

ANZ Wildfire Chemicals List

Progress Report No: 2



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What has been delivered since last report:

A current qualified products list for approved fire chemicals available in Australia and New Zealand has been drafted.

A project team has been formed including members from FEDOG.

What is being planned for next period:

A detailed project plan will be prepared and approved. This will include the next set of decision points. A rethink of current AFAC position is foreshadowed.

The QPL will be circulated and posted on the Knowledge Web.

Issues:

Australian Companies are still reporting difficulties working with the USDA on approvals. Useful chemicals and innovations are not available for consideration for use by ANZ agencies.

Draft Australian standards based on the US standards have been prepared for fire retardants, foams and water enhancers. Decisions are now required as to the approval and scope of these standards and an appropriate testing regime.

The responsibility for testing should remain with the chemical supplier. The responsibility for standards and procedures could be picked up by AFAC under an agreed and risk tested framework. In Australia and New Zealand there are testing facilities that will test to any approved standard for a fee. Accreditation of testing facilities is done by others.

Consultation:

FEDOG has been updated on the issues.

Financials (in kind provisions only)

Phase	Planned Expenditure:	Estimated To Date:	Estimate At Completion:
1	\$50,000	\$10,000	\$50,000
2	\$2,000	\$	\$2,000
Total	\$52,000	\$0	\$52,000

Schedule						
Phase	Milestones	Status	Base Start	Actual Start	Base Finish	Actual Finish
1	1. Detailed Project Plan	Behind	Mar 10		Apr 11	
1	2. Establish Working Group	Completed	Mar 10	Mar 10	May 10	May 10
1	3. Provisional ANZ QPL	Behind	Mar 10	Mar 10	Apr 11	
1	4. Draft ANZ version of US Guidelines	Behind	Apr 10	Apr 10	May 11	
1	5. Establish Collaborative Purchase Arrangements	Behind	May 10	May 10	June 11	
1	6. Draft new guidelines	Behind	June 10		July 11	
1	7. Investigate Test Facilities	Behind	Aug 10		Sep 11	
1	8. Review Environmental Standards	Scheduled	Sep 10		Oct 11	
1	9. Consultation	Scheduled	Nov 10		Dec 11	
1	10. Prepare Options Paper	Scheduled	Mar 11		Apr 11	
1	11. Draft Guidelines	Scheduled	Nov 10		May 11	
1	12. Final Guidelines	Scheduled	May 11		Nov 12	
2	13. Publish and Promote	Scheduled	May 11		July 11	

Variations to the project:

Timelines are being extended.

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