

# Area Managers Report

Belfast Lough and Lagan CSG

25/11/2010 to 25/5/2011

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

- ❑ 118 Incident reports
- ❑ 63 Confirmed
- ❑ 55 Unconfirmed
- ❑ 7 Medium severity
- ❑ 55 Low severity

# Source Breakdown

- NIWL – 10 confirmed incidents
- Agriculture – 4 confirmed incidents
- Industry – 6 confirmed incidents
- Domestic – 28 confirmed incidents

# NIWL Breakdown

- 7 Blocked sewers
- 1 Fractured pumping main
- 1 Waste Water Treatment Works (blocked inlet)
- 1 Sewage Pumping Station (major failure)
- 1 Incident under investigation

# Domestic Breakdown

- 12 Heating oil leaks
- 8 Cross connections
- 3 Septic tanks
- 2 Sewage treatment plants
- 1 Sewer cross connection
- 1 Private Sewage Pumping Station
- 1 Domestic Chemicals incident

# Courts

- Craigavon Court 11/4/2011. Central Chemical Supplies Limited fined £3500 for breach of a pollution prevention notice and pollution of a tributary of the Lagan at Donaghcloney in 2009 and 2010.
- Craigavon Court 10/1/2011. Farmer fined £2500 for pollution of a tributary of the Lagan near Magheralin in December 2009.

# Courts

- Lisburn Court 24/2/2011. Farmer fined £500 for polluting a tributary of the River Lagan at Edentrillick in January 2010. Fine reflected a heavy single farm payment reduction.
- Ards Court 3/5/2011. Farmer fined £750 for polluting the Carryduff River with silage effluent in August 2010. Fine reflected the fact that this was a first offence.

# Courts

- Lisburn Court 28/4/2011. Farmer fined £400 for polluting a tributary of the River Lagan at Braniel Road, Lisburn in April 2010. Fine reflected clear record and other mitigating circumstances.
- Craigavon Court 14/3/2011. Glanbia Cheese Limited fined £2500 for polluting the River Lagan in May and June 2010. These offences were prosecuted under the IPC regulations.

# Pending Court Action

- Court dates fixed for incidents in Waringstown; Donaghcloney; Castlereagh & Shaws Bridge.

# Notable incidents

- Housing development (24 houses) found to be connected to a tributary of the Woodburn River, Carrickfergus.
- Major failure at Sydenham Sewage Pumping Station in December 2010.
- Sewer overflow to Purdysburn River May 2011
- Significant kill of Eels in Ballyholme River May 2011.

# Other developments

- Work at Dunmurry and Newtownbreda WWTW's progressing well.
- Drumnaferry WWTW replaced
- Hooks Corner/Maze WWTW removed
- “New” CSO located and mapped near Dunmurry

# QUESTIONS?

