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Inspectors clamping down on hazardous waste



Inspectors from the Department of Environmental Affairs are increasingly making unannounced visits to wood treatment plants to check whether their hazardous waste is being disposed of properly.

Dolphin Bay has been contacted by a rising number of wood treaters saying that they urgently need to get rid of their contaminated waste as the inspectors are currently investigating, says Bertus. The failure to dispose of contaminated waste correctly can result in heavy penalties.

Environmental consultant Ross Holland, of Holland and Associates, confirms that there has been a significant increase, since the end of last year, in the drive to enforce compliance regarding hazardous waste disposal. His company and others are currently helping many clients who are in trouble on this score, he says.

"The message is clear: It is certainly a significant business risk to operate without the required permits," he says.

"The proper disposal of hazardous waste cannot be done quickly," says Bertus. "The first step is that each wood treater needs to get registered as a generator of waste, and this takes some time. The entire process is complex and can take months. We would like to advise all members of our industry to make contact with Dolphin Bay, so we can assist you in setting the process in motion as a matter of urgency."

When a service provider promises to remove your waste, make sure that they are both able and committed to doing so, advises Bertus. Dolphin Bay is one of only a few companies in the country that is registered to ensure the proper disposal of your hazardous waste and provide you with the proper documentation as proof.

"We have had reports that such promises are not being fulfilled by certain service providers," says Bertus.

"Dolphin Bay can get your company registered and navigate the entire process for you, ensuring that your waste is safely disposed of at a Class 1 hazardous landfill site. When this is done, we ensure you are issued with a certificate from the waste site, saying your waste has been safely disposed of and neutralised.

"This certificate is what the inspectors are looking for."

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