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## Dangerous Goods Compliance Limited

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Welcome to this quarters Newsletter which sees most of us well and truly into the New Year. In this newsletter we'll touch on a number of topics which are current that may affect us all going forward.

For DGC we're envisioning a big year as we expand nationally. We're regularly in the main centres every quarter and are looking to establish a 24/7 presence in Wellington and Christchurch by the end of the year. Our website will also be updated which will also see easier access to our products and training.

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## Did you know...

### Package Testing

In addition to location, stationary and approved handlers certification from the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA), Graham Farquhar has recently gained certification for Package Testing. This isn't an easy qualification to gain; however, with Graham's 30 years' experience within the dangerous goods industry ranging from

logistics to compliance, this additional government recognition now enables DGC the opportunity to further support our clients in what can be an expensive and time consuming task. Don't hesitate to give Graham a call if you require information regarding your packages or containers.



### Are you the Person in Charge?

As mentioned in the segment on training there's now much interest from Directors and Senior Managers within both large and small businesses regarding their responsibility for maintaining Health & Safety in relation to Hazardous Substances. Our HSNO Person In Charge course covers much of the responsibilities required under the HSNO Act. Since the inception of WorkSafe NZ, which will be now "walking the talk" it's now more than

ever for business owners or managers to know exactly what their responsibilities are, or what the consequences will be should there be an incident.

If you are interested in knowing more please give DGC a call where we can educate you in what is the biggest changing workplace culture shift New Zealand has seen in the last 20 years.



### Commercial Insurance

Have you had a visit from your insurance provider recently?

The insurance industry is now very aware of hazardous substances and is showing a lot more interest in how you store and use flammable substances.

Their risk assessment process for the renewal of your insurance may now include your hazardous substances.

It's no coincidence the latest NZI Business Insurance TV advert, which features the "Devil's Chair" responsible for fires and explosions starts off at Trev's Auto Repairs and ends with a shot of a Petrol Station exploding. Our source's within the industry advise that this is a deliberate focus by the industry to price or mitigate their risk with clients that use flammable substances.

Best practice is to make sure by checking your policy details. If you have any doubts about give us a call.



## Training - Workplace Assessors

DGC now have three qualified Assessors for HSNO training. With the onset of WorkSafe NZ it's now important to ensure your place is well represented with staff that know and comply with the latest focus on Health & Safety. Demand has increased and if you're the only qualified Approved Handler on site, who may not always be present or available, then we would strongly recommend another Approved Handler for your workplace.

As a consequence we now facilitate training sessions for:-

- ◆ HSNO Approved Handler Certificate
- ◆ Person in Charge
- ◆ Dangerous Goods Transport Awareness
- ◆ Workplace Health and Safety

If you are interested please refer our website or contact us on [courses@dgcompliance.co.nz](mailto:courses@dgcompliance.co.nz)



## Hazardous Area Atmosphere Zones

Hazardous Area drawings and the quality and integrity of these drawings have once again become an issue. Although these plans have always been available for large scale installations, for the most part smaller owner/operators have historically been asked to provide these with mixed success.

These zones need to be identified in a Hazardous Area Dossier or Plan in relation to your site or workplace. Similar to what a below ground Petrol Tank installer must do. If this cannot be done then a consultant would need to be commissioned to provide this data.

Currently the regulations require periodic re-verifications of the electrical integrity within Hazardous Areas. This function has historically relied upon a visual inspection of existing equipment. The industry has now refocused on the need for accurately documented

Hazardous Area drawings to confirm these zones.

We also require Hazardous Area Atmosphere Zoning plans including an ECOC from an Electrical Inspector to sign off the integrity of any electrical system within Hazardous Area Atmosphere Zones.

This increased regulatory focus is not only to appease the expectations of the EPA who administer the HSNO Act but also the insurance industry who, are fast coming up to speed as they look to avoid future fires.

If you are unsure about your requirements around a Hazardous Area Atmosphere Zone plan, please do not hesitate to contact us as we can also be commissioned to provide a plan for your business in need.



## Test Certifier Performance

Annually the EPA commissions a third party Auditor to audit the various Test Certifiers responsible for certifying hazardous substances under the HSNO Act 1996. They do this to ensure all licensed certifiers are diligent and consistent with the regulations.

DGC welcomes and applauds this program. This means that you can be confident that the standard of certification and advice you are receiving as per the Auditors assessment is professional and sound.



## WorkSafe New Zealand

WorkSafe NZ now has their website up and running which also shows their new logo. As many of you are aware WorkSafe NZ has been set up as a result of Pike River and is modelled similar to the Australian structure also named WorkSafe.

tolerate obvious and blatant regulation breaches as evidenced from their website comments below.

“Our primary role is to enforce health and safety legislation... we have an audit and enforcement role, focusing on the systems behind workplace practices, and will take immediate and decisive action where we see inadequate controls in place.”

WorkSafe NZ is not only just an enforcement agency but will also look to educate and work with all industries as they do their rounds. Some of our clients have already had visits as Enforcement teams start their 2014 rounds, which we've been advised will increase from 4,000 to 20,000 visits for this year! From recent conversations with them, they won't

We encourage you to check out the WorkSafe NZ website, and if you have any concerns or question, especially if you've received a visit, please don't hesitate to give us a call.



<http://www.business.govt.nz/worksafe>

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