

# UPPER FOYLE CATCHMENT

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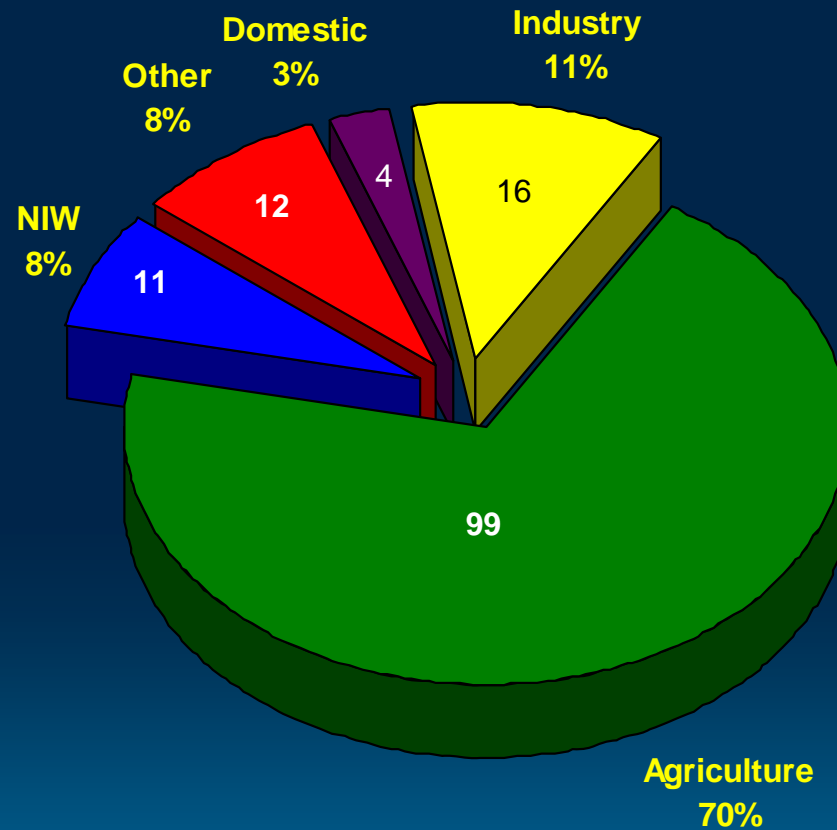


# History of Pollution Incidents in Derg Catchment

- Mainly Agricultural area - some slurry and silage effluent issues over the years.
- Number of consented Industrial premises. Some issues with non compliance
- WWTWs – Some historical issues. A number of older sites which have been upgraded in recent years. Killeter, Ardstraw and Castlederg upgraded in recent years
- Derg WTW elevated ammonia levels

