

**MINUTES FROM THE ORGANIC MATERIALS STEERING GROUP MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 19 APRIL 2018**

**PRESENT:** Andrew Pearson, George Fietje, Jacqui Horswell, Nigel Clarke, Katie Beecroft, John Harding, Rob Tinholt, Nick Walmsley, Noel Roberts

**Apologies:** Paul Bruce

**1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Nick welcomed everyone to the meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to review the submissions received on the 2<sup>nd</sup> public draft documents and decide how they would be dealt with plus review the ongoing program to completion.

**2. OVERVIEW OF PROJECT STATUS**

A general discussion occurred noting the following:

- Fewer submissions had been received compared to those for the previous draft and anecdotal evidence from some previous submitters was supportive, which was encouraging.
- Even with changes from the submissions, the draft would not yet be ready for publication:
  - The Eco-SGVs had yet to be ratified by Regional Councils
  - Ministries needed to formally confirm their support
  - Technical editing and publishing formats were needed

**3. OVERVIEW OF SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED**

- 8 submissions were received. All but one submitter were in favour of the guidelines albeit with proposed improvements. A summary, as well as full submissions, had been issued to the Steering Group prior to the meeting. The submissions were individually considered and detailed actions agreed as noted in section 5 below.
- Submission Summary :

Regional Councils	2
TLAs	1
Industry Groups	2
Consultants	1
Health Boards	2

**4. What does success look like?**

Given that there would never be full agreement on every item within such a guide there was discussion on what “success” would look like. This was considered to be:

- Endorsement by all 3 ministries
- Endorsement by the Waikato, Canterbury, Auckland, Bay of Plenty and Taranaki Regional Councils at a technical level
- Endorsement by DHB officers
- Clarity of trigger Vs limits i.e. processes

**5. Actions:**

**5.1. Actions from Submissions**

- Use the term ‘digestate’ to confirm that it is already allowed.
- Check Zn allowable concentration within Eco-SGV review process.

- Note that some regional plans have fixed distances for setbacks from sensitive receptors.
- Add comment on use of risk assessment criteria using examples from regional plans.
- Reference the WasteMinz led combined aerosol guidance document.
- Reword to explain that we think the Guideline values should be sufficient for a permitted etc activity status.
- Update data on biosolids contaminant concentrations. Include supporting data from CIBR studies.
- Reword to clarify that the exclusion is for non-organic soil conditioners.
- **Jacqui** to check with Nick Kim what Cd soil replacement limits are being used in the Waikato Region.
- Reconfirm the PFOS situation re organic materials with EPA and Dr Grant Northcott. Current understanding is that it is not getting into the food chain from organic materials, the chemistry is complicated and a watching brief is appropriate and it can be added in future reviews if data supports or politics requires.
- Remove 'productive' from the title.
- Nick to contact submitters and gain approval for putting their submission on the public Water New Zealand website with the meeting minutes as for the previous draft review.

## 5.2. Eco-SGVs

It was noted that the Regional Councils had yet to endorse the proposed Eco-SGV limits. They had commissioned a review to be complete end June which would be considered at their October working group meeting. The guidelines couldn't be completed until that process was finalised.

Submissions also noted that there was still confusion over the inter-relationship between the Guidelines, NES and Eco-SGV values and how they worked. This needed to be workshopped with Regional Councils before their October meeting. How the Nitrogen triggers worked should also be included.

## 5.3. Overview

- Check 3 waters/RC plans/NES/Havelock North outcomes/catchment protection rules re set-back distances – **Nick**
- Draft flow diagrams on where to go for specific information and how to use the Guidelines – **Rob**
- Draft commentary on how Nitrogen triggers work. Note they are triggers for further actions not limits – **Katie**
- Draft table of typical contaminant concentrations of different materials and supporting references – **George**
- Define and organise a high level iwi commentary from Jamie Atari. Check Vs his previous submission – **Jacqui**
- Organise a technical writer for the final draft – **Noel**
- Revise budget and confirm project management. This will include where new funding may come from e.g. Envirolink Tools grant – **Noel/Nick**
- MPI, MfE, MoH to confirm sign-off process and timing – **Andrew, Nigel, John**

## 6. PUBLIC FEEDBACK PROCESS

- Publish submissions and Steering group notes acknowledging what details are accepted.
- Update Draft with Steering Group review.
- Use technical writer and publisher to finalise layout and text format.

- Review and finalise documents for publication.

## 7. PROPOSED TIMETABLE

- Acquire outstanding information by end August 2018
- Detail program, update budget by end August 2018
- Complete Regional Council workshop by mid-September 2018
- Confirm Eco-SGV details by November 2018
- Publish by end June 2019

Summary in table below:

Task	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Get new information														
Submissions etc to website														
Regional Council Workshop														
Regional Council Eco-SGV Mtg														
Finalise Technical Draft														
Finalise Publication Draft														
Gain Ministries support														
Publish Guide														

## ANY OTHER BUSINESS

### ACTIONS as at 19/05/2018

#	Who	Action	Comment	Completed ✓
1.	Nick	Complete untagged Actions from Submissions		
2.	Jacqui	Check Waikato Cd use		
3.	Nick	Check plans re receptor rules		
4.	Rob	Draft flow diagrams		
5.	Katie	Draft N trigger explanation		
6.	George	Draft typical contaminant conc <sup>n</sup> table		
7.	Jacqui	Scope and budget high level iwi commentary		
8.	Noel	Organise technical writer		

9.	Noel/Nick	Revise budget and program		
10.	Andrew/ Nigel/ John	Confirm ministry support processes		
11.	Jacqui	Scope Regional Council workshop		
12.	Nick	Scope biosolids contaminants update		