

Exemption from provisions of Health and Safety at Work (Hazardous Substances) Regulations 2017

In accordance with section 220 of the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 (the Act), I, Philip Parkes, Acting Chief Executive of WorkSafe New Zealand exempt **South Taranaki District Council**, which operates Waimate West Water Treatment Plant at 791 Rowan Road, Kaponga, Hawera, from compliance with regulation 17.20 of the Health and Safety at Work (Hazardous Substances) Regulations 2017 for two tanks holding poly aluminium chloride solution, 70-T-01 and 70-T-02, shown in the drawing Waimate West Water Treatment Plant Floor Plan, number W-DKA-0100 revision 1A dated 30 July 2014 included with the application.

I do so –

- being satisfied that:
 - a. the extent of the exemption is not broader than is reasonably necessary to address the matters that gave rise to it; and
 - b. the exemption is not inconsistent with the purpose of the Act; and
 - c. the reduced inter-tank separation distance is managed with cautionary signage.
- subject to the following conditions:
 1. South Taranaki District Council must ensure that the poly aluminium chloride solution tanks 70-T-01 and 70-T-02 are maintained in accordance with Part 17 of the Health and Safety at Work (Hazardous Substances) Regulations 2017 and the standard to which they were designed and constructed.
 2. South Taranaki District Council must install signage which meets the requirements of regulation 2.5(2)(c) of the Health and Safety at Work (Hazardous Substances) Regulations 2017 stating 'caution required due to narrow gap and trip hazards' or similar wording.

3. South Taranaki District Council must paint or otherwise highlight all hazards at floor level within the bund which holds the poly aluminium chloride solution tanks 70-T-01 and 70-T-02.
4. The exemption is revoked if:
 - a. there is a change to the layout of the two poly aluminium chloride solution tanks 70-T-01 and 70-T-02 as detailed in the drawing Waimate West Water Treatment Plant Floor Plan, number W-DKA-0100 revision 1A dated 30 July 2014; or
 - b. there is a change in substances held in the tanks; or
 - c. either of the tanks are replaced; or
 - d. any of the conditions are not complied with.

This exemption takes effect on 31 January 2019 and expires on 31 January 2024 unless it is replaced sooner or revoked.

Signed at Wellington this 23 day of January 2019.

For and on behalf of WorkSafe New Zealand:



Philip Parkes
Acting Chief Executive
WorkSafe New Zealand