 million	?



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Air quality

- What do we mean by air quality?
- What causes air quality?
- Where?
- What is pollution?
- Where does it come from?
- What does it do?
- How do we know it?
- How do you measure it?
- What are the risks?
- Who is at risk?
- What can you do about it?



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What do we mean by air quality?



Bad
Low quality
High concentrations



Good
High quality
Low concentrations



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What do we mean by air quality?

a measurement of the pollutants in the air;

a description of healthiness and safety of the atmosphere



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What causes air quality?



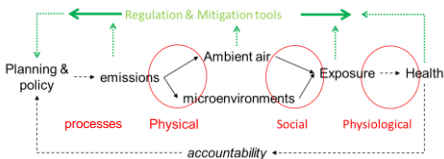
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What causes air quality?



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What causes air quality?



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Where?



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The wrong stuff in the wrong place at the wrong time

Anthropogenic Pollution

- Substances that are not naturally occurring in the Earth/ocean/atmosphere system
- Substances that cause harm



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The wrong stuff in the wrong place at the wrong time

Gas

- carbon monoxide
- carbon dioxide
- nitrogen dioxide
- ozone
- sulphur dioxide
- CFCs
- Organics
- Benzene,
- 1,3-Butadiene,

Plus a cast of thousands...



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Particulates

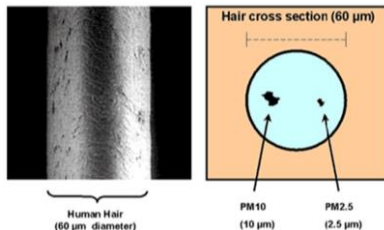
industrial dust
mining
quarrying
Soot/carbonaceous sulphates from SO₂
nitrates from NO_x (primary, secondary)



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Particles

PM₁₀ PM_{2.5} Ultrafine (UFP) Black Carbon (BC)

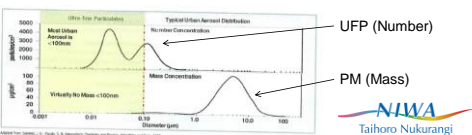
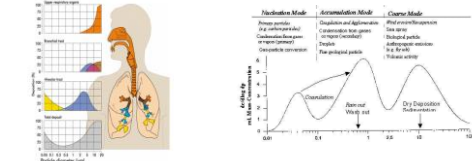


All definitions of particles are operational i.e. defined by the measurement technique



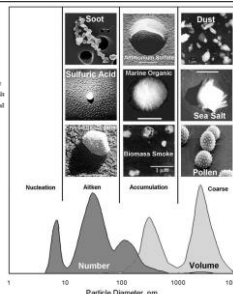
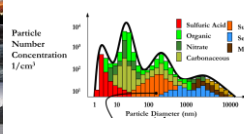
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Particles – size matters



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Particles – composition and shape also matter



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Where does it come from?

"...[London's] Inhabitants breathe nothing but an impure and thick Mist, accompanied with a fuliginous and filthy vapor,... corrupting the Lungs and disordering the entire habit of their Bodies;..."
John Evelyn, 1661
Fumifugium



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Where does it come from?

- Industrial
 - Mining/quarrying - dust, heavy metals
 - Manufacturing - gasses, particulates,
 - Power generation - soot, NO_x and SO_x
 - Agriculture - pesticides, fertilisers
- Transportation
 - Traffic
 - Aviation (contrails – global dimming)
 - Shipping
- Domestic - Indoor/outdoor
 - Heating
 - Cooking
 - Refuse – landfill
 - cleaning products - sewerage



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Where does it come from?



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Where does it come from?

22nd to 25th September 2010



Courtesy Janet Petersen - Auckland Regional Council



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Where does it come from?

