

Lower Foyle Catchment Stakeholders Meeting

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Outline of Talk

- Changes in Field Staff Working Area
- Pollution Incidents Investigated in 2007
- Water Quality Monitoring in 2008
- Proactive Work

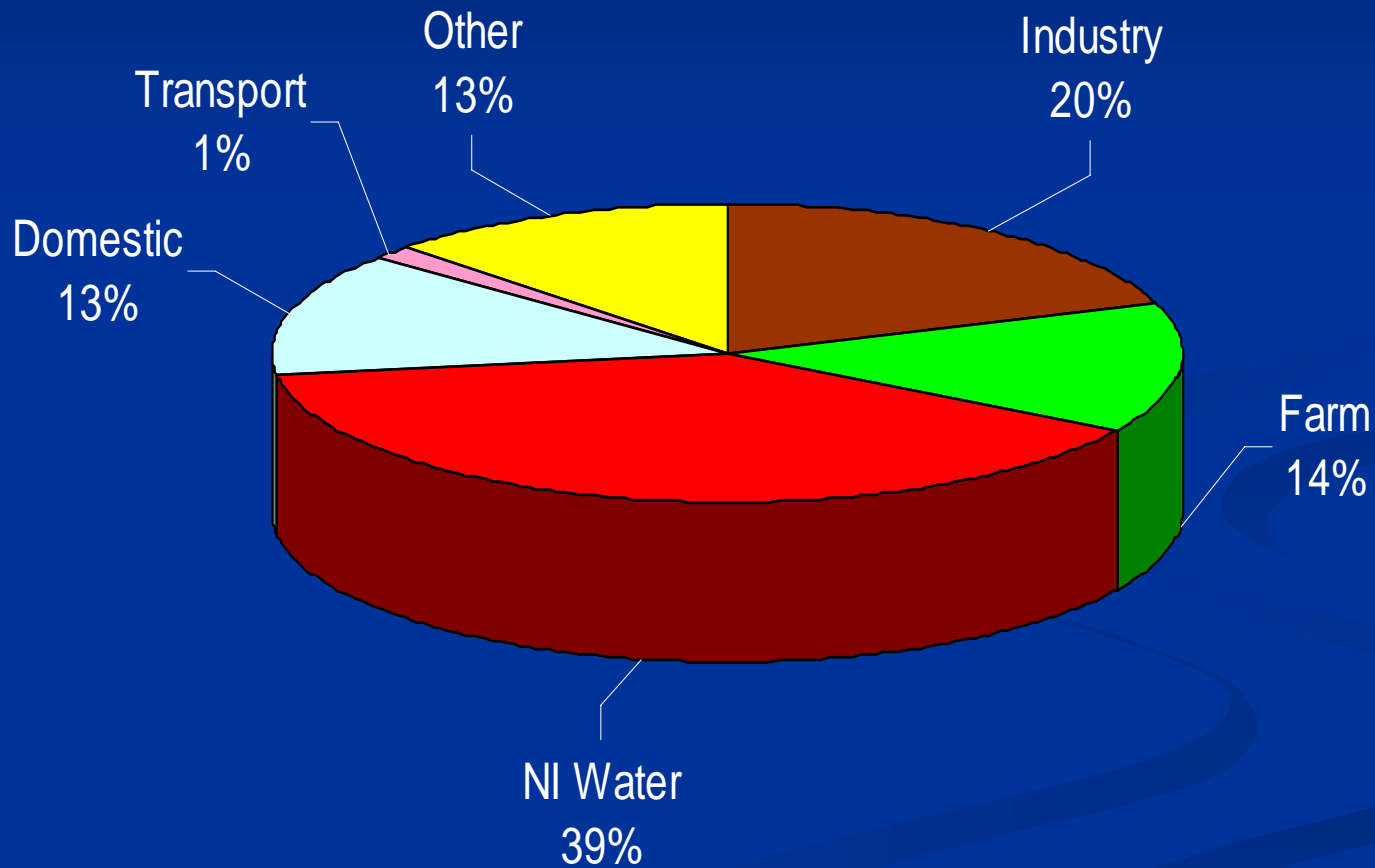
Changes in our Working Area

- Burn Dennet River
- Glenmornan River
- Castlerock Area (to the Bann Mouth)

