



Addendum

Drilling for oil and gas in New Zealand

As of 29 May 2015 the original PDF file available on our website has been replaced with an edited version.

Four amendments to the report have been made.

1. The third paragraph on page 63 (and the associated note 146) for clarification. The text now reads as follows:

The conditions in landfarming consents have evolved over the years. For instance, in 2010 returned fracking fluid was disposed of using this method at a property near Waitara as one type of generic “drilling” or “oily” waste that was provided for by the consent. Now if any fracking fluid is to be disposed of on to a landfarm, it must be included specifically in the resource consent.¹⁴⁶

146 Returned fracking fluid was disposed of in July 2010 as a generic waste type at 104 Brown Road, Waitara under resource consent 6867-1. In May 2013, returned fracking fluid was disposed of by the same operator at the adjacent property (70 Brown Road, referred to as the ‘Wellington’ site) under consent 7884-1 which explicitly authorised disposal of “well workover” wastes. See also Pers. comm, TRC, 8 April 2013.

2. The third paragraph on page 66. The term ‘mix-bury-cover’ was used when referring to the past practice of ‘waste sumps’ as discussed on page 59. The text now reads as follows:

There is no way of dealing with the legacy of an unknown and unidentified number of waste sump sites from the past, but it is disturbing that records for some consented sites are incomplete.

3. The ninth paragraph on page 51 for clarification. The text now reads:

In the past, some councils were contracted by the Department of Labour to enforce HSNO controls in workplaces. Taranaki Regional Council was one of two regional councils contracted, but when the Department ended the contract, council staff ceased enforcing the HSNO controls. While the primary responsibility fell back on the Department, the Council could have continued to enforce HSNO rules, but has not to date.¹⁰⁵

4. The fifth paragraph on page 59 (and the associated note 124) for clarification. The text now reads as follows:

There are currently 38 sites in Taranaki where mix-bury-cover has been used to dispose of oil and gas waste.¹²⁴ [~~Another 15 were consented but but are no longer in use.~~]

124 Pers. comm., Taranaki Regional Council, 4 March 2014. Taranaki Regional Council advised that 38 mix-bury-cover consents have been exercised out of a total of 83 consents granted. Of the exercised consents, 23 remain current while 15 are either surrendered or expired.