Building Materials

- Carpets, textiles
- Organic solvents, formaldehyde
- Glue in composite materials (plywood, particleboard, plastic laminates)
- Formaldehyde, organic vapors
- Paints and coatings
- Formaldehyde, organic vapors
- Foams (insulation and cushions)
- Fiber insulation

Infiltration of Outdoor Air Pollutants

- Comes in through open and closed windows, doors
- Seeps in through cracks and gaps in walls and roof

Mold

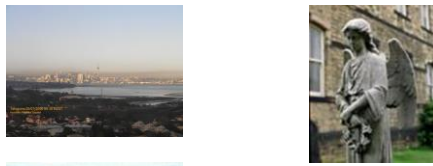
- Fungus
- Live or dead cells and spores can cause allergic reactions

Multinational and workplace problems; remove organisms and spores



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What does it do?



- Degraded visibility
- Acid rain
- Climate change (global warming)
- Ozone holes
- Kills plants and animals
- Illness (including death) in humans



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What does it do?



Photochemical smog



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What does it do? Particles

- | Health effects | Study References |
|---|--|
| • Increased hospital admissions | Pope (1989) Am. J. Public Health
Pope (1991) Arch. Environ. Health |
| • Increased respiratory symptoms | Pope, Dockery, Spengler, Raizenne (1991) Am. Rev. Resp. Dis.
Pope, Dockery (1992) Am. Rev. Resp. Dis. |
| • Reduced lung function | Pope, Kanner (1993) Am. Rev. Resp. Dis. |
| • Increased school absences | Ransom, Pope (1992) Environ. Res |
| • Increased respiratory and cardiovascular deaths | Pope, Schwartz, Ransom (1992) Arch. Environ. Health
Pope, Kalkstein (1996) Environ. Health Perspect.
Pope, Hill, Villegas (1999) Environ. Health Perspect. |



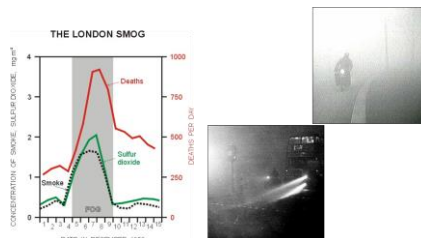
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How do we know?



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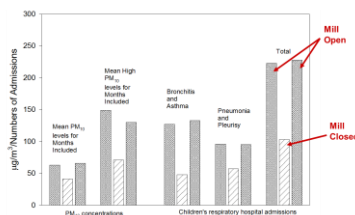
- Winter inversions trap local pollution
- Natural test chamber



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How do we know?

When the steel mill was open, total children's hospital admissions for respiratory conditions approx. doubled.



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What are the risks?

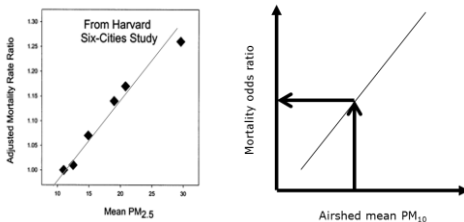


1. Where does this number come from?
2. What can we do about it?
3. How does this happen?



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What are the risks? Calculating health risk for NZ



Then multiply by airshed population...



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What are the risks?

The economic argument

Effect	Domestic	Industrial	Vehicle	Total
Mortality	\$93.0M	\$13.5M	\$12.0M	\$118.5M
Cancer	\$0.8M	\$0.2M	\$0.2M	\$1.2M
Chronic bronchitis	\$2.7M	\$0.7M	\$0.6M	\$4.0M
Admission - cardio-vascular	\$0.1M	\$0.05M	\$0.05M	\$0.2M
Admission - respiratory	\$0.4M	\$0.1M	\$0.1M	\$0.6M
Restricted activity days	\$30.0M	\$7.0M	\$6.0M	\$43.0M
Minor hospital costs	\$0.15M	\$0.03M	\$0.02M	\$0.2M
Total	\$127M	\$22M	\$19M	\$168M

Table 11-7. Summary valuation of health effects of PM₁₀ pollution in Christchurch.



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What can you do about it?

Air Pollution and Control

Air pollution and its effects are not a recent occurrence, as evidenced by the following quote:

"... whosoever shall be found guilty of burning coal shall suffer the loss of his head."

