

Area Managers Report

Belfast Lough and Lagan CSG

25/5/2010 to 17/11/2011

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Pollution incidents reported 25/11/2010 to 25/5/2011

- ❑ 135 Incident reports
- ❑ 87 Confirmed
- ❑ 48 Unconfirmed
- ❑ 2 High Severity
- ❑ 7 Medium severity
- ❑ 78 Low severity

Source Breakdown

- NIWL – 24 confirmed incidents
- Agriculture – 14 confirmed incidents
- Industry – 12 confirmed incidents
- Domestic – 15 confirmed incidents

NIWL Breakdown

- 12 Blocked sewers
- 2 Waste Water Treatment Works (small works)
- 7 Sewage Pumping Stations
- 3 Combined Sewer Overflows (weather)

Courts

- Craigavon Court 8/8/2011. Central Chemical Supplies Limited fined £2250 for breach of a pollution prevention notice and two counts of pollution of a tributary of the Lagan at Donaghcloney in late 2010.

Courts

- Belfast Court 2/8/2011. NIWL fined £1000 for polluting a tributary of the River Lagan at Shaws Bridge in August 2010. Source of the discharge was Ramada SPS.
- Craigavon Court 15/8/2011. NIWL fined £1000 for two counts polluting the a tributary of the River Lagan in Waringstown in June/July 2010. This was a contested case involving a discharge from Primary Walk SPS.

Notable incidents

- Further problems at Sydenham Sewage Pumping Station in June and August 2011. Refurbishment planned.
- Sewer overflow to Bog Meadows/Ballymurphy stream August 2011
- Significant fish kill in River Lagan downstream of Waringstown in June 2011. Two sources identified.

Other developments

- Work at Dunmurry and Newtownbreda WWTW's well advanced. "New" stages of works now operational.
- Loughview cross connections survey completed.
- Plans now in place for a £1.6 million scheme to resolve the problems in the lower Blackstaff (Ormeau Avenue sewer)

Other Developments contd.

- Three separate discharges detected to River Lagan Tributary behind Lagan Valley Hospital. Two restaurant premises have had drainage re-routed to foul sewer.
- Three properties in Dromore re-routed to sewer by NIWL.
- Improvement works carried out at Edentrillick Quarry following visits by NIEA.
- River walks.

QUESTIONS?

