

4.10.10. Intended Environmental Outcomes

- 4.10.10.1. Increased public awareness of natural hazard risks and their impacts.
- 4.10.10.2. A reduction in the magnitude and scale of the impacts of natural hazards on people and on natural and physical resources.

4.10.11. Monitoring

- 4.10.11.1. The Council will keep a record of reported instances where natural hazards detrimentally affect property or health, and mutually exchange such information with the Regional Council.
- 4.10.11.2. The Council may send out a questionnaire to a sample of ratepayers at appropriate intervals asking for comments on the Council's environmental performance. This questionnaire will include a question on awareness of natural hazard risks and their impacts.

4.11. Hazardous Substances**4.11.1. Key Issue**

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| 4.11.1.1. Management of the potentially adverse effects of hazardous substances on natural and physical resources. |
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- 4.11.2. The storage, use and transport of hazardous substances is an integral part of some land use activities in Buller. Control is undertaken under various legislation and by both the Regional Council and the District Council. The Regional Council has implemented recommendations for the upgrading and closure of landfill sites which are identified as contaminated in co-operation with the District Council. The District Council is primarily concerned with preventing or mitigating any adverse effects of any use of land involving these substances. Emphasis in management should concentrate on safety and prevention of accidents or spills but also provide appropriate contingency planning.
- 4.11.3. The disposal of hazardous substances on the West Coast is of particular concern. Current disposal practices are inadequate in Buller. Hazardous substances cannot be disposed of in landfills. The public are advised to store wastes privately until a regional hazardous substance management strategy and collection or treatment facility is developed. It is acknowledged that private storage of hazardous waste is an unsatisfactory short-term measure, and creates the potential for adverse environmental effects to occur from illegal dumping of hazardous wastes.
- 4.11.4. Poor siting and lack of leachate containment are particular problems with old refuse disposal sites.

4.11.5. Objective

4.11.5.1. To encourage and promote the safe and efficient handling and disposal of hazardous substances throughout the District.

4.11.6. Policies

4.11.6.1. Compliance with approved codes of practice and national guidelines and standards shall be required for all activities involving the use, storage and transport of hazardous substances.

4.11.6.2. Appropriate contingency planning shall be required for all operators of hazardous facilities, including disposal sites.

4.11.6.3. Assistance with and support in the establishment of a regional hazardous waste disposal site.

4.11.7. Methods of Implementation

4.11.7.1. Develop and implement rules in the Plan where appropriate relating to the use, storage, disposal and transport of hazardous substances.

4.11.7.2. Support Regional Council initiatives on matters related to hazardous substance management.

4.11.7.3. Promote the adherence to, and use of, national guidelines and standards of practice dealing with hazardous substances management.

4.11.7.4. Encourage the development of contingency planning, and site rehabilitation schemes for activities which involve hazardous substances.

4.11.8. Explanation/Reasons

4.11.8.1. The management of hazardous substances is controlled by a number of specific industry guidelines and codes of practices. The District Plan rules (see Section 6) reflect and refer to these guidelines and are considered the most appropriate means of controlling the handling of hazardous substances and facilities in Buller in conjunction with the Regional Council. The risk some hazardous substances pose to people and communities can be significant. Even if this is perceived risk only, it still has the potential to adversely affect the health of people and communities.

4.11.9. Intended Environmental Outcomes

4.11.9.1. Management and disposal of hazardous wastes in environmentally safe and acceptable ways.

4.11.9.2. A reduction in the number of accidents and incidents of deliberate misuse involving hazardous substances.

4.11.10. Monitoring

4.11.10.1. A register will be kept of any accidents or incidents involving hazardous substances in order to assess whether the methods of control are sufficient.