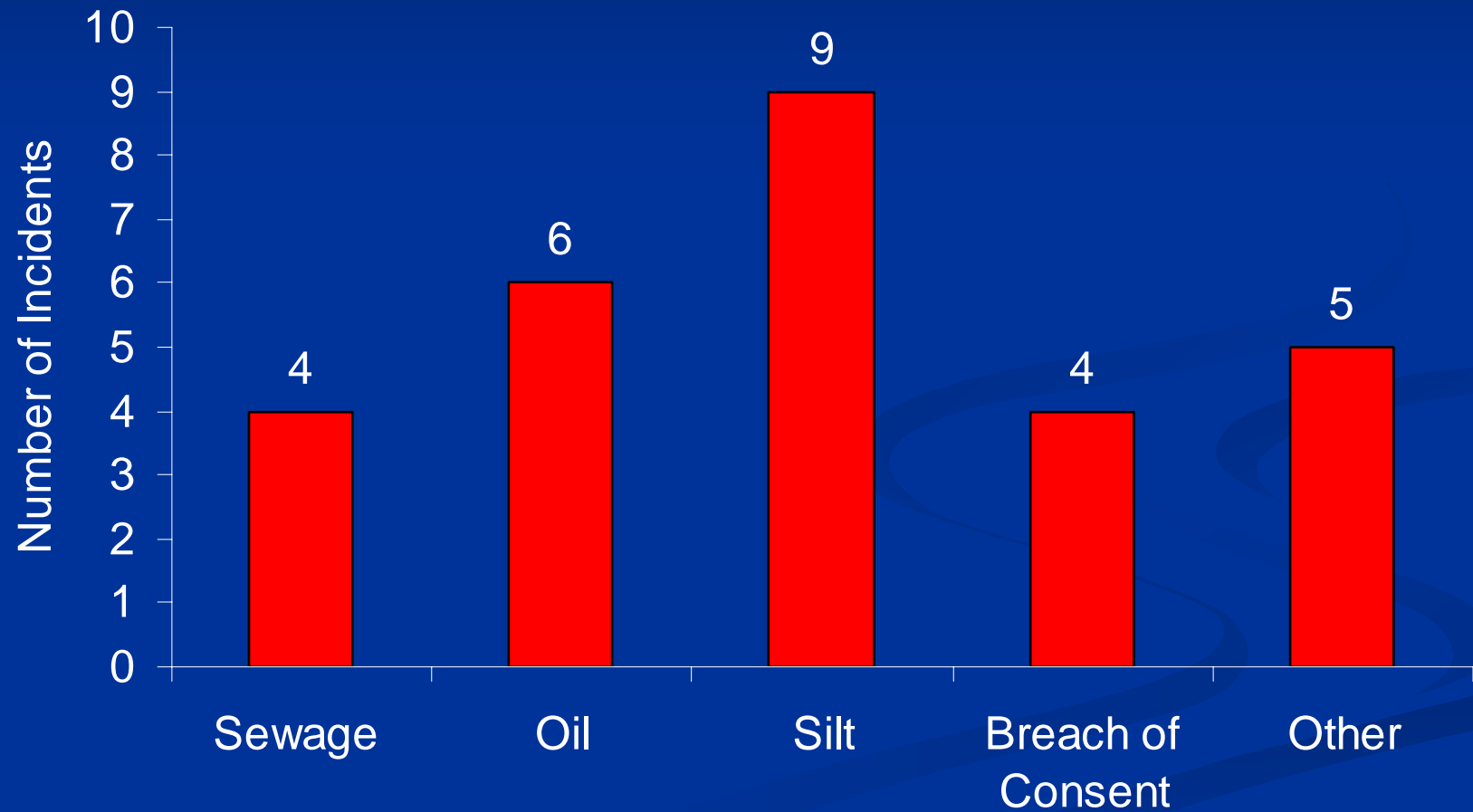
Pollution Incidents Investigated in 2007

- 201 Investigated
- 143 confirmed as pollution
 - 6 Medium Severity
 - 137 Low Severity

