

SEPA Environmental Event Report

Elms Event Number ENV/0888827 **Notification Number** 1
Event Description Odour and bird complaint - TWMA Vatster

Reported By

Surname		Origin	Public Complainant
Forename		Affected Medium	Air
Organisation Name		Investigating Team	Northern Isles
Address 1		Investigating Officer	Louise Giblin
Address 2			
Address 3			
Town			
Post Code			
Tel No			
Fax No			
Email Address			

Receiving Officer Ewen Leask
Time Received 09:30:00
Date Received 02-NOV-17

Time Responded 10:00:00
Date Responded 02-NOV-17
Within 24? Yes

Location Total Waste Management, Vatster, Gott - TTS

Located Notifiers Address? No

Date Event Occurred 02-NOV-17

Site Name **RSA Site?** No

Catchment

Mental H&S Assessment Low

Assessment Description

Impact Category 3 - Minor

Type Other

Cause Other

Sector Other

Source Other

Sepa Activity PPC

Potential Hazard

Farm Name

Complainants Notified? Yes **Details**

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Action 10:00 Ewen Leask (EL) inspected site, odour identified outwith site boundary.

Description Spoke with TWMA's Anne Marie
AM stated TWMA were processing a higher than expected volume of fish, this was due to unidentified issues at Cook Aquaculture site - Stead of Aithsness.

AM stated the issue was compounded with Northlink Ferries cancelling a sailing days prior. AM further stated Northlink Ferries had reduced the volume of their trailers by 10%. All these issues were causing a higher than usual quantity of fish stored on site, estimated to be 500 - 600 tonnes.

Site foreman made SEPA aware of their (up-to-date) odour assessment for the site
Site foreman also stated they would look into using a net to cover fish waste on site, to lessen/prevent it being an accessible food source for birds.

TWMA notified SEPA 08/11/2017 and noted that there was significantly less fish now being processed on site allowing for faster processing of the waste, this less odour. The reduced odour has also reduced the amount of birds present.

SEPA inspected the site 07/11/2017 and noted the reduction in birds on site.