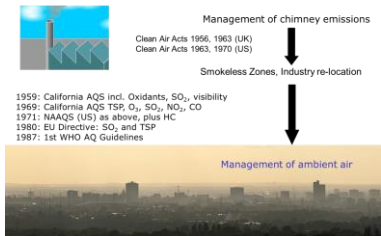
King Edward II, circa 1300 a.d.



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What can you do about it?

Towards the ambient management paradigm



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NZ National Environmental Standards for Air Pollution

Contaminant	Standard	Time Average	Allowable exceedences per year
Carbon monoxide (CO)	10 mg/m ³	8 hours	1
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Ambient only



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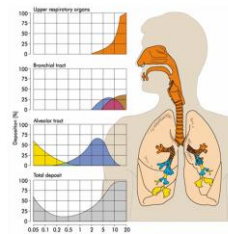
24 hr PM₁₀ Standards

WHO IT-1	150 µg m ⁻³	limit	Permitted exceedences	introduced
WHO IT-2	100 µg m ⁻³	US	1 per year (avg over 3 yrs)	1987
WHO IT-3	75 µg m ⁻³	EU	35 per year	1999
WHO AQG	50 µg m ⁻³	Australia	5 per year	1998
		NZ	50 µg m ⁻³	2004

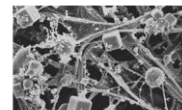


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PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} Standards



- US NAAQS switched from TSP to PM₁₀ in 1987
- 24 hr standard 150 µg m⁻³
- US introduced PM_{2.5} standard in 1997



Thoracic fraction: PM₁₀
Respirable fraction: PM_{2.5}

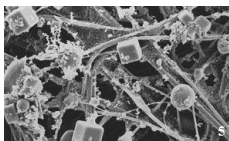


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Ultrafine Particles (<0.1 μm)

WHO (2006):

- "While there is considerable toxicological evidence of potential detrimental effects of UF particles on human health, the existing body of epidemiological evidence is insufficient to reach a conclusion on the exposure-response relationship of UF particles. Therefore no recommendations can be provided as to guideline concentrations of UF particles at this point in time."



Taihoru Nururangi

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Ultrafine particles – epidemiology & Standards

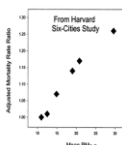
- Fixed Monitoring Stations – little/no association with impacts
- Studies underway based on more appropriate exposure assessment
- Vehicle UFP (particle number) emission standards: Euro VI (from 2012) for diesels
- WHO to reconsider UFP/PNC Standards in next AQG Update
- Single Limit Value unlikely
- Exposure Reduction/Backstop/Avoidance approach likely



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The Future of Air Quality Standards?
"Exposure Reduction" (EU)

- Recognises lack of zero-effects threshold
- Effect of reducing exposure of 10 million by 1 μg m⁻³ is 100x greater than reducing exposure of 10,000 by 10 μg m⁻³
- Adopted into UK Air Quality Strategy 2007
- EU AQ Directive 2008



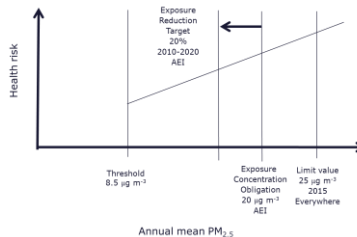
Exposure more explicit
Going beyond single-point monitoring
Particle number Standards - Unlikely to be Limit Value
Achieving compliance through land-use, transport and building policies
Co-pollutant Standards



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The Future of Air Quality Standards?

"Exposure Reduction" (EU)



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- Air Quality Management in NZ
- AQ in NZ
- NES and the RMA
- Consents
- Regulations
- AEE



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AQ in NZ? All local

woodburners and ageing car fleet

Industry < 10%

Little trans-boundary pollution
– can't blame the neighbours

Little long range transport
– some Aus bush fires and dust storms

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Masterton, Winter 2006

Photo: GTRMC



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Research budget?	\$1.2 million	?



