

Chapter 64**CONTAMINATED LAND****64.1 INTRODUCTION**

The National Environmental Standard for Assessing and Managing Contaminants in Soil to Protect Human Health (NES) came into effect on 1st January 2012. The purpose of the NES is to ensure national consistency in the management of contaminated land. It includes national planning rules that direct the requirements for consent or otherwise for activities on contaminated or potentially contaminated land, and standardised methods for the establishment of numerical standards for contaminants in soils.

Reference can be made to the Ministry for the Environment website for a copy of the regulations, a user's guide, and documents incorporated by reference in these regulations. Referral must also be made to the Ministry for the Environment website for the latest version of the documents incorporated by reference.

Land known or likely to be potentially affected by soil contaminants are those sites recorded on a contaminated site register held by the Hawkes Bay Regional Council and Napier City Council and those on the hazardous activities and industries list (HAIL) published by the Ministry for the Environment.

OBJECTIVES, POLICIES AND METHODS**Objective 64.2**

To ensure that there are no significant risks to human health posed by residual soil contaminate levels in land that has a history of land use which may have resulted in contamination.

Policies

64.2.1 Ensure that before any development, redevelopment or change of use on land that has a history of land use that may have resulted in contamination, associated health risks are appropriately identified and managed.

64.2.2 Any change of land use, development or redevelopment on contaminated land ensures that any proposed management controls including remediation pathway or receptor controls will ensure the risks to human health are acceptable for the intended land use.

Method

Resource Management (National Environmental Standard for Assessing and Managing Contaminants in Soil to Protect Human Health) Regulations 2012.

Reason for Method

These regulations provide a nationally consistent set of planning controls and soil contaminant values, and ensure that land affected by contaminants in the soil is appropriately identified and assessed before it is developed – and if necessary the land is remediated or the contaminants contained to make the land safe for human health.

64.3 ANTICIPATED ENVIRONMENTAL RESULTS

1. A public awareness of the risk to human health from contaminated land and management of the land to an appropriate level.