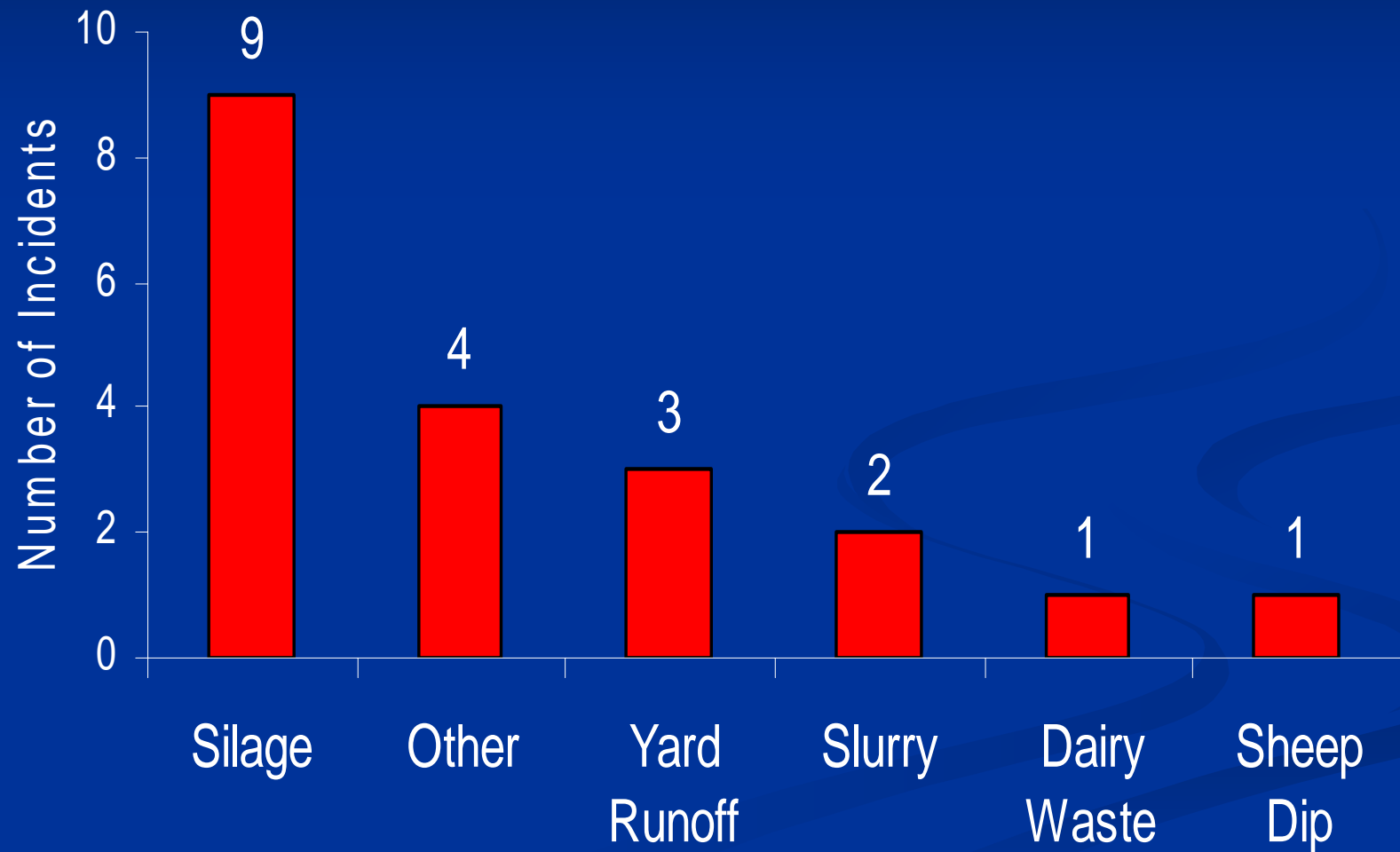
Sources of Pollution in 2007



Industrial Pollution by Category



Agricultural Pollution by Category



Prosecutions

- Industry – 2 x £5000 fines
 - 1 x £1000 fine
- Agriculture – 1 x £1000 fine
- 5 cases currently going through the courts
- 1 file being prepared with a view to prosecution

Water Quality Monitoring 2008

- ❖ River Monitoring Stations Sampled Monthly
 - 19 stations in River Roe Catchment
 - 16 stations in River Faughan Catchment
 - 5 stations on Lough Foyle Minor Tributaries
 - 5 stations in Burn Dennet River Catchment
 - 4 stations in L'derry city
 - 1 station in Glenmornan River Catchment
- ❖ 652 Industrial Consent samples due to be lifted
- ❖ 42 Sets of Samples to be collected from WWTWs

Proactive Work

- Ongoing Inspections of all Quarrys and Sand Pits
- Inspections of 97 WWTWs < 250pe
- Inspections of watercourses at various points where there is a history of pollution
- Catchment Surveys

Water Pollution Hotline

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