

**From:** [Jackie Adams](#)  
**To:** [Rob Dragten](#)  
**Subject:** RE: I see they have now admitted it  
**Date:** Monday, 16 September 2024 12:37:18 pm  
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We only looked after the pond issue.

During our site visit the pond was the only non-compliance that we found.

The council had already issued an abatement for the discharge off site and for the odour so as they had abatements in place for both of those, we left them with council.

I am aware that the council carried out a search of the site via search warrant as they believed that there were items buried that should not have been, I do not know what the end result of that was and council have provided me no info as to what they found.

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**From:** Rob Dragten <[Rob.Dragten@mfe.govt.nz](mailto:Rob.Dragten@mfe.govt.nz)>  
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**To:** Jackie Adams <[Jackie.Adams@epa.govt.nz](mailto:Jackie.Adams@epa.govt.nz)>  
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Ok, thanks for clarifying that, Jackie,

Just to check I have understood correctly, am I right that the EPAs involvement has been only in respect resolving the unlawful discharge of leachate from the site (via leakage from the previously unsealed pond, and I think there was an overflow/direct discharge into the stream as well?), rather than the overall compliance of the site?

Various media articles suggest that other potential unlawful activities included odour discharges, the types (and possibly the amount) of material that may have been into the landfill, and the standard of lining of the landfill cell.

Did the EPA investigate any of those issues and/or come to any conclusions about whether the site was complying with regards to those requirements?

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**From:** Jackie Adams <[Jackie.Adams@epa.govt.nz](mailto:Jackie.Adams@epa.govt.nz)>  
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Yea I realised after I sent it that it was august last year.

The new pond was covered under the original consent that they could put in infrastructure , it is a very open consent to be honest.

The problem with the old consented pond was that no one made them seal it which is why it never filled.

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**From:** Rob Dragten <[Rob.Dragten@mfe.govt.nz](mailto:Rob.Dragten@mfe.govt.nz)>

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**To:** Jackie Adams <[Jackie.Adams@epa.govt.nz](mailto:Jackie.Adams@epa.govt.nz)>

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Hi Jackie,

I think that media article came out last year, so I think they have publicly acknowledged a less than perfect process for some time now.

Hey, a quick question, the new lined leachate pond – Do you know if it needed a resource consent (either from WCRC or Grey DC) and does it have one?

Thanks

Rob

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**From:** Jackie Adams <[Jackie.Adams@epa.govt.nz](mailto:Jackie.Adams@epa.govt.nz)>

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