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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 17 (a)

A proposal for the installation and operation of a wet scrubbing system to be located prior to Bio Filter 1 & 2 and designed to achieve not less than 85% humidity in Bio Filter inlet gases was submitted to the DEC on 29 June 2012.

Condition 19 (b)

Installation and commissioning of continuous monitoring sensors in all humidifier wet scrubbing and Bio Filter inlet gases was completed and connected to the plant's automated control systems on Saturday 30 June 2012.

Condition 21 (a)

A Bio Filter Management and Monitoring Plan was submitted to the DEC on 29 June 2012.

Condition 22 (c)



Refurbishment of cells 1, 2 and 3 of Bio Filter # 1 commenced Monday 25 June 2012 and is due for completion by 27 July 2012.

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.

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	Complete	Y
30-Jun-12	19 (b)	Install & commission continuous monitoring equipment in all humidifier wet scrubbing and bio filter inlet gases	Complete	Y
30-Jun-12	21 (a)	Submit Biofilter Monitoring and Management plan	Complete	Y
27-Jul-12	22 (c)	Implement & complete Biofilter 1 refurbishment	In progress	Y
27-Jul-12	24 (b) (v)	Commence monthly Ambient Odour Surveys		
28-Sep-12	23 (a)	Undertake Site Odour System Review	In progress	Y
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.

The full Amended Licence and Environmental Assessment Report can be found on the SMRC website <http://www.smrc.com.au/files/120507%20Ltr%20DEC%20to%20SMRC%20Licence%20L779920017%20Approved.pdf>