

Council Sewage Spill Notification Form to the PHS (Block A)

Notifier	Graeme Fox	TLA	Tasman District Council
Date Notified	30 th July 2020	Time Notified	16:00
Date of Spill	30 th July 2020	Time discovered	10:30
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Location and Cause: (Council may embed a map in this section or attach to email when form notified to the PHS)

A section of air valve piping, connected to the Riwaka sewer rising main, has rusted through. This resulted in a wastewater leak whenever the main Riwaka pumps sewer pumps were turned on.



The section of pipe has been isolated from the rising main and will be repaired.

It is not possible to be sure how long the leak had been occurring, however TDC staff were at that the site a week ago (on the 21st July). While there they observed a pumping cycle and did not see any signs of leakage.

The maximum duration of the leak is 9 days, but could be considerably less. It is quite possible the break was caused during the yesterday's repair work at the inlet section of the Motueka wastewater treatment plant.

Pump volume checks (comparing Riwaka and Tapu Bay daily pumped volumes to what is received at the Motueka treatment plant) do not indicate any significant leakage.

It is unlikely that the leak has reached the river, some wastewater has pooled at the bottom of the bank below the air valve.

The leak area has been cleaned.

Estimated Quantity	3.0m ³	Estimated Duration	See above	Ongoing (delete one)		N
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Weather (delete one)		dry
Tide conditions at START of spill (delete one)	N/a	
Is it a contact recreation area? (delete one) (Swimming, windsurfing, water skiing, paddle boarding, surfing etc.)		N
Is it a recreational shellfish collection area? (delete one)		N
Is sampling proposed? (delete one)		N
Are warning signs proposed (delete one)		N
Is a Public Health Advisory proposed (delete one) (A Council media statement that advises the public to avoid contact or take shell fish for human consumption from a recreational water area, due to a sewage spill)		N

<p>Summary of any risk mitigation action to be taken by Council (Council to complete) Block B</p> <p>Council may complete this block at the same time it completes Block A or subsequently following discussions with the PHS in the case of more complex spills.</p> <p>This pipe appeared to be defective, it was relatively new and should not have failed. There is not much more that could be done to prevent this type of failure.</p>
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