

Children's services soil assessment summary report

Fact Sheet | March 2010

The environmental consultant (company) should refer to the fact sheet, *Assessing the soil in children's services - guidelines for environmental consultants*, prior to undertaking a soil assessment at a children's service. The attached summary report should then be completed and it should append all of the site information and analyses, preferably on CD.

The applicant (the licensee of an existing children's service, or a person proposing to operate a children's service) will lodge the completed summary report with the relevant regional office of the Department of Education and Training (the Department).

The Department will use the information contained in this Summary Report when deciding whether to grant an Approval of Premise for the purposes of a children's services licence and to define any conditions or restrictions that may apply to the children's service licence, if granted.

Comment on the contents of the soil assessment may also be sought from the Environment Protection Authority, the Environmental Health Unit of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development and/or the responsible planning authority.

Please note that the requirement for soil assessment may have been met when:

- soil assessment has been undertaken at the site of the proposed or actual location of the children's service and that assessment report is available to the Department.¹
- the site has been issued with a Certificate of Environmental Audit or Statement of Environmental Audit produced in consideration of the sensitive use of the land. The children's service licence applicant may provide a copy of this certificate or statement to the Department.
- the relevant planning authority identifies that an environmental audit is required before the planning permit may be issued to use the land for sensitive use, such as a children's service. The environmental audit will produce either a Certificate of Environmental Audit or Statement of Environmental Audit and the applicant may be required to provide a copy of this certificate or statement to the Department.

¹ Soil investigations are carried out to achieve specific objectives and have a purpose, scope and limitations statement. A previous soil assessment of the site must be appropriate and sufficient for its intended use as a children's service.

Environmental consultants are requested to complete Parts 1 and 2 as a minimum requirement for children's services licence applications, and sign the completed Summary Report on page 3.

Part 1: Environmental Consultant (Company) Details

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Facsimile: _____

Contact person for the assessment: _____

Location of the soil assessment: *(Address to be provided by the applicant or licensee and should match the street address details for the proposed or existing children's service.)*

Stage of soil assessment undertaken (Please tick those stages that were undertaken)

- Stage 1 Preliminary investigation (with or without sampling)
- Stage 2 Detailed site investigation
- Stage 3 Site-specific human health risk assessment

(Please complete Part 2)

Part 2: Conclusion from Stage 1 Assessment

I confirm that preliminary investigation has been undertaken in accordance with the Department of Education and Training Guidelines, AS4482.1 - 2005 section 3, AS4482.2 - 1999 and National Environment Protection (Assessment of Site Contamination) Measure 1999 (NEPM) Schedule B (2) and conclude (please tick one of the following):

- The soil at the site is not likely to be contaminated and is not likely to pose a risk to human health. There is no need for further assessment.
- The soil at the site is contaminated, or there is likelihood of contamination, and there is enough information to devise a Soil Management Plan (SMP), to control the potential human health risk. **The SMP is attached to this Summary Report.**
- It is not possible to adequately assess the human health risk from potential contamination at the site and a more detailed site investigation (involving more sampling) was required **(Please complete details in Part 3).**

Part 3: Conclusion from Stage 2 Assessment

I confirm that detailed site investigation has been undertaken in accordance with Department of Education and Training Guidelines, AS4482.1 - 2005 sections 4, 6 and 7, AS4482.2 - 1999 and National Environment Protection (Assessment of Site Contamination) Measure 1999 (NEPM) Schedules B (2) and (3) and conclude (*please tick one of the following*):

- D The soil sample results for each substance identified for each stratum of soil tested do not exceed the relevant HIL criteria² and there is no evidence of an unacceptable health risk and no offensive odours associated with the site. There is no need for further assessment.
- D The soil sample results exceed the HIL criteria for nominated substances and/or there is evidence of a potential unacceptable health risk and there is enough information to devise a Soil Management Plan (SMP) to control the potential health risk. **The SMP is attached to this summary report.**
- D The soil sample results exceed the HIL criteria for nominated substances and/or there is evidence of a potential unacceptable human health risk. A site-specific human health risk assessment was required (**please complete details in Part 4**).

Part 4: Conclusion from Stage 3 Assessment

I confirm that the site-specific human health risk has been undertaken in accordance with Department of Education and Training Guidelines, the National Environment Protection (Assessment of Site Contamination) Measure 1999 (NEPM) Schedule B (4) and conclude (*please tick one of the following*):

- D The concentration of substances present in the soil is not at levels that pose an unacceptable risk to human health.
- D A remediation or management strategy is required as part of a Soil Management Plan (SMP) to control the potential health risk. **The SMP is attached to this summary report.**

Signature

The information provided in parts 2, 3 and 4 is true and correct and is supported by all of the site information and analyses, which is appended to this summary report.

Name of environmental consultant (print) _____

Signature of environmental consultant _____

Date / /

² This means the arithmetic mean of the level of each substance is below the relevant HIL, the standard deviation is less than half the relevant HIL and no individual sample exceeds 2.5 times the relevant HIL.