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NES and the RMA

National Environmental Standards for Air Quality 2004

Amended 2011
AQNES or simply NES

Part of the...

Resource Management Act 1991
Consent to discharge
Permitted activity
Assessment of Environmental Effects (AEE)

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Structure of the RMA – Hierarchy

National Policy Statements (including the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement) – which state objectives and policies for matters of national significance that are relevant to achieving sustainable management.

National Environmental Standards – which are regulations that prescribe technical standards, methods or other requirements for environmental matters.

Regional policy statements – which must give effect to national policy statements and enable regional councils to provide broad direction and a framework for resource management within their regions.

Regional plans – which must give effect to national policy statements (including the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement) and regional policy statements.


District plans – which must not be inconsistent with regional plans and must give effect to national policy statements (including the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement) and regional policy statements.



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Resource consents and activities

- Permitted activity
- Controlled activity
- Restricted discretionary activity
- Discretionary activity
- Non-complying activity
- Prohibited activity
- Restricted coastal activity
- Protected customary right




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Resource consents and activities

If you need a Resource Consent, you need an Assessment of Environmental Effects


Under section 88 of the RMA, an AEE should be provided "in such detail as corresponds with the scale and significance of the effects that the activity may have on the environment".



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Section 88 and Schedule 4 of the RMA describe matters that should be included in an AEE.

- A description of your proposed activity.
- An assessment of the actual and potential effects on the environment of your activity.
- Where the above effects are likely to be significant, a description of available alternatives.
- A discussion of the risk to the environment from hazardous substances and installations.
- For contaminants, an assessment of the nature of the discharge and sensitivity of the receiving environment to the adverse effects and any possible alternative methods of discharge, including discharge into any other receiving environment.
- A description of how the adverse effects may be avoided, remedied or mitigated.
- Identification of the persons affected by the proposal, the consultation undertaken, if any, and any response to the views of any person consulted.
- Where an effect needs to be controlled, a discussion of how it can be controlled and whether it needs to be monitored. Where appropriate, a description of how this will be done and by whom.




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"Environment" includes—

- (a) Ecosystems and their constituent parts, including people and communities; and
- (b) All natural and physical resources; and
- (c) Amenity values; and
- (d) The social, economic, aesthetic, and cultural conditions which affect or are affected by the above


Air
Water – fresh and marine
Land - Soil
Ecosystems
Built environment
People
Wildlife
Domestic animals
Anything else you can think of...



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Section 3 of the RMA defines the meaning of "effect":


- (a) Any positive or adverse effect; and
- (b) Any temporary or permanent effect; and
- (c) Any past, present, or future effect; and
- (d) Any cumulative effect which arises over time or in combination with other effects – regardless of the scale, intensity, duration, or frequency of the effect, and also includes—
- (e) Any potential effect of high probability; and
- (f) Any potential effect of low probability which has a high potential impact.



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National Environmental Standards

- seven **standards** banning activities that discharge significant quantities of dioxins and other toxics into the air
- five **ambient air quality standards** for carbon monoxide (CO), particulate matter less than 10 micrometres in diameter (PM₁₀), nitrogen dioxide (NO₂), sulphur dioxide (SO₂) and ozone (O₃)
- a **design standard** for new woodburners installed in urban areas
- a requirement for landfills over 1 million tonnes of refuse to collect greenhouse gas emissions.



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National Environmental Standards

The Regulations prohibit:

- landfill fires (Regulation 6)
- burning of tyres in the open (Regulation 7)
- bitumen burning (Regulation 8)
- burning of coated wire in the open (Regulation 9)
- burning of oil in the open (Regulation 10)
- school and healthcare incinerators unless a resource consent is obtained (Regulation 11)
- high temperature incinerators (Regulation 12).



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Ambient Air Quality Guidelines (MfE 2002).

