

Strangford & Lecale Stakeholders

2 November 2010

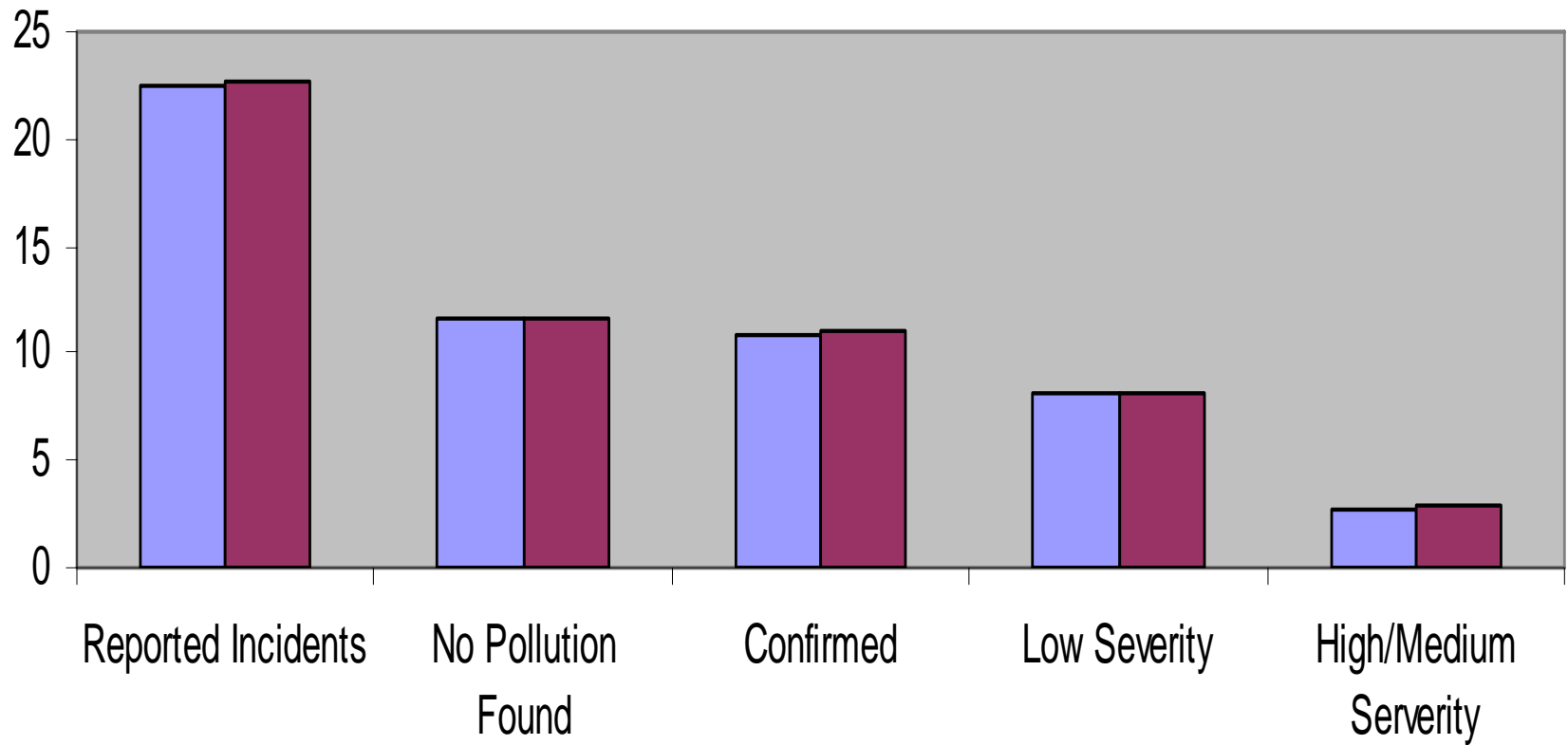
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Pollution Response

	2008 + 2009	Jan-June 2010
Reported Incidents	540	136
No Pollution Found	278	70
Confirmed	262	66
Low Severity	196	49
High / Medium Severity	66	17

