



HAIL contaminants

The table below lists the kind of hazardous substances that are typically associated with each of the activities and industries listed on the HAIL (Hazardous Activities and Industries List).

The fact that an activity or industry is on the HAIL does not mean that hazardous substances were used or stored everywhere on that land, nor that any hazardous substances that were used or stored there have contaminated the land.

The hazardous substances listed in the table below for each activity or industry are provided as a guide only. The NES for assessing and managing contaminants in soil to protect human health requires a suitably qualified and experienced practitioner to decide which substances to check for in soil samples taken as part of a detailed site investigation.

Activity or industry on the HAIL	Hazardous substances likely to be associated with that activity or industry
Agrichemicals including commercial premises used by spray contractors for filling, storing or washing out tanks for agrichemical application	Arsenic, lead, copper; wide range of organic agrichemicals including organochlorine pesticides, organophosphate pesticides, herbicides, fungicides, carbamates, and synthetic pyrethroids; compounds may be mixed with diesel before spraying
Chemical manufacture, formulation or bulk storage	Wide range of organic and inorganic compounds
Commercial analytical laboratory sites	Wide range of organic and inorganic compounds including solvents, acids, metals, and mercury
Corrosives including formulation or bulk storage	Mercury, sulphuric, phosphoric, hydrochloric and nitric acids, sodium and calcium hydroxide, ammonia and ammonium hydroxide
Dry-cleaning plants including dry-cleaning premises or the bulk storage of dry-cleaning solvents	Volatile hydrocarbons including trichloroethylene 1,1,1-trichloroethane tetrachloroethene (also known as PCE), and carbon tetrachloride
Fertiliser manufacture or bulk storage	Calcium phosphate, calcium sulphate, copper chloride, sulphur, sulphuric and phosphoric acid, molybdenum, selenium, iron, cadmium, nitrates, and ammonia
Gasworks including the manufacture of gas from coal or oil feedstocks	Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene and xylenes (BTEX), phenolics, metals (particularly arsenic, lead, copper, chromium), boron, cyanide compounds, sulphides and sulphates, thiocyanates, ammonia, nitrates, and coke
Livestock dip or spray race operations	Arsenic, organochlorines (eg, aldrin, dieldrin, DDT, lindane) and organophosphates, carbamates, and synthetic pyrethroids
Paint manufacture or formulation (excluding retail paint stores)	Solvents, resins, metals including arsenic, cadmium, copper, nickel, lead, zinc, and mercury
Persistent pesticide bulk storage or use including sport turfs, market gardens, orchards, glass houses or spray sheds	Arsenic, lead, copper, mercury; wide range of organic compounds including acidic herbicides, organophosphates, and organochlorines (eg, endosulfan on golf and bowling greens)
Pest control including the premises of commercial pest control operators or any authorities that carry out pest control where bulk storage or preparation of pesticide occurs, including preparation of poisoned baits or filling or washing of tanks for pesticide application	Arsenic, cyanide, strychnine, mercury, phosphorus, 1080, organochlorines and organophosphates, carbamates, synthetic pyrethroids, and other commercial preparations

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Pesticide manufacture (including animal poisons, insecticides, fungicides or herbicides) including the commercial manufacturing, blending, mixing or formulating of pesticides	Wide range of insecticides, herbicides and fungicides, including arsenic, lead, mercury, copper, tin, chromium, organochlorines, organonitrogens, organophosphates, acid herbicides, and carbamates. Dioxin may be present as an impurity
Petroleum or petrochemical industries including a petroleum depot, terminal, blending plant or refinery, or facilities for recovery, reprocessing or recycling petroleum-based materials, or bulk storage of petroleum or petrochemicals above or below ground	Hydrocarbons including BTEX, PAHs, and solvents; lead and other metals, particularly if waste oil handled
Pharmaceutical manufacture including the commercial manufacture, blending, mixing or formulation of pharmaceuticals, including animal remedies or the manufacturing of illicit drugs with the potential for environmental discharges	Wide range of chemicals and solvents
Printing including commercial printing using metal type, inks, dyes, or solvents (excluding photocopy shops)	Solvents, acids, alkalis, and metals
Skin or wool processing including a tannery or fellmongery, or any other commercial facility for hide curing, drying, scouring or finishing or storing wool or leather products	Chromium (including hexavalent Cr), manganese, copper, ammonia, nitrite, sulphides, acids, sodium hydroxide, lime, formaldehyde, solvents, cyanide, detergents, pesticides, and bleaching agents (eg, hydrogen peroxide)
Storage tanks or drums for fuel, chemicals or liquid waste	Wide range of chemicals (organic and inorganic), and biological hazards
Wood treatment or preservation including the commercial use of anti-sapstain chemicals during milling, or bulk storage of treated timber outside	Pentachlorophenol (PCP), copper, arsenic, chromium, boron, PAHs, phenolics (creosote), antisapstain, organochlorine pesticides, fungicides, and tributyltin (TBT)
Batteries including the commercial assembling, disassembling, manufacturing or recycling of batteries (but excluding retail battery stores)	Metals (lead, mercury, zinc, cadmium, nickel, antimony, silver, and manganese), and sulphuric acid
Electrical transformers including the manufacturing, repairing or disposing of electrical transformers or other heavy electrical equipment	Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), hydrocarbons, copper, tin, lead, and mercury
Electronics including the commercial manufacturing, reconditioning or recycling of computers, televisions and other electronic devices	Metals (eg, copper, tin, lead, mercury, cadmium, nickel, silver, zinc, and beryllium), solvents, and PCBs
Power stations, substations or switchyards	PCBs, asbestos, metals including boron, arsenic (in fly ash), water treatment chemicals (thermal stations), and hydrocarbons (eg, diesel in generators)
Explosive or ordinance production, maintenance, dismantling, disposal, bulk storage or re-packaging	Acetone, nitric and sulphuric acid, ammonium nitrate, PCP, nitroglycerine, lead, mercury, copper, aluminium, silver, sodium hydroxide, and explosives; fuel oils, solvents and metals (associated with workshops)
Gun clubs or rifle ranges, including clay targets clubs that use lead munitions outdoors	Metals (lead, antimony, copper, zinc, tin, and nickel)
Training areas set aside exclusively or primarily for the detonation of explosive ammunition	Explosives, lead, copper, arsenic, antimony (firing ranges), and hydrocarbon storage
Abrasive blasting including abrasive blast cleaning (excluding cleaning carried out in fully enclosed booths) or the disposal of abrasive blasting material.	Metals (iron, lead, chromium, aluminium, zinc). Dependent on material being removed and substrate
Foundry operations including the commercial production of metal products by injecting or pouring molten metal into moulds	Metals, particularly iron, aluminium, lead, zinc, copper, tin, nickel, chromium and oxides, chlorides, fluorides and sulphates of these, acids, coke, and fuel oils
Metal treatment or coating including polishing, anodising, galvanising, pickling, electroplating, or heat treatment or finishing using cyanide compounds	Metals (zinc, aluminium, cadmium, chromium, lead, copper, and tin), acids (sulphuric, nitric, hydrochloric, and phosphoric), cyanide; flourine and barium (from Al processing)
Metalliferous ore processing including the chemical or physical extraction of metals, including smelting, refining, fusing or refining metals	Metals and associated oxides, fluorides and chlorides; cyanide compounds
Engineering workshops with metal fabrication	Metals and oxides of iron, nickel, copper, chromium, magnesium and manganese; range of organic compounds used for cleaning including BTEX, solvents

