



EPA Compliance Update

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Who are we?

Environment Protection Authority Victoria (EPA) is Victoria's environmental regulator.

What do we do?

We work with community, industry and business to prevent and reduce the harmful effects of pollution and waste on Victoria's environment and people.

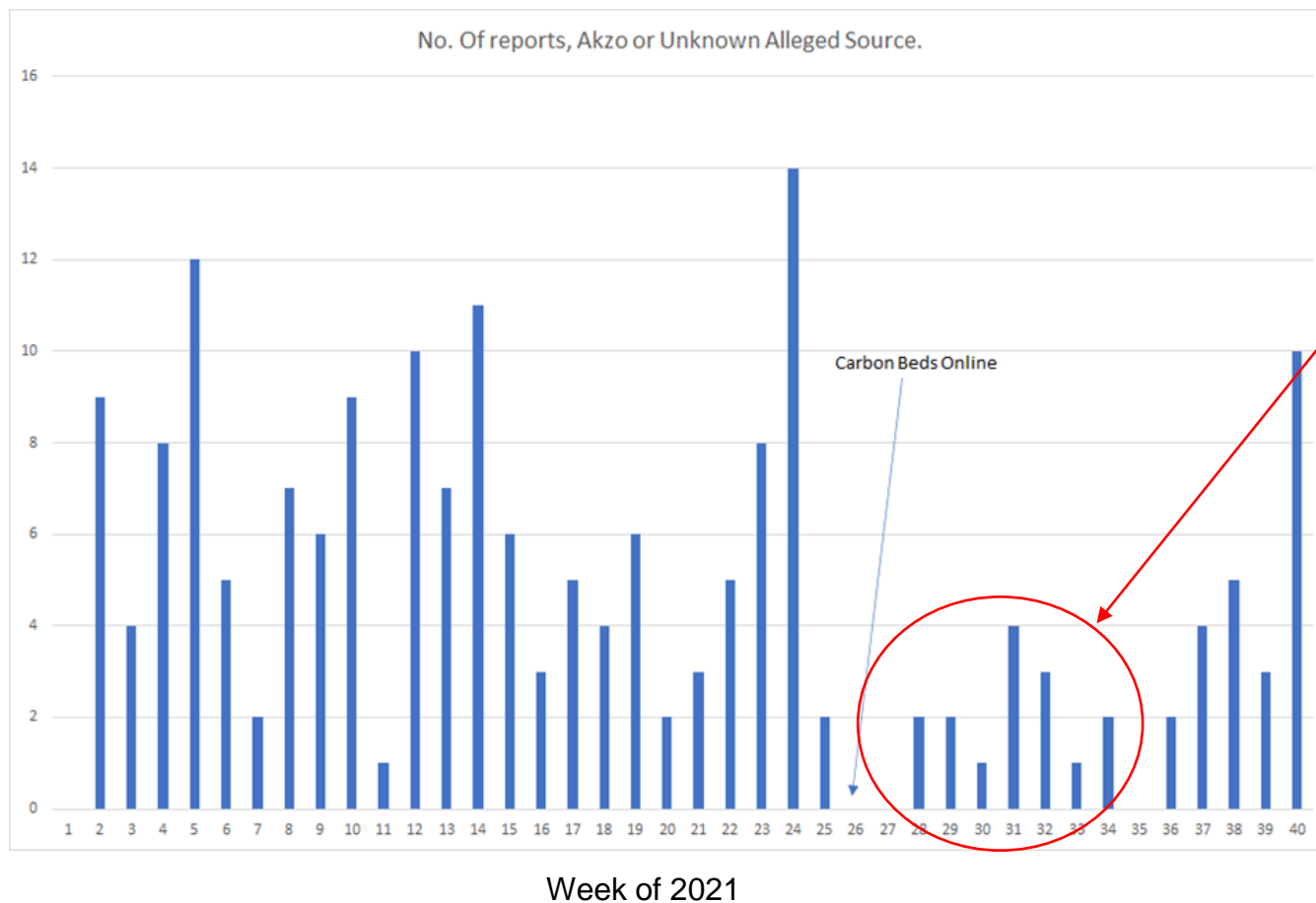
Why do we do this?

Everyone has a role in preventing harm to Victoria's environment. Small acts that harm our environment add up and can have a big impact. Like you, we want Victoria's environment to be a liveable, healthy place.

How are you impacted?

From 1 July 2021, new laws will require everyone to take reasonable steps to identify and manage their risks to the environment. Contact EPA to help you understand your obligations under the law and receive guidance on how to meet your environmental duties.

Offensive Odour Pollution Reports



Focus on reducing the cause of these pollution reports post RTO installation.

Resin Plant likely to be the dominant odour source in the region.

