

Lower Foyle Catchment Stakeholders Meeting

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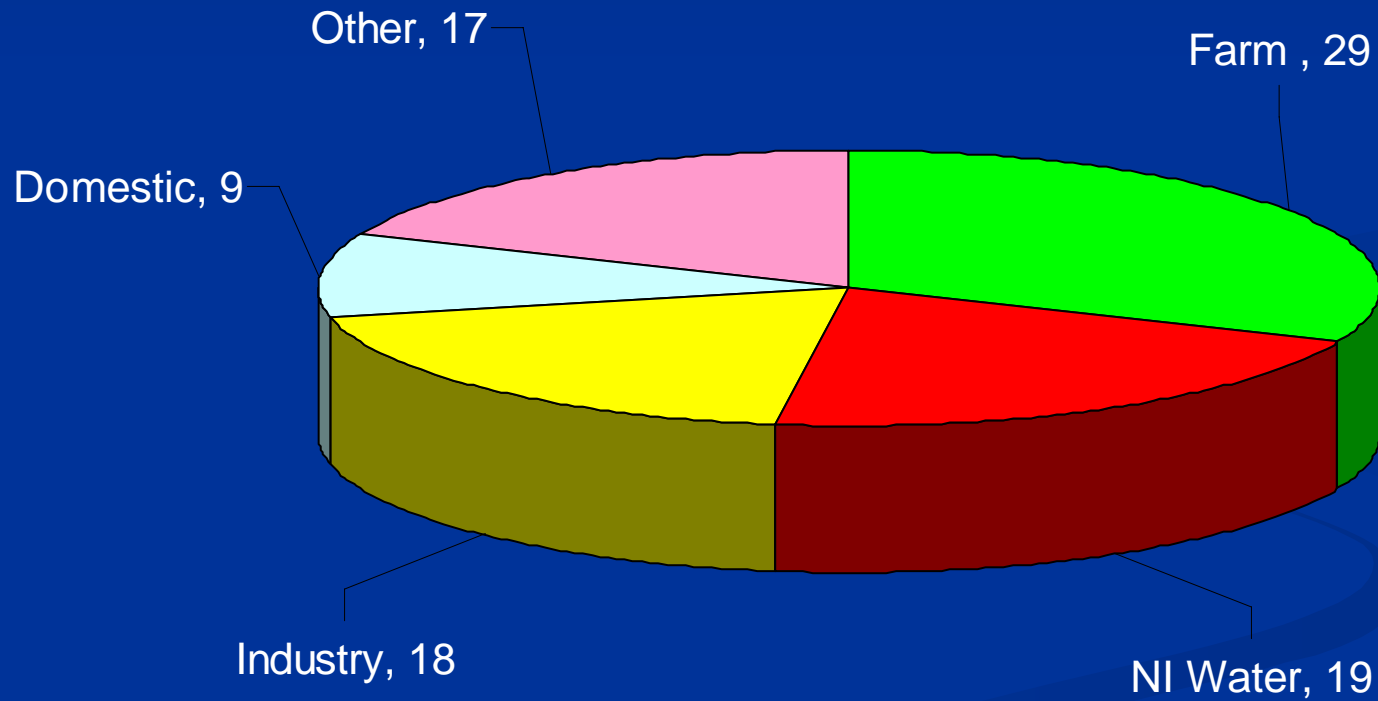
Acting Senior Water Quality Inspector

Pollution Incidents Investigated

1st November 2009 to 12th May 2010

- 126 Investigated (116 Oct 08-April 09)
- 92 confirmed as pollution (84 Oct 08-April 09)
 - 0 High Severity
 - 9 Medium Severity
 - 83 Low Severity
- 7 Statutory Samples Collected
- 34 No pollution confirmed

Sources of Pollution 1st November 2009 to 12th May 2010



Sources of medium severity

- Farms 5
- Industry 3
- NIWL 1

Enforcement action is being followed up on all medium severity incidents

Discovery of Incidents

- 74 - Water Management Unit Staff
- 35 - Public (including Angling Associations)
- 5 – NIEA and other Departments/Agencies
- 8 - Local Councils
- 3 - Fire Service
- 1 - Loughs Agency

Enforcement

- 1 Court Case to be up for contest next month
- 7 Files going through the system
- 5 Industrial consent statutory samples lifted

Nitrates Regulations

- 8 Farms Breached under these Regulations
 - ❖ Slurry to waterway- 4 incidents
 - ❖ Silage to waterway- 1 incident
 - ❖ Storage of Manure/Poultry Litter – 2 incidents
 - ❖ Sewage sludge spreading – 1 incident

Local news items

- City Waste Fire- March 2010
 - Major incident involving numerous agencies
 - 5 days of monitoring by WMU staff- 129 hours
 - No pollution got to the River Faughan
 - Onsite lagoon to collect collect firewater







Local news items

- Meeting with Burndennet Anglers in April
 - Discussion on the Local Management Area Plans for 2010
 - River walks planned for summer 2010
 - Proactive visits to Quarries
 - Follow up on reports of pollution issues
 - NIEA info cards for inclusion with licences

Water Pollution Hotline

0800 80 70 60