Contaminant*	Value	Averaging Time
Carbon monoxide	10 µg/m ³ 10 mg/m ³	1-hour 8-hour
Fine particles (PM ₁₀)	50 µg/m ³	24-hour
	20 µg/m ³	Annual
Nitrogen dioxide	200 µg/m ³ 100 µg/m ³	1-hour 24-hour
Sulphur dioxide†	350 µg/m ³ 100 µg/m ³	1-hour 24-hour
Ozone	150 µg/m ³ 100 µg/m ³	1-hour 8-hour
Hydrogen sulphide†	2 µg/m ³	1-hour
Lead†	0.2 µg/m ³	3-month moving average calculated monthly
Benzene (AEE 2010)	10 µg/m ³ (2.0 µg/m ³)	Annual
1,3-Butadiene	2.4 µg/m ³	Annual
Formaldehyde	100 µg/m ³	30 minutes
Acetaldehyde	50 µg/m ³	Annual
Benz(a)pyrene	0.0005 µg/m ³	Annual
Mercury (inorganic) ^{††}	0.33 µg/m ³	Annual
Mercury (organic) ^{††}	0.13 µg/m ³	Annual
Chromium VI‡	0.0011 µg/m ³	Annual
Chromium (total) and Chromium III‡	0.11 µg/m ³	Annual
Arsenic (inorganic) ^{††}	0.005 µg/m ³	Annual
Arsenic ^{††}	0.055 µg/m ³	Annual



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2011 users' guide to the revised National Environmental Standards for Air Quality: Updated 2014

Table 1: Regulation and relevant sections of the 2011 Users' Guide

Regulation	Section of 2011 Users' Guide
Landfill fires (Regulation 6)	2.2.1
Burning of tyres in the open (Regulation 7)	2.2.2
Bitumen burning in the open (Regulation 8)	2.2.3
Burning of coated wire in the open (Regulation 9)	2.2.4
Burning of oil in the open (Regulation 10)	2.2.5
Incineration (Regulation 11)	2.2.6
High temperature incinerators (Regulation 12)	2.2.7
Incident air quality standards - carbon monoxide (Regulation 13 (a))	3.4 (a)(i)
Incident air quality standards - nitrogen dioxide (Regulation 13 (b))	3.4 (b)(i)
Incident air quality standards - ozone (Regulation 13 (c))	3.4 (c)(i)
Incident air quality standards - particulate matter (Regulation 13 (d))	3.4 (d)(i)
Incident air quality standards - sulphur dioxide (Regulation 13 (e))	3.4 (e)(i)
Incident air quality standards - hydrogen sulphide (Regulation 13 (f))	3.4 (f)(i)
Incident air quality standards - lead (Regulation 13 (g))	3.4 (g)(i)
Incident air quality standards - benzene (Regulation 13 (h))	3.4 (h)(i)
Incident air quality standards - 1,3-butadiene (Regulation 13 (i))	3.4 (i)(i)
Incident air quality standards - formaldehyde (Regulation 13 (j))	3.4 (j)(i)
Incident air quality standards - acetaldehyde (Regulation 13 (k))	3.4 (k)(i)
Incident air quality standards - benz(a)pyrene (Regulation 13 (l))	3.4 (l)(i)
Incident air quality standards - mercury (inorganic) (Regulation 13 (m))	3.4 (m)(i)
Incident air quality standards - mercury (organic) (Regulation 13 (n))	3.4 (n)(i)
Incident air quality standards - chromium VI (Regulation 13 (o))	3.4 (o)(i)
Incident air quality standards - chromium (total) and chromium III (Regulation 13 (p))	3.4 (p)(i)
Incident air quality standards - arsenic (inorganic) (Regulation 13 (q))	3.4 (q)(i)
Incident air quality standards - arsenic (Regulation 13 (r))	3.4 (r)(i)
Compliance monitoring (Regulation 14)	4

<http://www.mfe.govt.nz/publications/ma-air/2011-users-guide-revised-national-environmental-standards-air-quality-updated>



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Air Quality Impact Assessment



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Information sources

- RMA
<http://www.mfe.govt.nz/ma>
 Guides to assessment
 AEE general guide
<http://www.mfe.govt.nz/publications/ma/aee-guide-aug06/>