# Pollution by source

## Derg catchment 2005-2010



High - 15

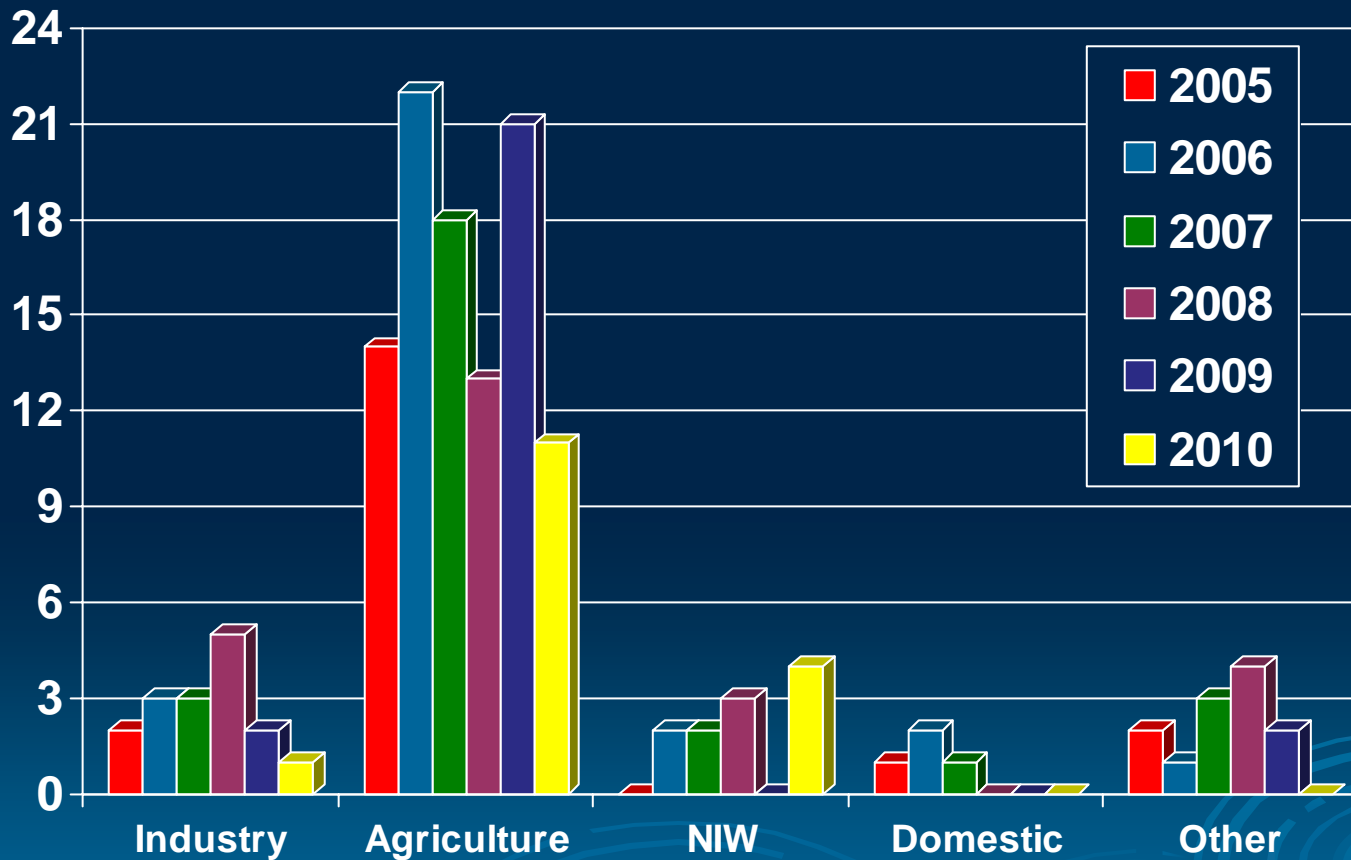
Medium - 23

Low - 104

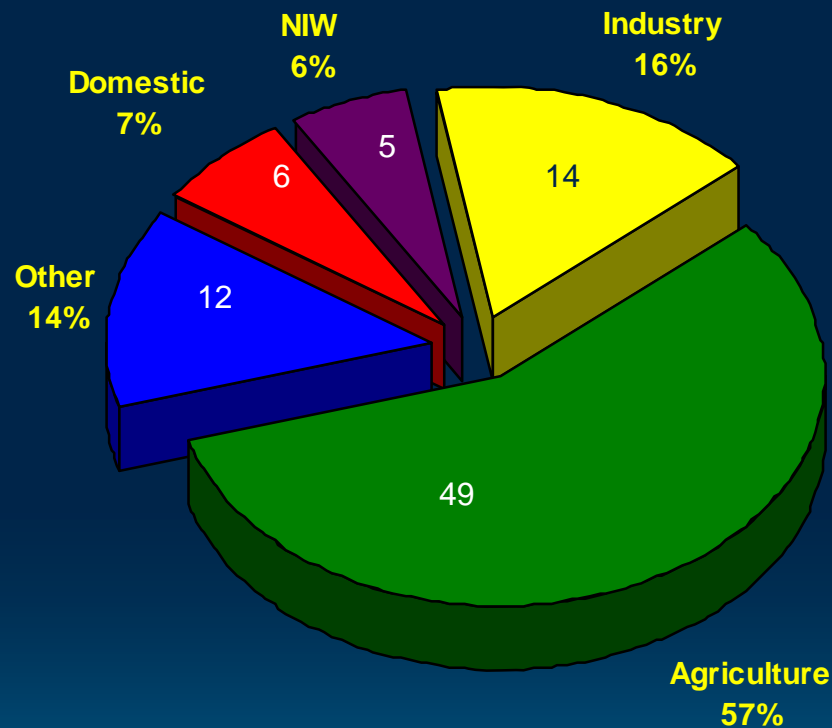
Total number of incidents - 142

# Pollution by year

## Derg catchement (2005-2010)



# October 2010 – Present Area 9 pollution figures



**Total number of incidents - 86**



**Overflowing dirty water tank**



**Defective septic tank**



**Poor quality discharge from consented Industrial site**



**Agricultural discharge from outfarm**



**Sewage fungus from agricultural discharge  
resulting in fish kill. £1000 fine**

# Since the last meeting...

## Prosecutions

- 2 Agricultural – **total fines £3,850**
- 2 Industrial – **total fines £15,000**
- **10 statutory samples collected**
- 4 prosecution files with PPS and 6 being prepared

## Cost Recovery

A number of cost recovery files with NIEA to recover investigation costs under “polluter pays” principle

## Single farm payment breaches

- **43 farms breached** since The Nitrates Action Programme Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 have come into force.
- **13 breaches by Regional staff in the last 6 months.**

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## LMA river walks

- Carried out a number of river walks in the Owenkillew LMA.
  - Owenkillew
  - Glashyngolgan burn
  - Glenelly
  - Oughtnamwella burn
  - Letterbratt burn

## Water Order Consents

- **103 domestic consents**
- **19 Industrial consents**

# 24 Hour Water Pollution Hotline

**0800807060**

