



Trial Remediation on Former Gasworks Site

Work is under way on the trial remediation of hydrocarbon contaminated soil from the former gasworks site off Clyde Street in Hamilton North.

Newcastle-based companies Innova Soil Technology and Daracon Engineering have excavated 300 cubic metres of soil from the gasworks site and transported it to the Innova facility on the BHP Closure Area in Newcastle.

There the soil will be cleaned using a Direct-heated Fast-quenched Thermal Desorption (DFTD) process developed by Innova.

The DFTD process allows for safe, reliable and efficient treatment of hydrocarbon contaminated soils with increased energy efficiency, reduced operating costs and superior control of emissions.

The soil will be treated next week (beginning Monday 7 February) before being returned to the Clyde Street site as clean fill for re-use.

Innova's Managing Director, Dr John Lucas, said the trial is another opportunity to prove the Innova Thermal Desorption process is an effective and suitable method of cleaning the contaminated soil.

"A major aim of this trial is to investigate all aspects of remediation on a small-scale, including site excavation, odour management, materials handling, as well as treatment. The experience will be of great benefit in understanding the requirements should a full-scale remediation go ahead."

The trial will be completed by the end of February.

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