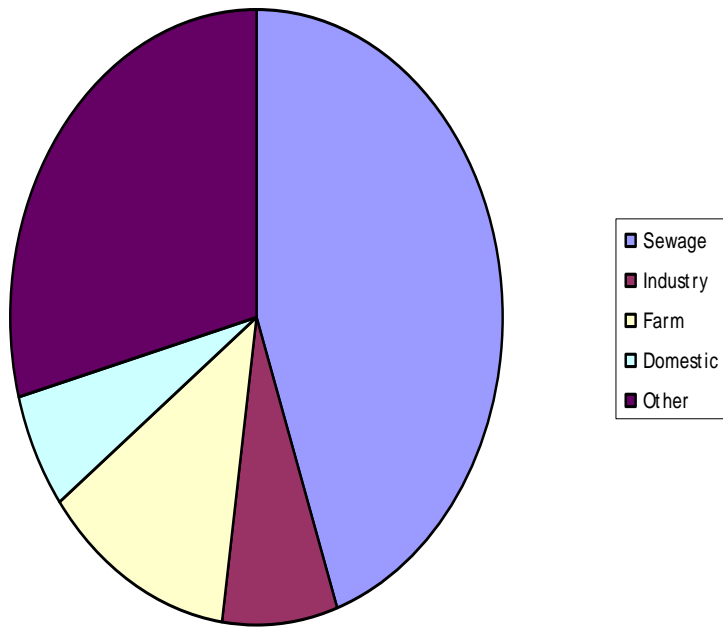
Incidents per month

2008 + 09 Jan - Jun 2010

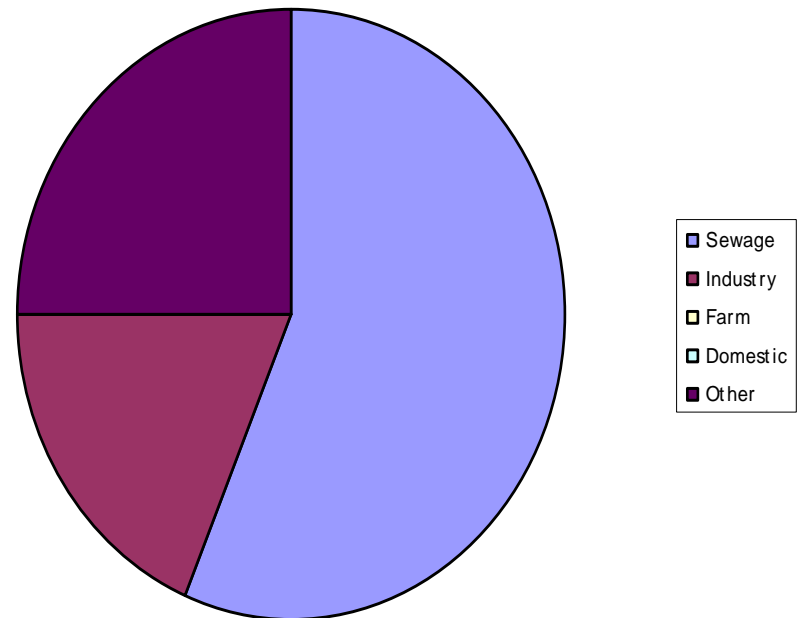


Pollution Incidents Jan-June 2010

Total Incidents



High/Medium



17 High / Medium Severity

- 9 Sewage (7 NIWL, 2 private)
- 3 Industry
- 5 Other
- 3 Suspended Solids
- 1 Beach Failure
- 1 Not sourced – industrial?
- 0 Farm

9 Sewage

- 2 Private SPS → Warning Letters
- 3 → PPS (2x SPS, 1 network)
- 2 → Warning Letter (STW, network)
- 1 → operating within Consent (SPS)
- 1 → undecided (STW, 8 Nov?)

3 Industry

- 1 company
- 2 discharge points
- 2 dates

- 3 polluting discharges
- → 1 prosecution

5 Other

- 3 Suspended Solids
 - 1 to PPS (consented site)
 - 2 Warning Letters & Costs
 - 1 Advisory Letter
- 1 Beach Failure (Ballyholme)
- 1 Not sourced – industrial?

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Pollution incident impact assessment criteria

High

A major incident involving one or more of the following:

- a. potential or actual persistent effect on water quality or aquatic life;
- b. closure of potable water, industrial or agricultural abstraction if necessary;
- c. extensive fish kill;
- d. excessive breaches of consent conditions;
- e. extensive remedial measures necessary;
- f. major effect on amenity value.

Pollution incident impact assessment criteria

Medium

A significant pollution incident involving one or more of the following:

- a. notification to abstractors necessary;
- b. significant fish kill;
- c. measurable effect on invertebrate life;
- d. water unfit for stock;
- e. bed of watercourse contaminated;
- f. amenity value to the public, owners or users reduced by odour or appearance.

Pollution incident impact assessment criteria

Low

A minor incident resulting in localised environmental impact only. Some of the following may apply:

- a. notification to abstractors not necessary;
- b. fish kill of fewer than 10 fish (species of no particular importance to the affected water);
- c. no readily observable effect on invertebrate life;
- d. water unfit for stock;
- e. bed of watercourse only locally contaminated;
- f. minimal environmental impact and amenity only marginally affected.

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