

Bush and Glens Catchment Stakeholder Meeting

13 May 2010

Update on our Work
Since November 2009

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Work Statistics

- 374 Domestic Consents Processed
- WWTW <250 – 10 inspected
- WWTW >250 – 3 sites sampled and inspected
- Industrial Samples – 73 sites visited and sampled
- River Monitoring - 210 Samples at ~ 30 Sites
- Cross Compliance Farm Visits in conjunction with NIEA Agricultural Regulations Teams, support for breach action etc.

Pollution Incident Statistics

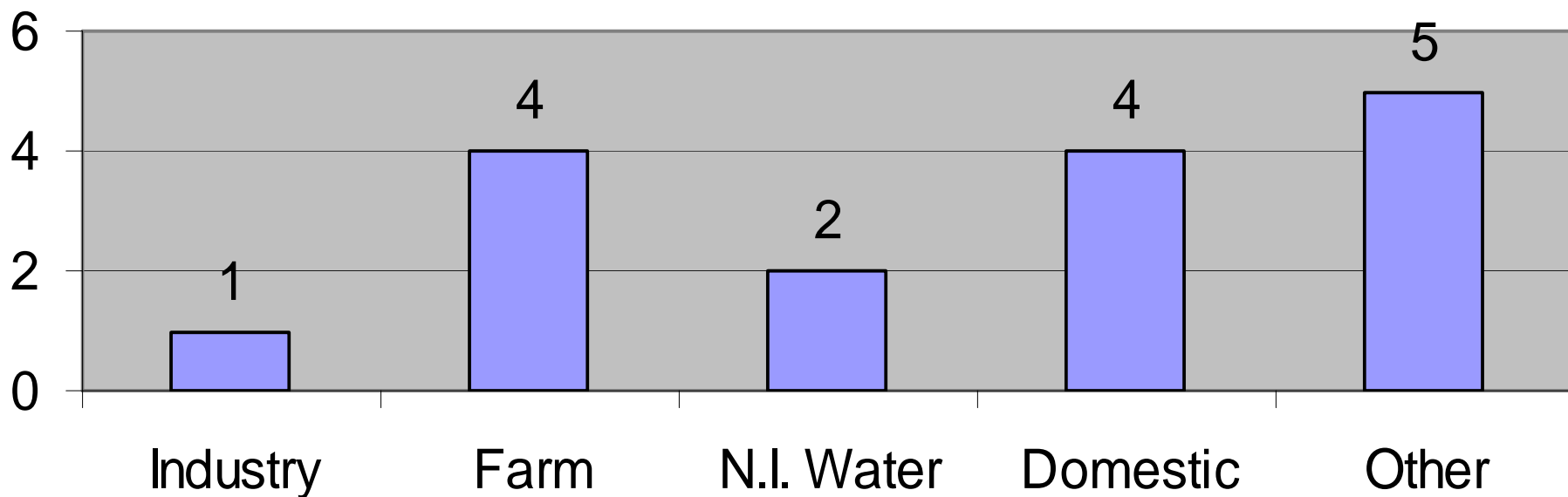
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- 36 Incidents Received
- 16 Substantiated

