

Safety Alert



During a recent incident in Southland raw sewage from a town effluent pond was used for fire fighting.

As a result, 3 water tankers, 2 urban fire appliances, 2 rural fire appliances and numerous NZ Fire Service and Southern Rural Fire personnel were contaminated with large quantities of raw sewage.

There are potential health issues to personnel that came into contact with the sewage and processes have been put in place to manage this.

No personnel are to take or utilise any water from any type of effluent pond.

This includes all personnel operating Southern Rural Fire Authority equipment and NZ Fire Service personnel working on behalf of Southern Rural Fire Authority at incidents outside urban fire districts regardless of the type of incident being attended.

