

Reference Number: 2022/885

12 September 2022

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Dear [Redacted]

Response - Official Information Request

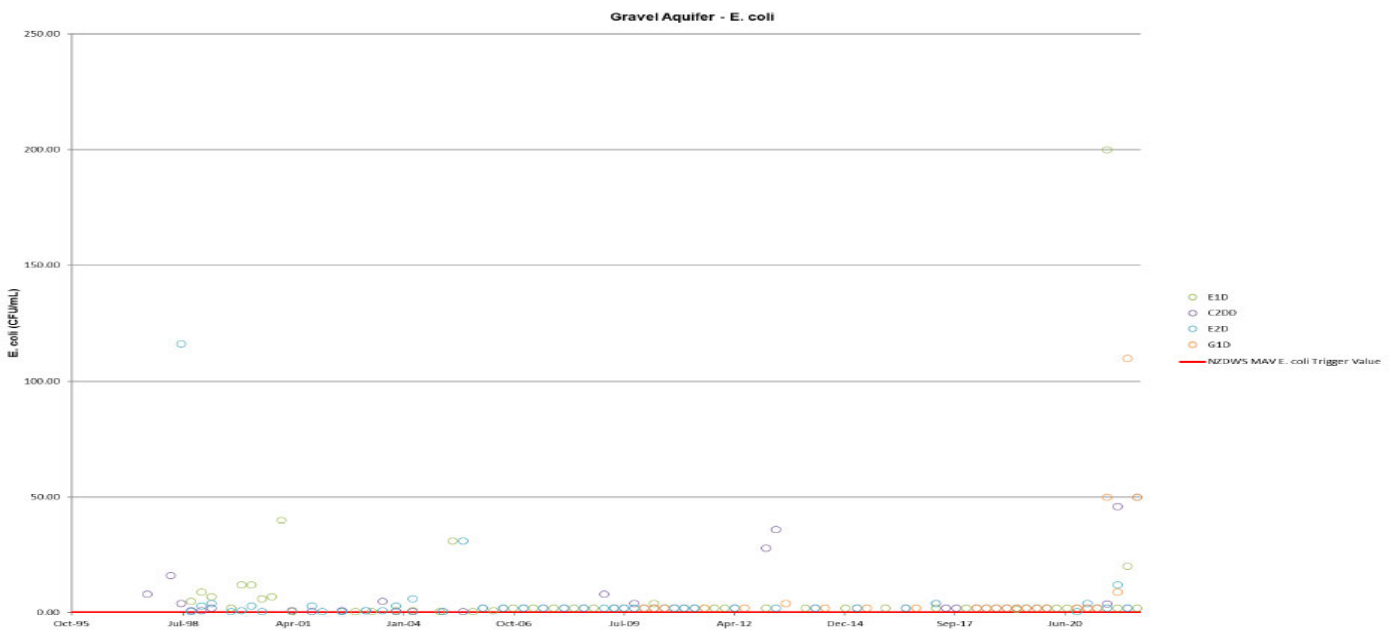
I refer to your request for information received on 15 August 2022. Your request has been considered under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) and I provide the following information.

Did Council know of the continued E.Coli contamination?

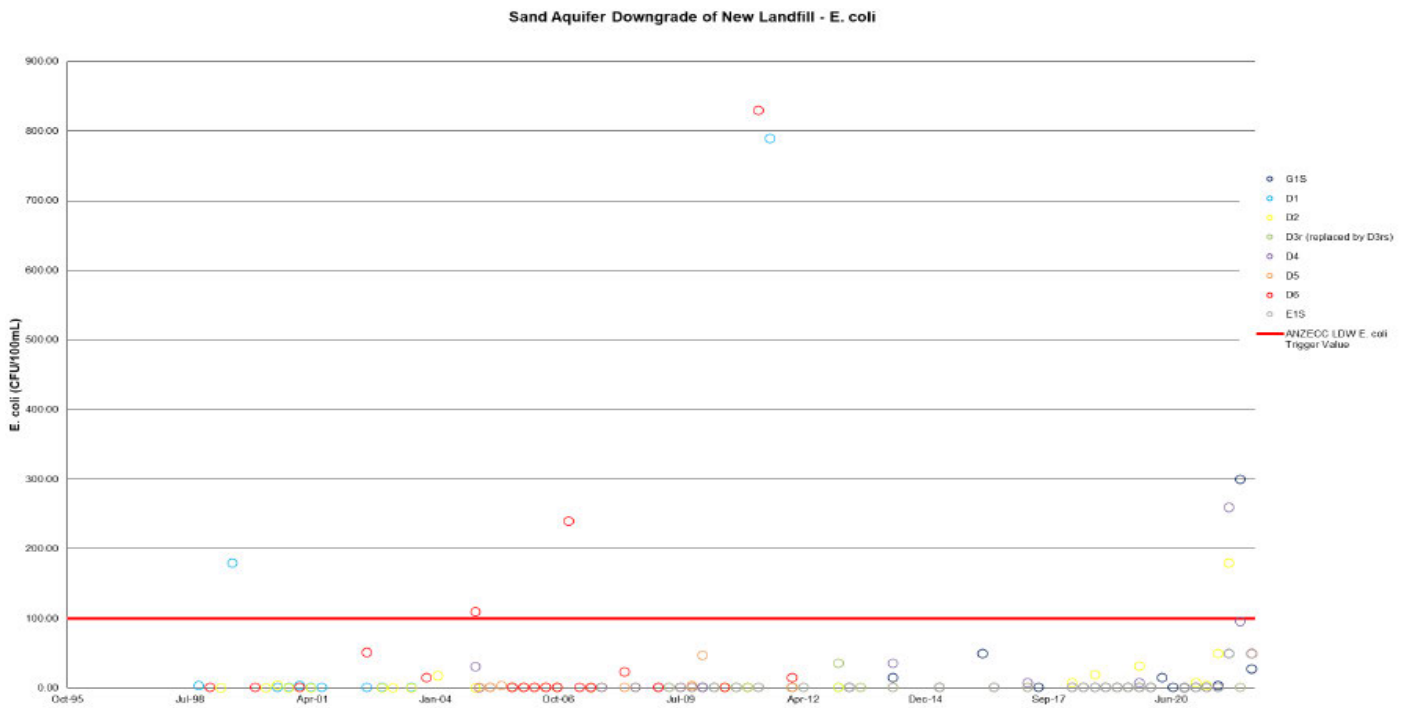
Horowhenua District Council have been monitoring listed site locations as outlined in the resource consent conditions.

