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Amended licence update

The DEC amended the RRRC's operating licence on Monday 7 May 2012. The Licence contains a number of new conditions which are summarised overleaf. This and future updates will include the status of the works required to comply with those conditions along with other information relating to the centre.

Condition 19 (b)

Power will be intermittently turned off during daytime hours this Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th of June to parts of the Waste Composting Facility. This is to allow the safe installation of continuous monitoring equipment and connection to the plant's automated control systems required to be installed by 30 June 2012.

Power will be supplied to all fans related to odour control during this period, however, the humidity systems to these fans will be operating intermittently. Normal plant power, controls and humidification equipment will be fully operational by 6pm on each of these days.

Condition 22 (c)

DEC have approved a Schedule of Works allowing the refurbishment of cells 1, 2 and 3 of Bio Filter # 1 to commence Monday 25 June 2012 and be completed by 27 July 2012. Maintenance to Bio Filter # 3 has now been completed.

Condition 23 (a)

An onsite odour source reduction survey commenced this week as part of a comprehensive site review of odour management systems and controls.

Odour Hotline

The hotline, **1300 556 726**, is answered 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, all year round to allow residents and businesses to report any odours they suspect may be originating from the RRRC.

Details such as the location, time and character of the odour will be immediately forwarded to SMRC staff at the RRRC, who will conduct an inspection to determine if odours are escaping the facility and take corrective action if required.

The same details from any hotline reports are also immediately forwarded to DEC to assist in their response.



Community Tree Planting Day in Ken Hurst Park

A number of SMRC employees volunteered their Sunday to assist the Friends of Ken Hurst Park with the planting of 2,000 native trees and bushes in Ken Hurst Park, which borders the RRRC in Canning Vale.

The 55 hectares of native 'bushland forever' is vested with the City of Melville and is home to native flora species and animals as well as feeding grounds for the endangered Carnaby's Black Cockatoo.

An impressive number of volunteers from the Friends of Ken Hurst Park, DEC, Bullcreek/Leeming Scout Group, WA Wildflower Association, SMRC and others braved the storms and cold weather to re-vegetate a number of degraded clearing tracks in the park with the DEC funded program.



The SMRC is proud to assist with this community volunteer project and thanks all our RRRC staff who volunteered in this environmental program.

Tim Youé
Acting Chief Executive Officer



Summary of licence conditions

Waste Composting Facility				
Due Date	Licence Condition #	Action	Status	Reported in Update
7-May-12	2	Install temporary humidification	Complete	Y
7-May-12	3	Limit waste intake to 1365 tonnes pw	Ongoing	Y
18-May-12	22 (a)	Submit a schedule of works for refurbishment of Biofilter 1	Complete	Y
1-Jun-12	24 (a)	Submit Ambient Odour Assessment Plan	Complete	Y
29-Jun-12	17 (a)	Submit proposal for wet scrubbing		
30-Jun-12	19 (b)	Install & commission continuous monitoring equipment in all humidifier wet scrubbing and bio filter inlet gases		
30-Jun-12	21 (a)	Submit Biofilter Monitoring and Management plan		
27-Jul-12	22 (c)	Implement & complete Biofilter 1 refurbishment		
27-Jul-12	24 (b) (v)	Commence monthly Ambient Odour Surveys		
28-Sep-12	23 (a)	Undertake Site Odour System Review		
11-Oct-12	23 (b)	Submit Site Odour System Report		
22-Nov-12	5 (a)	Submit Annual Environmental Report		
28-Nov-12	50	Submit Annual Audit Compliance Report		
15-Dec-12	17 (b)	Install & Commission wet scrubbing		
15-Dec-12	26 (b)	Construct fully enclosed bin storage area		
15-Dec-12	24 (b) (v)	Commence weekly Ambient Odour Surveys		
15-Mar-13	24 (d)	Submit Ambient Odour Assessment Plan Report		
Green Waste Facility (GWF) Key Actions				
Prior to commencement	44	Implement new storage protocols and procedures	Complete	Y
Prior to commencement	45	Implement new operational procedures	Ongoing	Y
Ongoing	46	Suspend shredding of greewaste between 15 December and 31 March each year		

Should odour emissions not be reduced to DEC's satisfaction after the completion of the actions in the licence, SMRC will need to submit a works approval for new primary/secondary pollution control equipment in April 2013. DEC will utilise the following in determining SMRC's performance:

1. SMRC's compliance with licence conditions to date;
2. Outcomes of the ambient field odour surveys carried out by SMRC;
3. Biofilter monitoring data measured against limits and targets;
4. Actions completed with assessed achievement from the Site Odour Management System Review;
5. Validation of any complaints, including the intensity and impacts, received by DEC, SMRC or the City of Canning; and
6. DEC's field odour validations.