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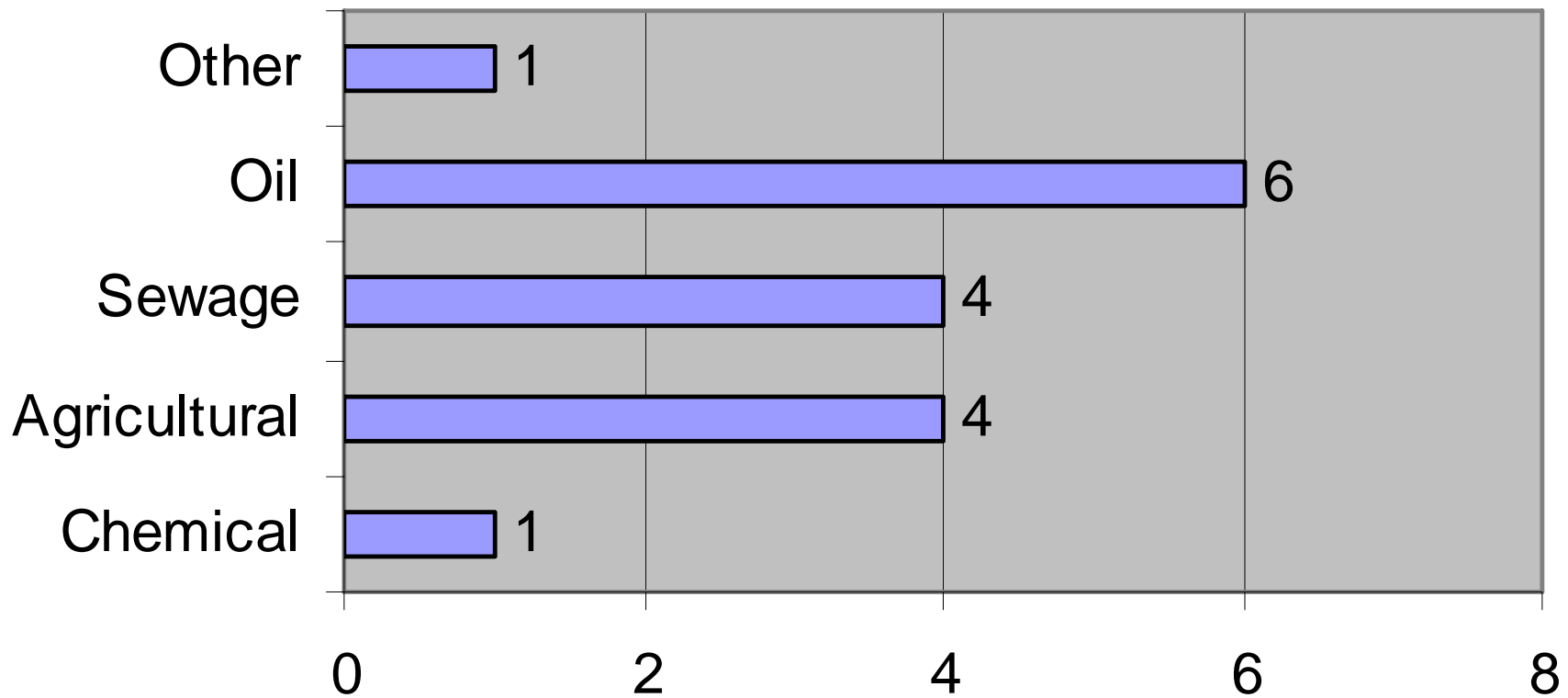
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CATEGORIES OF POLLUTION - Bush and Glens NOVEMBER 2009 - APRIL 2010



Incident Severity

- 2x Medium Severity Incidents – Both Oil related
 - 1 on R Bush – DERV- Comprehensive cleanup undertaken by NIEA Field Staff
 - 1 on water at Ballycastle Beach – Domestic Heating Oil – Booms and Sorbent material used to clean up and minimise impact on the river
- 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

- Statutory Sample taken at a farm in the Glens with a view to prosecution. This farmer has also been breached under Cross Compliance, and the Dept is taking action in respect of obstruction of officers in the line of duty.
- Agency is presently involved in enforcement action against Operators of 3x Trade Premises for consent non-compliance
- Agency is taking action against a commercial firm in the Ballycastle area for pollution of a small watercourse. First hearing in court is due in the next few weeks.
- One failure of a NIWL asset. Enforcement action currently being taken.

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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!

Glenariff, 2004

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An aerial photograph of an industrial facility, likely a power plant or refinery, situated on a coastal peninsula. The facility features several tall, dark smokestacks, large white cylindrical storage tanks, and various industrial buildings. In the background, a coastal town is visible, along with a large body of water and a bridge. The sky is overcast with grey clouds.

Thanks for your attention

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