There are different levels of trigger values for E-coli as outlined in resource consent conditions. These are;

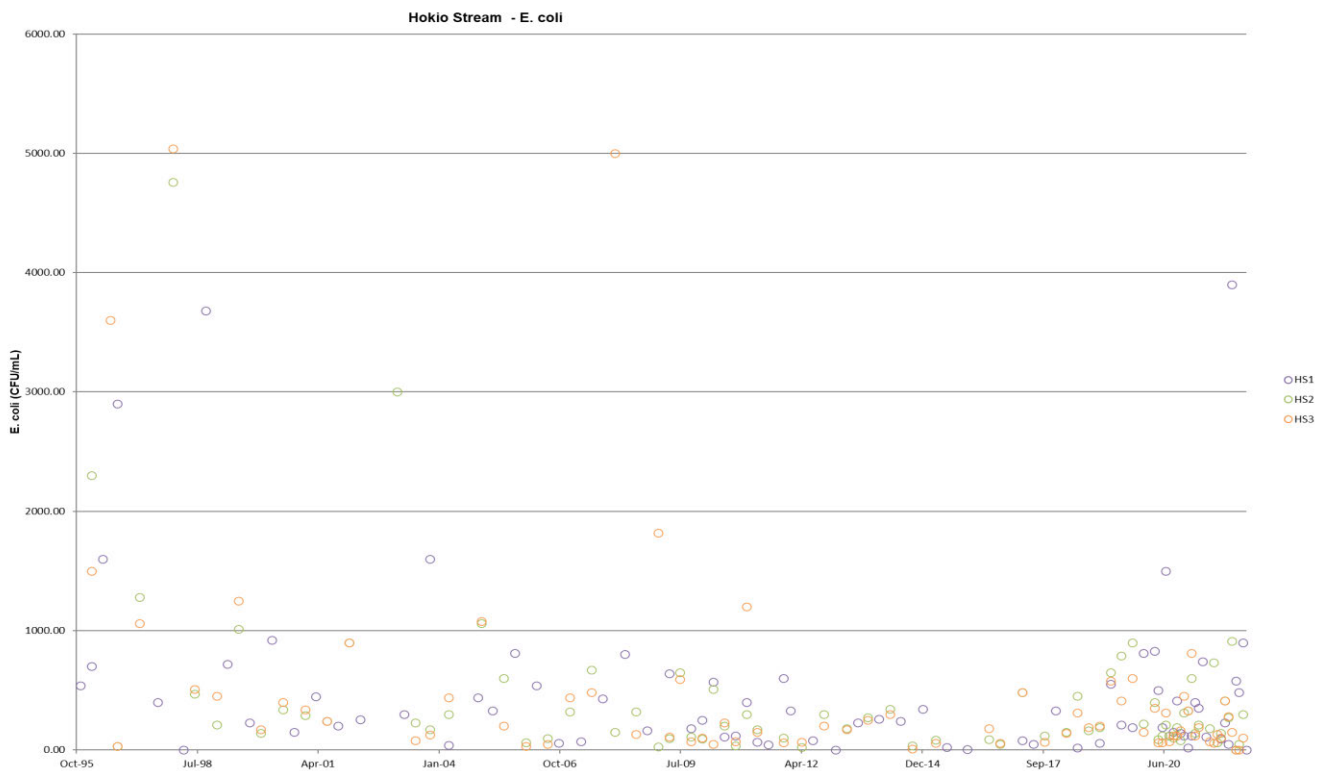
- New Zealand Drinking Water Standard, Maximum Allowable Value (NZDWS MAV) and trigger value for E-coli is zero. This is for deep bores. Please see below graph showing data since monitoring has started.



- ANZECC LDW trigger value for E. coli is 100 CFU/100mL. This is for shallow bores. Please note that during wet seasons the ground water level can be the same as the surface water level therefore E-coli level is likely to be higher. Please see below graph showing data since monitoring has started.



There are no relevant E.coli standard falls under the Hokio Stream sampling.



Who is responsible to make this information available to relevant authorities?

Horowhenua District Council is responsible for communicating any abnormal results to the relevant authorities. The unusual E.coli result from January 2022 was communicated to Horizons Regional Council.

Were authorities informed in a timely manner?

Horizons Regional Council was informed as soon as we were made aware of the abnormal E-coli test results.

Did authorities take action?

The recommendation from the Horizons Regional Council was to repeat another round of samples as soon as possible which Horowhenua District Council actioned it in a timely manner. The retested sample results confirmed that it was possibly a cross-contamination during the process of taking samples.

What remedies are available?

The result of the second round of samples were satisfactory therefore there was no need for a subsequent follow up.

You are entitled to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or free phone 0800 802 602.

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Yours sincerely



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