- Authorised Officer odour surveillance
- Pollution reports
- Stack testing



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Resin Plant

- Clean Up Notice to be amended for installation of RTO (due 30 November).
- Focus now on ensuring plant and equipment is effective and all *reasonably practicable* measures are taken to further reduce risk of odour.
- Two Improvement Notices to be served this week to further improve odour management
 - Seal gaps in resin plant building
 - Develop and implement a maintenance schedule



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Paint Plant

- Unlikely to be the dominant source of odour in the area.
- Improvement Notice has been served to assess risk of odour. Due date 31 January 2022.
- Improvement Notice also served to develop a process for investigating odour reports from the community. Due date 24 November 2021.
- VOC monitoring results still below prescribed levels – unlikely to be any long-term health impacts.



Compliance Update - Noise

- EPA have issued an Infringement Notice for non-compliance with our Pollution Abatement Notice served under the old EP Act 1970.
- Our new EP Act allows us to be more targeted with noise requirements:
 - Target a range of specific plant and equipment at the premises;
 - Target aggravating noise (i.e. forklift noise), and;
 - Compel Akzo Nobel to ensure the noise is reduced below prescribed levels.
- Notices likely to be served in the coming weeks for a range of works to be undertaken.



Compliance Timeline

- 24 November 2021 – Implement a process for responding to community reports of odour.
- 30 November 2021 – Odour control installation.
- 6 December 2021 (est) – Develop and implement a maintenance schedule for odour controls.
- 7 December 2021 – Engage a NATA accredited consultant to test odour control
- 4 January 2022 – Supply to EPA sample results from accredited consultant for odour control.
- 10 January 2022 (est) – Seal gaps in the resin production building.
- 11 January 2022 – Supply to EPA final compliance report for odour control.
- 31 January 2022 – Supply to EPA assessment of paint building.

- New noise notices will be similarly staggered to ensure constant improvement.

Enforcement Update

- EPA have issued an Infringement Notice for non-compliance with our noise-related Pollution Abatement Notice served under the old EP Act 1970.
- Broader sanctioning powers under new EP Act, including the use of state of knowledge.
- Currently working with community to assist with further potential sanctioning.

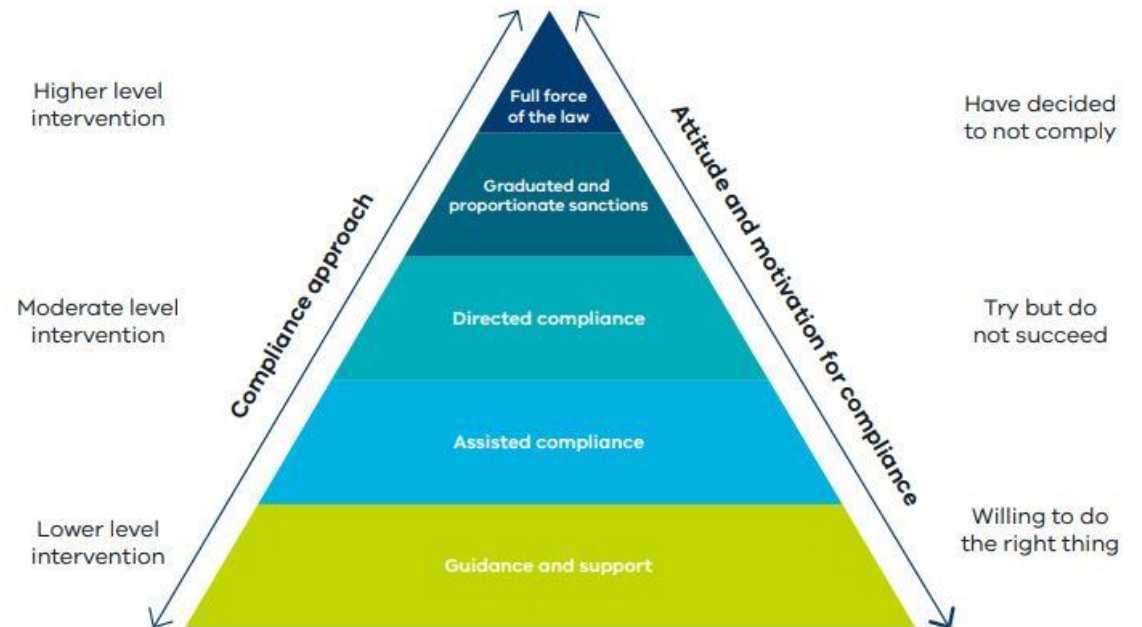


Figure 3 Escalated and responsive approach to enforcement



How to stay updated

- Akzo Nobel has committed to keeping the community updated. This is also formalised in remedial notices.
- EPA will be providing regular updates via social media, email, website, and community information sessions
- We've set up a webpage addressing the issue, see here:
- <https://www.epa.vic.gov.au/for-community/current-projects-issues/active-environmental-issues/western-metro/odour-issues-in-sunshine-north>
- (or www.epa.vic.gov.au and search for 'Akzo Nobel' in the top right corner of the page)
- Report pollution to our hotline 1300 372 842 (1300 EPA VIC) or email us at contact@epa.vic.gov.au
- Thank you again – your pollution reports allow us to respond to you faster

Any Questions?





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