- Air Quality Assessments
 MfE good practice guides
<http://www.mfe.govt.nz/air/improving-air-quality/good-practice-guides-councils>
 NZTA guide to AQ assessment of road projects
<http://www.nzta.govt.nz/assets/Highways-Information-Portal/Technical-disciplines/Air-and-climate/Air-pollution/Air-quality-assessment-guide-v2.0-Draft.pdf>
 UK Design Manual for Roads and Bridges vol 11- environmental assessment
<http://www.standardsforhighways.co.uk/ha/standards/dmrb/vol11/index.htm>



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What requires an Air Quality Impact Assessment?

Any process that discharges pollutants to the air e.g.

- industrial boilers
But not domestic heating
- Manufacturing processes
Chemical – agricultural
Paint spraying/coating

Any changes to the way pollutants are emitted or dispersed

- Infrastructure
Roads
Ports
Warehousing/logistics/




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When is a consent to discharge required?

Boilers etc
Chemical processes
Manufacturing - odour

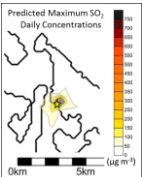

New building, particularly industrial
New process
Change in a process



Emissions must not cause a breach of NES

May require monitoring and modelling to estimate dispersion and concentrations

Many consents then require continuous monitoring to ensure compliance

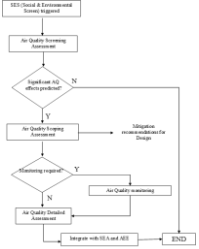
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The main steps of the assessment are;


The **Screening Assessment** – is air quality a potential problem in the project and will a detailed assessment be necessary?

The **Scoping Assessment** – if a detailed assessment is necessary, what should it contain?

The **Detailed Assessment** – the assessment of effects that will become part of the AEE.



Might also be referred to as Tier 1, 2, 3 etc




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Screening Assessment – decide if a full assessment is needed

“Is this development likely to lead to improved or degraded air quality when compared to other options (including “do nothing” and “do minimum”)?”

potential risks or opportunities from different project options


- identify topics for further consideration. no need for quantitative analysis.
- identify the most feasible options based on the social and environmental effects (adverse and beneficial).
- project options that should be avoided or actively pursued due to permanent and widespread (adverse or beneficial) social and environmental effects; and
- project options that may require significant mitigation or may produce significant social and environmental benefits.”



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Screening Assessment – decide if a full assessment is needed

- Are there any residences closer than 200m to any part of the development?
- Are there any sensitive receptors (schools, early childhood centres, hospitals, clinics, care homes, marae etc.) within 200m of the development?
- What is the background air quality? (Is the development within a gazetted airshed?)
- Is any part of the development in an area likely to be in a valley in a built up area, an urban canyon or any other sheltered spot?
- Will this development change the traffic volumes or congestion of other roads in built up areas? (Will these changes be significant?)




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Scoping Assessment

The Scoping Assessment will

- Identify and obtain existing data
- Assess the ability of existing data to provide a quantitative assessment
- Provide a qualitative overview of the differential impacts (positive and negative) of the Project on emissions and human exposure
- Provide a qualitative overview of the impacts of the Project on absolute concentrations and compliance with the NES, AAQG and RAQT
- Consider whether additional modelling and/or monitoring will improve the confidence in a quantitative assessment and reduce overall uncertainty
- Prepare a scope for Detailed Assessment.
- Prepare an initial report on Mitigation Options for the purpose of feedback into the design process.
- Support decision-making by Project Managers on agreement regarding the scope and extent of any Detailed Assessment.



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Detailed Assessment

Need to define

- Assessment scenarios (e.g. build, no-build, do-minimum etc) used for comparison
- Extent of the Project
- Emission (and/or traffic) scenarios. Two scenarios are required for an assessment
 - Best Guess
 - Highest expected
- Assessment Receptors & Pollutant Criteria must be defined using three receptor types
 - Standard receptors
 - Peak baseline receptors
 - Sensitive receptors
- Monitoring objectives. If monitoring is deemed necessary
- Meteorological data. The choice of meteorological data used must be justified
- Emission modelling. The choice of emissions factors data used must be justified
- Baselines. Two baselines should be assessed, a "typical" and a "high"



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Detailed Assessment

Data Requirements...

