

IMPORTANT!

If a site is not listed on the Register, it does not mean that an activity or industry on the HAIL is not occurring on that site, or has not occurred there in the past. We recommend that you check this out for yourself, in addition to asking us. You can do this by asking your local council, current and previous owners, neighbours, etc. for information.

My site is on the LLUR. What should I do now?

If your site is on the LLUR, there is no need for you to do anything other than update us with any changes of land use at your site. If you sell your property, or rent it, you should pass on any LLUR information to the prospective buyers or tenants.

If you discover a spill of hazardous substances, please call our Pollution Hotline immediately on 0800 76 55 88.

If you have an environmental investigation undertaken at your site, please send us a copy of the report so that we can keep our records current, and so that we can assign your site an appropriate category on the LLUR.

I think my site category is incorrect, how can I change it?

If you have an environmental investigation undertaken at your site, please send the results to us and we will review the site's category based on the information you provide. Similarly, if you have information that clearly shows your site has not been associated with HAIL activities, or if other HAIL activities have occurred which we have not listed, we need to know about it so that our records are accurate.

If we have incorrectly identified that a HAIL activity has occurred at a site, the property will be not be removed from the LLUR but categorised as Verified Non-HAIL. This helps us to ensure that the same site is not re-identified in the future.

Contact us

Property owners have the right to look at information about their property which Environment Canterbury holds. You can make an enquiry about a specific site by filling in a contaminated land request form at:
www.ecan.govt.nz/Our+Environment/Property/LIR/.

An information request about the contamination status of a land parcel will be responded to free of charge, although a full Land Information Request currently costs \$225 as of July 2009.

Please contact Environment Canterbury's Customer Services for further information:

Phone (03) 353 9007

Toll free 0800 EC INFO (32 4636) *during business hours*

Email ecinfo@ecan.govt.nz

LLUR Listed Land Use Register

What you need to know



What is the Listed Land Use Register (LLUR)?

The LLUR is a land use database that helps Environment Canterbury to manage information about land that is, or has been, associated with the use, storage or disposal of hazardous substances.

Why do we need the LLUR?

The purpose of the LLUR is to help us manage the risk posed by hazardous sites to human health and the environment.

Environment Canterbury is required to collect and manage this information under Section 30 of the Resource Management Act (RMA) and in accordance with the Ministry for the Environment. The information we collect also helps your local council to fulfil their functions under the RMA.



How does Environment Canterbury identify sites to be included on the LLUR?

Sites are identified for inclusion on the LLUR based on a list of land uses produced by the Ministry for the Environment. This is called the Hazardous Activities and Industries List (HAIL). The HAIL is intended to identify situations where hazardous substances could cause land and water (surface water and groundwater) contamination. It includes many land uses such as fuel storage, orchards, land fills and sheep dips.

We have two main ways of identifying HAIL* sites to be included on the LLUR:

- We are currently identifying sites district by district. This is ongoing work which we aim to complete by 2019.
- We also receive information from other sources, such as environmental site investigation reports submitted to us as required by the Proposed Natural Resources Regional Plan (PNRRP), and in resource consent applications.

If investigative work is conducted at a site, Environment Canterbury must be notified (see Rules WQL42 and WQL53, Chapter 4 of the PNRRP). The investigation report must be submitted to Environment Canterbury. This helps us to assess the risk posed by the site and ensure that its site category and associated information is kept up to date.

How does Environment Canterbury ensure the information it holds is correct?

We obtain site information from a range of reliable sources, including business directories, trade associations and aerial photographs. In addition we also have a well established procedure for checking site information before categorising a site on the register. This involves corresponding with the site owner and working with them to ensure our information is correct.

What does Environment Canterbury do with the information on the LLUR?

If we receive an enquiry about a site on the LLUR, we provide the enquirer with a summary of the information we hold, including the category assigned to the site and a list of investigation reports. We receive most enquiries from potential land buyers and environmental consultants. To enquire about a site, please contact us or visit our website (see contact details on the back of this brochure).

We also use the information to prioritise sites for further investigation, remediation and management, to aid with planning, and to help assess resource consent applications. These are some of Environment Canterbury's responsibilities under the RMA.

How does Environment Canterbury classify sites on the LLUR?

Once Environment Canterbury and a site owner verify a site's land use, we assign the site a category on the LLUR.

If we only know about the current or past HAIL land use(s) of the site, the property is given the category 'Not Investigated'.

If we have received further information about the site, for example a soil or groundwater investigation report, we assess the information and assign one of the following categories to the site:

- At or below background concentrations
- Managed
- Below guideline values
- Partially investigated
- Significant adverse environmental effects
- Contaminated.

Please refer to the Site Categories and Definitions factsheet enclosed for further information.

* The Hazardous Activities and Industries List (HAIL) can be downloaded from MfE's website: www.mfe.govt.nz and search keyword HAIL. Alternatively, please contact us to be sent a copy.