

Attendance:

Present: Thomas Marchant, Matt McDonald, Murray McGuire, (PNL); Grant Jones (NEC), Paul Fisher, Neil Henderson (NCC); Graham Fox(Sealord), Stuart Slack, Pam Lambert, Helen Richards (FONH) Phil Wilson (NPIL), Grant Rutledge (Nelson Forests)
Apologies:

Thomas noted that David Francis has now left the committee, as his role with EDA has ended; DOC have advised they won't be replacing Stephen Wynne-Jones; and David Rees from the TOS Biosecurity partnership has also moved on.

Minutes - accepted.

Slipway remediation update

Matt advised the remediation on the slipway is going ahead with GHD consultants; funded by PNL, MFE and 'in kind' support from NCC. Stakeholder consultation is now taking place with conservation groups, DOC, DHB etc, & local iwi. Thomas is representing the PNECC.

Preferred remediation option is a reclamation that would utilise the material as 'mudcrete'.

GHD will produce a remediation report, then an action plan. PNL will apply for more MFE funding to do the work, and will also need a coastal permit, meaning the project is unlikely to happen until 2015. Slipway can remain operational, though the longer it is left the more difficult it becomes.

Update on PNL Activities

Thomas introduced the main part of the meeting, assigning Environmental Aspects and Impacts to port operations. The PNEMP and ISO 14001 certification state that:

The organization shall establish, implement and maintain a procedure(s)

a) to identify the environmental aspects of its activities, products and services within the defined scope of the environmental management system that it can control and those that it can influence taking into account planned or new developments, or new or modified activities, products and services, and

b) to determine those aspects that have or can have significant impact(s) on the environment (i.e. significant environmental aspects). The organization shall document this information and keep it up to date. The organization shall ensure that the significant environmental aspects are taken into account in establishing, implementing and maintaining its environmental management system.

Aspect vs Impact

Environmental Aspect: Element of an organisation's activities or products or services that can interact with the environment. Eg leak of oil from pipe

Environmental Impact: Any change to the environment whether adverse or beneficial, wholly or partially resulting from an organisation's environmental aspects. Eg contamination of land/water.

Committee divided into three groups with a PNL rep in each to look at the aspects & impacts of the following services, with Thomas to collate the responses before the next meeting.

The loading and unloading of containers.

The loading of timber, logs, fruit and other cargo.
Storage of freight.
Container devanning and pre-tripping.
Fumigation of cargo.
Biosecurity activities.
Marine services including tug and pilot services.
Workshop services.
Container washing and repair.

Issue of contactors raised – Matt said they're inducted onto site. Phil suggested a checklist for contractors. Noted that at NPIL holes drilled in roof had resulted in zinc and cadmium contamination in stormwater. Grant asked about jurisdiction over contractors, Matt explained that they sign on to PNL H&S and Environmental Plan and codes of practice are part of the PNL common user protocol; but it is a diverse site with a lot of activities going on.

There are also other port users, eg C3, the log marshaling company, who carry out services on port land, for others. Grant said Nelson Forests require C3 to have an environmental management plan that lines up with their own plan and with PNL. Slipway is another example – PNL land, but activity is carried out by a third party.

Stuart asked about spillage of molasses the previous night – container was pierced by crane outrigger. Container was taken to container wash area and the spill was contained and discharged into sewer.

Next meeting – will rank these aspects and issues.