

# Module 1

## Workshop overview and objectives

### What

- workshop overview
- establishing your level of knowledge about the HSNO Act and the RMA
- focus of workshop
- areas you particularly want to focus on
- your objectives for the training workshop

### Why

- to ensure that this training workshop meets your professional needs

### How

- group discussion and report in



**In a crisis, you don't rise to the occasion. You sink to the level of your training.**

John Rennie, Editor, Scientific American. September 2000.

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### 1.1 COURSE OVERVIEW

#### Purpose of training workshop

“To enable a broad understanding of the of the roles and responsibilities of district and regional councils for preventing and mitigating the adverse effects associated with use, storage, transportation and disposal of hazardous substances under the Resource Management Act 1991, in light of the recent introduction of the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996“.

The workshop will achieve this by focusing on the hazardous substance related provisions of the two laws, and how these specifically relate to regional and district councils. Emphasis will be placed on the actions required by district and regional councils to comply with the requirements for hazardous substances of both pieces of legislation.



#### Explanation

The following terms and abbreviations are used in this manual:

- RMA: The Resource Management Act 1991
- HSNO Act: The Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996
- Local authority: a district or a regional council
- Territorial authority or TA: a district council



#### Notes

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**Workshop focus**

The workshop deals with the requirements for hazardous substances under the HSNO Act and the RMA, and how the controls on hazardous substances under these pieces of law work together. Further, it gives a brief overview of related legislation and international agreements.

The workshop also focuses on how the new legislative framework for hazardous substances affects the roles and responsibilities of local authorities, and the actions required for planning documentation, resource consents, compliance and enforcement, and dealing with emergencies.

The workshop specifically does not deal with new organisms, which is another important area of control the HSNO Act deals with.

**Workshop content**

For an overview of the course content, refer to the front of this manual.

**Workshop format**

This workshop will be carried out in an interactive manner, with plenty of group exercises and discussions.

We encourage workshop participants to:

- **ask lots of questions (there are only important ones)**
- **participate actively in group exercises**
- **take on leadership**
- **comment as you go along**



**Notes**

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## 1.2 HOW TO USE THIS MANUAL



The workshop manual employs several symbols to help you identify different parts. These are shown in greater detail below.

These lines are periodically inserted into the manual to allow you to make notes.

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This symbol prompts the workshop participant to identify a key area where the information presented in this manual could be applied in the work context. This will be different for each participant.



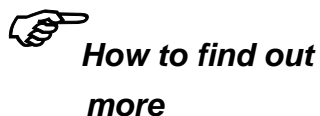
This symbol highlights an exercise that needs to be done and associated instructions.



This symbol highlights a group discussion that workshop participants are asked to undertake.



This symbol highlights a key or an explanation to terms or concepts used in this manual



This symbol points you to more relevant references, websites, people to contact, etc.