

New Cellphone Network

In June Telecom offered Richard the chance to take part in a pilot trial for the new CDMA network. Clients who have called Richard on his cellphone will have heard a message and been redirected to his new phone. The number change is from 025-977 852 to 027-497 7852. The new phone is WAP-capable allowing text messaging to either network and also internet access.

Kyoto Protocol

The New Zealand Government has recently ratified the agreement to limit greenhouse gas emissions to limit global warming.

Part of the exercise will be to estimate the total carbon dioxide emissions from industrial processes. We have undertaken one such exercise already using data-logging equipment with instant readings every minute (or other time selected). Because many processes are not continuous, or batch processes, the monitoring method gives a more accurate picture than the occasional spot reading.

Waitakere City Business Awards

ARM has an impressive-looking gold certificate hanging on the office wall as our award for reaching the finals in the Environmental Progress section.

Watercare Environmental Advisory Committee

Watercare Services Ltd have formed this committee to help give an overall environmental perspective to their projects. The small group works with Watercare management to establish at an early stage some of the issues that may arise on major projects. Watercare will continue to work with the community on individual projects.

Congratulations to Carol on being appointed to this group.

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History of Emissions

Many of our clients have a long association with us. Over years we have amassed a large volume of data as test results. Recently we have included historical tables or graphs in more of our reports and gradually this will become a standard part of the reports.

Health & Safety

This winter has been cold and wet. Our operations are often dependent on the weather, particularly where safety is concerned. We apologise to those clients who have experienced delays and hope for an improvement!

Standards in the health and safety field are increasing all the time. One example is that recently we experienced difficulty with the transport of samples to our analyst, a problem which had not arisen before. We own eleven different individual items of safety equipment and have been to courses for defensive driving, hoist operation, cherry picker operation, use of breathing apparatus and first aid as well as numerous compulsory induction courses for working on-site for our clients. In the end it all comes down to relying on experience and common sense.

Liaison with air discharge permit authorities

One condition often found in a permit is that results of tests conducted shall be forwarded to the Consent authority within a set period. There are several ways of complying

- Clients copy our reports to the Council.
- We send a copy of the report to the Council; this can be done either at the same time as clients receive their copy, or after clients have read our report.
- Clients request that a copy of our report be sent to another consultant who deals with the Council.

Councils in turn are able to deal with us directly (to questions parts of our reports) after obtaining permission from our clients to do so.

A related matter is for the Consent authority to assure itself of the accuracy of our tests. This is best done by concurrent testing or otherwise by separate audit tests by another testing group. It is

our policy not to work for any Consent authority which simplifies the matter of a perception of a conflict of interest.

Review of the Resource Management Act (RMA)

The RMA has become widely regarded as a considerable hurdle for new industrial projects. There are long delays and large expenses associated with project development.

Submissions have been received and considered by a Parliamentary Select Committee leading to amendments to the RMA. These are seen by some as not addressing the more serious problems. A recent newspaper article listed the Consent processing time for various councils in carrying out their responsibilities under RMA which highlighted the indifferent performance of some councils.

It has long been our opinion that the major problems which arise are not attributable to the Act itself, but rather to the way it is administered. Officers in regional councils have extensive powers and sometimes appear to lack accountability in the way these are exercised. There is also the matter of fees for consents and permits which are assessed using unknown equations and have no limit. Meaningful changes to the RMA will have to wait for a change of perspective in Parliament.



Carol and Malcolm on the job at Pacific Coil Coaters