

Lower Neagh Bann Catchment Stakeholder Meeting

25 May 2010

Update on our Work
Since October 2009

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Work Statistics

- **492 Domestic Consents Processed**
- **WWTW <250 – 45 samples taken/inspections made**
- **WWTW >250 – 123 samples taken/inspections made**
- **Industrial Samples – 59 sites visited and sampled**
- **River Monitoring - 280 Samples at ~ 30 Sites**
- **Cross Compliance Farm Visits in conjunction with NIEA Agricultural Regulations Teams, support for breach action etc.**

Pollution Incident Statistics

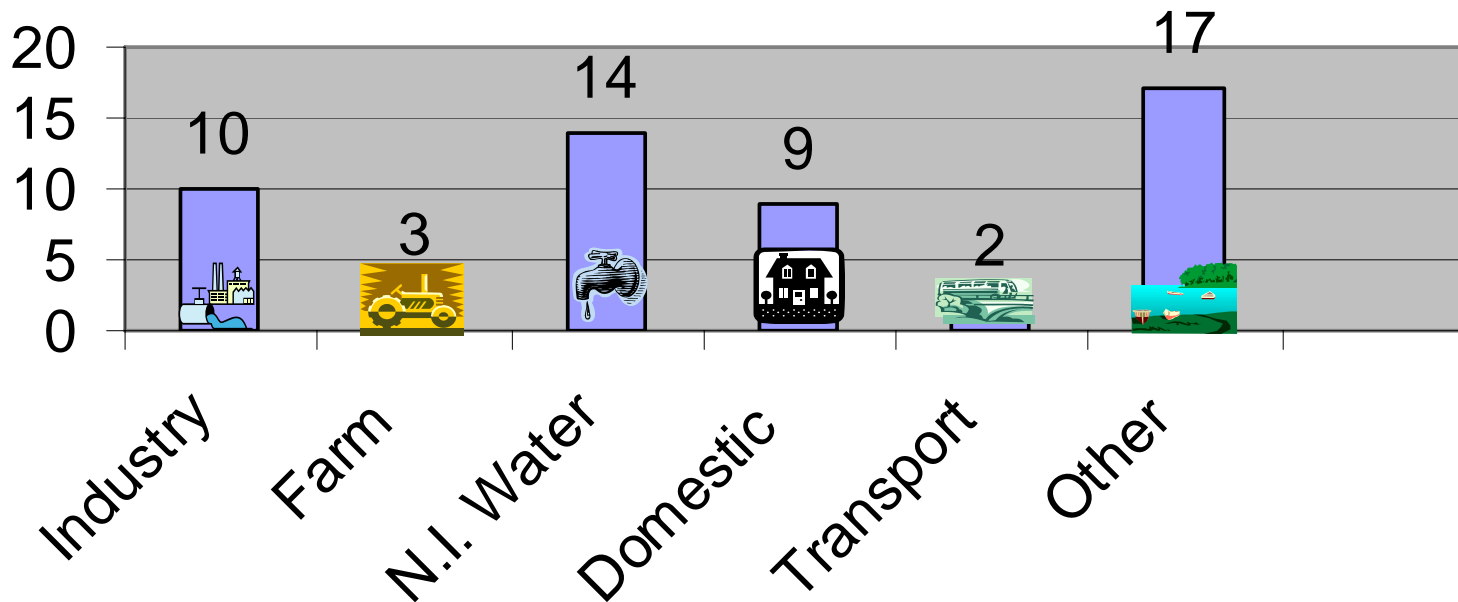
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- 115 Incidents Received
- 59 Substantiated

