

Part 3

Domains and topics

Topics

HAZ – Hazards and risks

HAZS – Hazardous substances

Introductions

Hazardous substances include substances defined in the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996 (HSNO) and substances with radioactive properties or high biological oxygen demand. Substances fall within the definition if they have certain hazardous properties such as explosiveness, flammability or corrosiveness among other factors. HSNO and associated regulations set minimum performance standards for the management of these substances.

The Resource Management Act 1991 does not prevent the Nelson Plan from managing any adverse effects of the storage, use, disposal and transport of hazardous substances. However, the Nelson Plan should only do so in circumstances where these activities are not already managed through other relevant legislation such as HSNO, the Radiation Safety Act 2016, the Land Transport Act 1998, the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 and the Resource Management (Marine Pollution) Regulations 1998 (refer APP15 – Resource Management Marine Pollution Regulations 1998).

Objectives

HAZS-O1 Benefits and risks of hazardous substances [RP, RCP, DP]

The benefits associated with the use of hazardous substances are enabled, while ensuring the associated risks with storage, disposal and transportation of hazardous substances to human health, property and the environment are acceptable.

Policies

HAZS-P1 Enabling and managing hazardous substances [RP, RCP, DP]

Facilitate the use, storage, disposal and transportation of hazardous substances where the risk of adverse effects on human health, property and the environment is managed to an acceptable level.

HAZS-P2 Managing residual risk of hazardous substances [RP, RCP, DP]

Minimise any residual risks that are not otherwise managed or controlled through other legislation or recognised hazardous substance industry controls, by:

1. discouraging the location of hazardous facilities in close proximity to identified critical lifeline infrastructure where risk levels associated with potential explosions may be high; and
2. restricting discharges to land, air and water.

HAZS-P3 Natural hazard areas [RP, RCP, DP]

The storage and use of hazardous substances in hazard areas are addressed in NH-P2.7.

Rules

Rule interpretation and application

HAZS-R1 [RP, RCP, DP]

The rules that apply to the use, storage and disposal of hazardous substances are contained in the activity status as follows:

1. HAZS-R4.

HAZS-R2 [RP, RCP, DP]

The activity status tables and standards in the following chapters also **apply** to the use, storage and disposal of hazardous substances:

1. AIR – Air; and
2. LF – Land and freshwater; and
3. NH – Natural hazards.

HAZS-R3 [RP, RCP, DP]

The activity status tables and standards in the following chapters **do not apply** to the use, storage and disposal of hazardous substances:

1. Part 3 – Domains and topics – all chapters that are not listed in HAZS-R2:
 - a. CMA – Coastal marine area; and
 - b. CMAR – Coastal margins; and
 - c. NCFLC – Natural character, features and landscapes in the coastal environment; and
 - d. EIT – Energy, infrastructure and transport; and
 - e. CON – Contaminated land; and
 - f. HAZS – Hazardous substances; and
 - g. HH – Historic heritage; and
 - h. TREE – Notable trees; and
 - i. SASM – Site and areas of significance to Māori; and
 - j. ECO – Ecosystems and indigenous biodiversity; and

- k. NATC – Natural character; and
 - l. NFL – Natural features and landscapes; and
 - m. PA – Public access; and
 - n. SUB – Subdivision; and
 - o. UFD – Urban form and development; and
 - p. ASW – Activities on the surface of water; and
 - q. EW – Earthworks; and
 - r. LIGHT – Light; and
 - s. NOISE – Noise; and
 - t. SIGN – Signs; and
 - u. TEMP – Temporary activities; and
2. Part 4 – Area specific matters – all chapters:
- a. GRZ – General residential zone; and
 - b. MRZ – Medium density residential zone; and
 - c. GRUZ – General rural zone; and
 - d. RLZ – Rural lifestyle zone; and
 - e. NCZ – Neighbourhood centre zone; and
 - f. LCZ – Local centre zone; and
 - g. MUZ – Mixed use zone; and
 - h. CCZ – City centre zone; and
 - i. LIZ – Light industrial zone; and
 - j. GIZ – General industrial zone; and
 - k. NOSZ – Natural open space zone; and
 - l. OSZ – Open space zone; and
 - m. SARZ – Sport and active recreation zone; and
 - n. HOSZ – Hospital zone; and
 - o. PORTZ – Port zone; and
 - p. PREC19 – Marina precinct; and
 - q. DEV2 – Saxton development area.

Activity status

Rule	Use/Activity
HAZS-R4	Use, storage or disposal of a hazardous substance

Activity	Permitted	Controlled	Discretionary/ Non-complying/ Prohibited
<p>HAZS-R4</p> <p>Use, storage or disposal of a hazardous substance</p> <p>[RP, RCP, DP]</p> <p>Legal effect on notification: No</p>	<p>1. The use, storage or disposal of a hazardous substance that is not provided for in HAZS-R4.3. is a permitted activity.</p>	<p>2. Not applicable.</p>	<p>3. Any hazardous facility that uses, stores or disposes of hazardous substances with explosive or flammable properties is a non-complying activity where it is located within:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. 10 metres of the centre line of a 66kV National Grid transmission line or a 66kV electricity line; or b. 5 metres of the centre line of a 33kV electricity distribution line; or c. 12 metres of the centre line of a 110kV or 220kV National Grid transmission line.