

NIEA Regional Operations.

Update to the Erne Melvin Catchment Stakeholder
Group.

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Water Pollution Incidents Since May 2012

- 52 incidents reported
- 35 incidents confirmed
- 0 High Severity
- 2 Medium Severity
- 33 Low Severity

Medium Severity Incidents

- 1 Industrial
- 1 Agricultural

- Statutory samples collected.

Low Severity Incidents

May12- Oct 12

Previous Oct 11- May 12

- 19 Agricultural (34)
- 8 Sewage (10)
- 2 Industrial (8)
- 2 Oil (4)
- 0 Waste (3)
- 4 Other (7)

19 Agricultural Incidents

- 8 slurry related
- 5 silage related
- 4 dirty yard water related
- 1 slurry/silage mixture
- 1 Oil related

Agricultural Incidents

- Of 8 slurry related incidents- 3 involved spreading in the closed season.

Note: Closed period after 15th October 2012 until 31st January 2013



Industrial Incidents

- 2 Incidents
- 1 Quarry
- 1 WWTW



Sewage Incidents

- 8 NIW Incidents



NIW Incidents

- 2 Blocked Sewers
- 3 WWTW issues
- 2 Combined Storm Overflow
- 1 Pumping Station Overflow

Oil Pollution Incidents

3 incidents reported.

1 Farm Source

1 Domestic Source

1 Industrial



Water Order Enforcement

- 3 Statutory Samples Collected from May 2012 to present as a result of pollution incidents.
- Files are being prepared



Water Order Prosecution

3 cases pending

- 1 Agricultural
- 2 Industrial



Agricultural Regulations

- 22 planned farm visits for cross compliance in 2011 & 18 planned visits in 2012.
- Between Oct 2011- May 2012:
11 non-planned farm visits have been recommended for breach under cross compliance by the local Regional Operational Team.



Routine Monitoring

- 278 Monitoring Surface Water Samples have been collected
- 152 Industrial Water Order Consent visits carried out

Additional Monitoring

Low Flow (<5m³ daily discharge) Industrial Consent Visits

- 35 low flow industrial consent visits have been carryout .

Waste Water Treatment Work Visits

- >250PE: Rosslea, Lisnaskea, Newtownbutler, & Tempo
- <250 PE: Donagh, Monmurray, Arney & Tamlaght

Prevention of Pollution (Erne System) Regulations NI 1994

- 72 vessels have been inspected during summer 2012
- 12 vessels found to be non-compliant
- 5 follow-up visits to previous vessels that had toilet facilities and no holding tank. All 5 vessels are now compliant

To report a water pollution incident:



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