- air quality,
- traffic,
- meteorology,
- census,
- topography,
- land-use,
- emissions inventory

and the required format, coverage, duration, resolution, etc.

Data sources...measured, modelled, proxy...etc...



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Data Sources

- air quality data - Regional Councils, NZTA, consent monitoring
- <https://www.lawa.org.nz/>
 - <https://www.nzta.govt.nz/roads-and-rail/highways-information-portal/technical-disciplines/air-quality-climate/research-and-information/>
- traffic, - Regional and local Councils, NZTA
- meteorology, - NIWA, Metservice
- <https://cliflo.niwa.co.nz/>
 - census, StatsNZ
 - topography, land-use, - LINZ
 - emissions inventory - Regional and local Councils, NZTA



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Detailed Assessment**Baseline**

What is the current air quality?

Used for comparing effects of different scenarios

Long-term e.g. annual average

Peak – local, short term, variable

Lots of assumptions

Background

Often used interchangeably

More regional – larger scale

From other sources/locations

Regional background

Urban background

Can be derived from existing measurements (Regional Council)

Project specific monitoring

Modelling



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AQ models

Traffic

Predict traffic volumes and speed/congestion given use scenarios
ART3, EMME,

Emission

Predict traffic emissions from traffic scenarios
VEPM, Copert,

Meteorological

Define most likely met conditions
CalMet

Atmospheric dispersion (+/- chemistry)/Concentrations

Predict (average) pollutant concentrations at given receptors
CalPuf, CalLine, AusRoads, Graal,

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Project Assessment Receptor:

Standard receptors

Eg 50m, 200m, 1km

Peak baseline receptors

Is the local area already polluted?

Sensitive receptors

- people with respiratory or cardiovascular disease,
- children (up to age 18, but especially younger than 2),
- the elderly
- pregnant mothers.

In practice 'sensitive receptors' includes

- early childhood education centres
- schools
- hospitals
- clinics
- care homes



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Monitoring

When, where, what, why?
 Timing and duration – how long do you need?
 Location(s) peak, background, receptors
 Which pollutants are you interested in?
 Data gaps, exposure,
 Should be informed by scoping assessment

Before – baseline
 After – consent compliance – might be a condition of the consent

Need to establish objectives –

Need to plan early! If monitoring is likely to be needed make sure it is included in the plans and costs




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Impacts

Exceedances of NES or guidelines
 Population exposed

"best guess" and "high" values

- o For all emission/traffic scenarios
- o At the project receptors
- o Using pollutant criteria identified in the scope.




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Mitigation and management options

Reduce emissions
 Reduce exposure


Redesign
 Move
 barriers (walls, vegetation, trenches, tunnels)
 Traffic management options (e.g. speed or capacity restrictions)



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Putting it all together

Baseline
 Emissions/meteorology/dispersion
 Pollutant concentrations at receptors
 Before
 After
 Scenarios
 Low, high, worst-case
 Impacts
 Mitigation




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Reporting results

The report for the AEE should be a summary of the analysis. The exact format will depend on the circumstances but in general a report should contain:

- Executive summary
- Introduction and scope, including a description of the project, the location and the options considered
- Method, including a description of the data used and identification of the most significant and sensitive assumptions and uncertainties
 - o Models used including justification/appropriateness
 - o Model validation if necessary
- Effects – results for all options assessed, including errors and uncertainties
 - o Key results for decision-making.
 - o Implications of results,
 - o Uncertainties and reliance on assumptions.
 - o Possible mitigation options and associated emissions reduction.
- Summary and conclusions

report should be fully referenced
 reference material must be made available for the peer reviewing process.
 Any detailed results or methods or model input files can be contained in appendices



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Any Questions?