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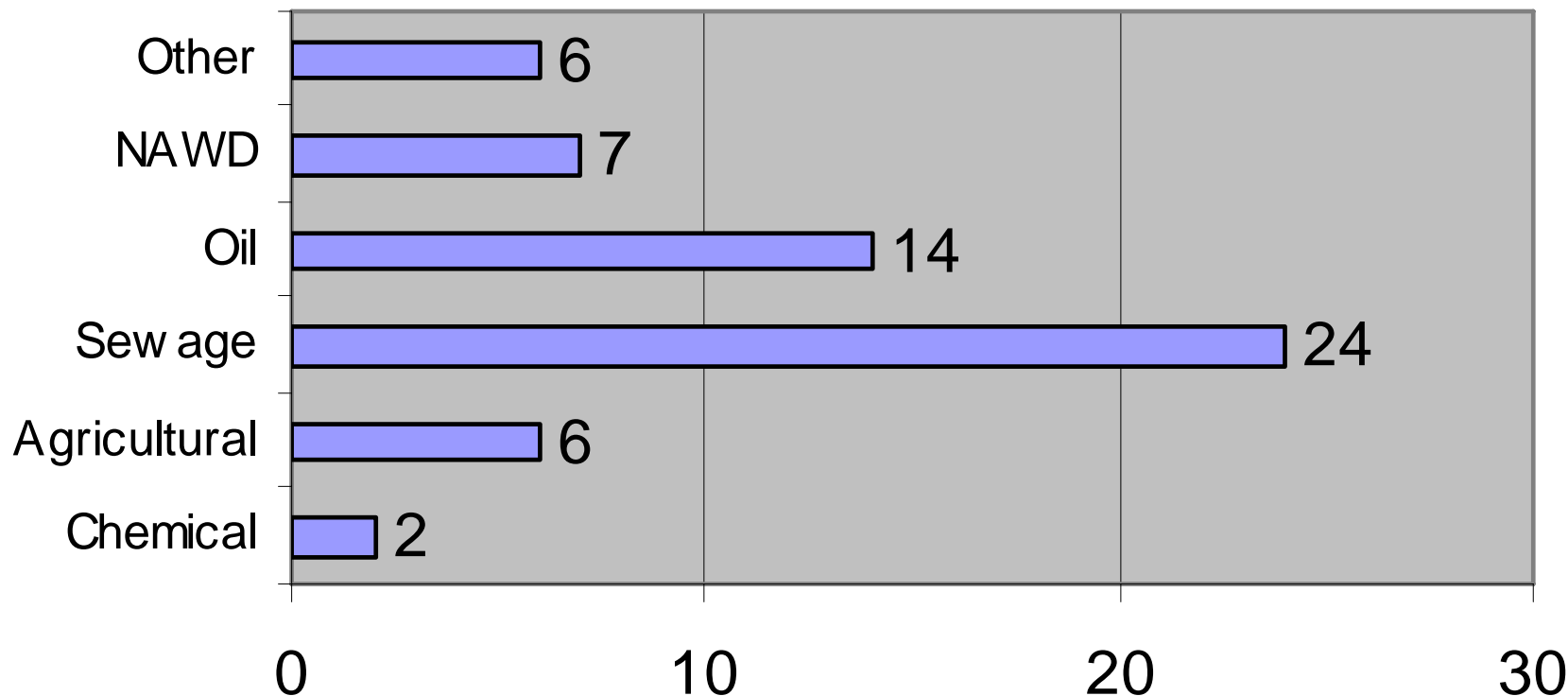
SOURCES OF POLLUTION - Lower Neagh Bann OCTOBER 2009 - MAY 2010



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CATEGORIES OF POLLUTION - Lower Neagh Bann OCTOBER 2009 - MAY 2010



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Incident Severity

52 Low Severity

7 Medium Severity – of these...

3 x Statutory Samples Taken during Pollution Incidents

All Medium+ Severity Incidents are Cost recoverable where we can identify the polluter – Costs can be many £000s in e.g. a severe oil spill

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Recent and Ongoing Enforcement Action

- Enforcement action taken in collaboration with IPRI at farm, Antrim Area, March – Prosecution File prepared - to be submitted to PPS.
- Stat Consent sample taken at: Quarry premises, Ballymena Area, March 2010.
 - Premises in Antrim Area May 2010
- 1x Farm Statutory Sample (Slurry), Aghadowey Area, February 2010
 - 1x Farm Stat sample, Ballyclare area, October 2009
- Stat at large site in Mallusk Area – Jan 2010

Notable Incidents

Feb 2010 – 900,000 litres slurry lost from an above-ground slurry store - Ballymena Area – prompt action by farmer prevented damage to local watercourses and no significant impacts recorded

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What's Ahead

- Ongoing training events and exercises for all staff
- Continued programme of Sampling, Proactive visits, Surveys as required
- Continued liaison with all stakeholders – CSG Meetings, LMA Work and others

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Our team in action!

Thanks for your attention

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