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Asbestos products manufacture or disposal including sites with buildings containing asbestos products known to be in a deteriorated condition	Asbestos
Asphalt or bitumen manufacture or bulk storage (excluding single-use sites used by a mobile asphalt plant)	Petroleum hydrocarbons and PAHs
Cement or lime manufacture using a kiln including the storage of wastes from the manufacturing process	Lime, calcium hydroxide, alkalis; boron and arsenic in fly ash
Commercial concrete manufacture or commercial cement storage	Cement, calcium hydroxide, alkalis, and ammonia
Coal or coke yards	Hydrocarbons (particularly PAHs), boron, and arsenic
Hydrocarbon exploration or production including well sites or flare pits	Hydrocarbons including PAHs, metals (barium, cadmium, zinc, mercury, lead), and vanadium
Mining industries (excluding gravel extraction) including exposure of faces or release of groundwater containing hazardous contaminants, or the storage of hazardous wastes including waste dumps or dam tailings	Arsenic, mercury, cyanides, sulphides, and metals and hydrocarbons associated with fuel storage
Airports including fuel storage, workshops, washdown areas, or fire practice areas	Petroleum hydrocarbons including lube oils; metals and PAHs in fire practice areas, potential for dioxins in fire practice areas
Brake lining manufacturers, repairers or recyclers	Asbestos and copper
Engine reconditioning workshops	Hydrocarbons including solvents, and metals contained in waste oil
Motor vehicle workshops	Hydrocarbons including PAHs, solvents, and metals contained in waste oil
Port activities including dry docks or marine vessel maintenance facilities	Metals, paint residues (tin, and lead), tributyltin (TBT), and hydrocarbons associated with fuel storage
Railway yards including goods-handling yards, workshops, refuelling facilities or maintenance areas	Hydrocarbons including PAHs, solvents, creosote/phenols, and metals
Service stations including retail or commercial refuelling facilities	Petroleum hydrocarbons (BTEX, PAHs) and lead
Transport depots or yards including areas used for refuelling or the bulk storage of hazardous substances	Wide variety of chemicals, dependent on products being transported
Cemeteries	Nitrates, lead, mercury, formaldehyde, and biological hazards
Drum or tank reconditioning or recycling	Wide range of chemicals from drums; hydrocarbons used to wash drums
Landfill sites	Dependent on original waste composition, wide range of hydrocarbons and metals, organic acids, landfill gas, and ammonia
Scrap yards including automotive dismantling, wrecking or scrap metal yards	Metals, petroleum hydrocarbons (particularly lube oils), solvents used for cleaning, and PCBs
Waste disposal to land (excluding where biosolids have been used as soil conditioners)	Depends on type of waste – biological hazards (bacteria, viruses), metals, PAHs, semi- volatile organic compounds, and solvents
Waste recycling or waste or wastewater treatment	Depends on type of waste – biological hazards (bacteria, viruses), metals, PAHs, semi- volatile organic compounds, and solvents.
Any land that has been subject to the migration of hazardous substances from adjacent land in sufficient quantity that it could be a risk to human health or the environment	Dependent on contaminants associated with adjacent property
Any other land that has been subject to the intentional or accidental release of a hazardous substance in sufficient quantity that it could be a risk to human health or the environment	Dependent on contaminants associated with spill

The New Zealand Institute of Chemistry (NZIC) has published a series of articles on many industries in New Zealand at http://www.nzic.org.nz/ChemProcesses/chem_processes.html. These articles provide a good chemical background for many of the industries listed on the HAIL.