

**City of Tauranga District Plan Review
Hazardous Substances**

Hazardous Substances - Substances/ issues not addressed by HFSP	
Issue Summary	How to control substances/issues not addressed by the District Plan's current Hazardous Facilities Screening Procedure (HFSP).
Introduction	<p>Hazardous substances are considered to be those substances that may negatively impact on human health or the environment through toxicity, explosiveness and flammability.</p> <p>Under the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) the Council is required to control the actual or potential effects of hazardous substances.</p> <p>In considering how to control these effects the Council must give effect to the Regional Policy Statement (RPS). The RPS provides that District Councils in the region will <i>"regulate activities using or storing hazardous substances...through District Plans..."</i></p>
Identification of Issues	<p><i>Existing Situation</i></p> <p>The District Plan currently addresses this issue through what is known as the 'Hazardous Facilities Screening Procedure', which is a technical assessment providing a figure for any proposed use of a hazardous substance, this figure leading to the identification of whether resource consent is required for the use of a hazardous substance.</p> <p>The current HFSP utilises thresholds that are largely based on standard thresholds derived by the Ministry for the Environment to align with the requirements of the HSNO Act. The HFSP does not address some substances that can be toxic, such as motor oil. There are also exemptions for 'domestic use', which is not defined but can result in substantial quantities of hazardous substances in a residential environment (e.g. bulk storage of LPG).</p> <p><i>Some Issues</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ How can the District Plan better control substances not currently addressed by the HFSP? ▪ What quantities etc can be considered 'domestic scale'?
Description of some options	<p>One Option could be to revise thresholds for some hazardous substances, where the risks posed by these substances require additional control from the HFSP procedure; or</p> <p>You may consider that there is a better option to address this issue or wish to make further comments. If so, we would like to hear your thoughts on this matter.</p>

Relevant technical information	For further information regarding the role of district plans in managing hazardous substances, see: www.qualityplanning.org.nz Other Hazardous Substances related sites of interest include: www.mfe.govt.nz www.ermanz.govt.nz
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