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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 23 (b) Submit Site Odour System Report

The Report was submitted for consideration by the DEC on the due date of 11 Oct 2012.

Condition 17 (b)

Install & commission, by 15 December 2012 a wet scrubbing system (humidifier) for Bio-filters 1 & 2 and designed to achieve not less than 85% humidity.



Humidifier foundations have begun

Condition 26 (b)

Construct a fully enclosed bin storage area with a negative pressure system ducting air through Pollution Control Equipment to permanently store all bins containing waste.



Ground works required for the bin storage shed have commenced



Noise

To comply with noise regulations the SMRC engaged specialist acoustic consultants to design and install lagging (insulation) to the discharge ducting and fan areas. Of the six discharge ducts, works on two are complete, a further two are more than 75% complete and the remaining two have had the structural supports required to take the increased weight of the insulation installed. A preliminary noise test undertaken last week has shown a decrease in noise. Further testing will be undertaken and reported as the work progresses to conclusion.



Completed lagging on two of the discharge ducts.

Works well progressed on remaining discharge ducts





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.

E-news

Our e-news has facts about recycling in the region as well as information on events and what's happening in the industry.

To sign up to receive the SMRC E-news please go to www.smrc.com.au and click on the Sign Up for E-news button.

Site Tours

The RRRC offers free tours which are designed to educate visitors about the recycling process and allow safe and exciting views from observation decks into the various facilities.

To book a tour of the RRRC or visit the Education Centre contact **9256 9555**.

Tim Youé
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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	Completed	Y
27-Jul-12	24 (b) (v)	Commence monthly Ambient Odour Surveys	In progress	Y
28-Sep-12	23 (a)	Undertake Site Odour System Review	Completed	Y
11-Oct-12	23 (b)	Submit Site Odour System Report	Completed	Y
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	In progress	Y
15-Dec-12	26 (b)	Construct fully enclosed bin storage area	In progress	Y
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.