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| AFFCO IMLAY  **COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP MEETING – MARCH 2025** |
| Date of Meeting: 26.03.25**Present: Walid Mahmoud - Imlay Plant Manager (WM); Ricky Gowan - Imlay Compliance Manager (RG);** **Dean Tucker (DM) – Operations Manager; Stephen Bryson (SB); Lonia Sarniak (LS) ; Hamish Lowe (HL).****Apologies :- Barbara Allan; Graham Pearson.** |
| **ACTIONS AGREED:** |
| **Subject** | **Action** |
| Topics of Discussion and Agreed Actions | **Meeting Agenda:-** * Review 2024 CLG Meeting Minutes;
* Current Odour Complaint Trends;
* Odour Complaint Register 2024 / 2025 period.
* Air Odour Discharge Consent Renewal.
* Improvement Opportunities.
* Air Discharge Consents Overview.

Minutes:-RG:- Tabled meeting agenda. Covered outstanding issues from the 2024 CLG Meeting. Discussed current odour complaint trends. Consent Renewal:- Covered the community engagement letter and community responses (8 responses from over 400 community engagement letters issued).SB:- Wanted to know what an ‘objectionable odour’ meant and why have a resource consent if objectionable odours were occurring beyond the boundary fence (this in regards to a substantiated odour complaint 27.02.25). Other topics concerns / issues raised by SB & LS included:-* How can an objectionable odour have ratings (in ref to the FIDOL Assessment Form).
* AFFCO consistently produced odours and have done for years.
* No one else complains due to complacency and apathy.
* What other types of odours does Imlay produce within its processes.
* Untrained Armourguard rep performed a FIDOL assessment for odour complaint raised 21.02.25.
* Horizons actions in relation to odour issues.
* Who should be contacted if an odour is not an Imlay odour.
* Stated that if Imlay did a door knock engagement for the new consent that it would be a more accurate measure of community feedback.

HL:- explained the FIDOL process in regard to odour assessments and that not all odours were offensive – plus the difference between chronic and acute odour; odour producing elements of the rendering plant and equipment were explained; was noted that Porthill (Air Quality consultants) findings identified future improvement; covered the resource consent renewal process and details around gas fired boiler emissions and the proposed wood pellet burner – this included SB having an opportunity to have his say and suggest any concerns he has. RG:- Noted that since the last consent there have been a significant investment in plant modifications – which were a requirement of the current consent. As technology has improved additional changes have been made and Porthills have identified further improvements which will be acted on in coming months; Stated that Horizons had activated Condition 10 in relation to the SB’s substantiated odour complaint on 27.02.25 and corrective actions have been made to incoming raw materials; once the application has been lodged SB will have the opportunity to raise his concerns during the consent process; where there were other odours which may not be AFFCO it was suggested SB contact the Pollution Hotline.DT:- stated that AFFCO is the first meat exporting company in NZ to remove coal from their sites as part of their commitment to improve air quality and address new greenhouse gas requirements. Meeting closed 18:20. Thanks to all those who attended. |