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14 October 2026

Dear Janice,

Information held by the Department in relation to all sources of pollution in the Loughs Agency area of responsibility.

Thank you for your letter of 29 September, in which you have requested information held by the Department on all pollution sources in the Loughs Agency area of responsibility for the past five years or where no incidents have occurred within that period for a particular source, information covering a longer timeframe of up to 10 years.

The information is attached as **Annex A** and has been presented as incidents recorded by the Northern Ireland Environment Agency (NIEA) and those reported to the Loughs Agency.

All key sources of pollution were recorded in the last five years and therefore information covering a longer timeframe up to 10 years has not been provided.

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I hope this is of assistance but should you require anything further please contact me directly.

Yours sincerely,



Paul McGranaghan
Departmental Assembly Liaison Officer

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Annex A

Figures provided by the Northern Ireland Environment Agency

Note: NIWL stands for NI Water Ltd

Year	Source	Carlingford	Foyle	Combined LA
2021	Domestic	5	18	23
	Farm	11	48	59
	Industry	5	16	21
	NIWL	3	13	16
	Other	4	23	27
	Total	28	118	146
2022	Domestic	10	14	24
	Farm	6	52	58
	Industry	14	21	35
	NIWL	9	13	22
	Other	4	24	28
	Transport	0	2	2
	Total	43	126	169
2023	Domestic	5	14	19
	Farm	10	76	86
	Industry	3	18	21
	NIWL	4	5	9
	Other	3	21	24
	Transport	1	1	2
	Total	26	135	161
2024	Domestic	5	7	12
	Farm	16	85	101
	Industry	1	22	23
	NIWL	1	11	12
	Other	4	25	29
	Transport	1	2	3
	Total	28	152	180
2025	Domestic	5	14	19
	Farm	2	52	54
	Industry	5	36	41
	NIWL	1	8	9
	Other	2	27	29
	Transport	1	2	3
	Total	16	139	155

Summary:

Between 2021 and 2025, a total of 811 pollution incidents were recorded by the NIEA within the Loughs Agency area. Agricultural sources accounted for the largest proportion (358 incidents, 44%), followed by industrial sources (141 incidents, 17%) and other

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sources (137 incidents, 17%). Domestic sources accounted for 97 incidents (12%), NI Water Ltd for 68 incidents (8%), and transport-related sources for 10 incidents (1%).

Please note these figures represent the incidents recorded by the NIEA and will not include other incidents reported directly to the Loughs Agency.

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Year	Source	Total
2021	Non-Agriculture Waste Discharge	23
	Agriculture	81
	Chemical	6
	No Pollution found	286
	Oil	7
	Other	37
	Sewage	36
	Fallen Animals	6
	Total	482
2022	Non-Agriculture Waste Discharge	23
	Agriculture	81
	Chemical	0
	No Pollution found	34
	Oil	12
	Other	64
	Sewage	19
	Fallen Animals	6
	Total	239
2023	Non-Agriculture Waste Discharge	20
	Agriculture	87
	Chemical	9
	No Pollution found	44
	Oil	24
	Other	52
	Sewage	23
	Fallen Animals	6
	Total	265
2024	Non-Agriculture Waste Discharge	23
	Agriculture	68
	Chemical	9
	No Pollution found	60
	Oil	22
	Other	53
	Sewage	33
	Fallen Animals	8
	Total	276
2025	Non-Agriculture Waste Discharge	11
	Agriculture	76
	Chemical	5
	No Pollution found	52
	Oil	23
	Other	31
	Sewage	29
	Fallen Animals	5

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	Total	**232**
2026 to date	**Non-Agriculture Waste Discharge**	**9**
	Agriculture	**41**
	Chemical	**1**
	No Pollution found	**45**
	Oil	**9**
	Other	**23**
	Sewage	**23**
	Fallen Animals	**4**
	Total	**155**

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29 September 2026

Dear Paul

The Fisheries, Aquaculture and Water Environment Bill (FAWE Bill)

The Committee for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs met on 29 September 2026 and received an oral briefing from the Foyle Association of Salmon and Trout Anglers (FASTA) on the FAWE Bill.

Following the evidence session the Committee agreed to write to the Department to seek all information held by the Department on all pollution sources in the 'Loughs Agency' area of responsibility.

I would be grateful if we could receive a response by **6 October 2026.**

Yours sincerely

Dr Janice Thompson
Clerk to the Committee for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs