

NIEA

Summary of Cross Compliance Statistics Implementation Report 2008-2023



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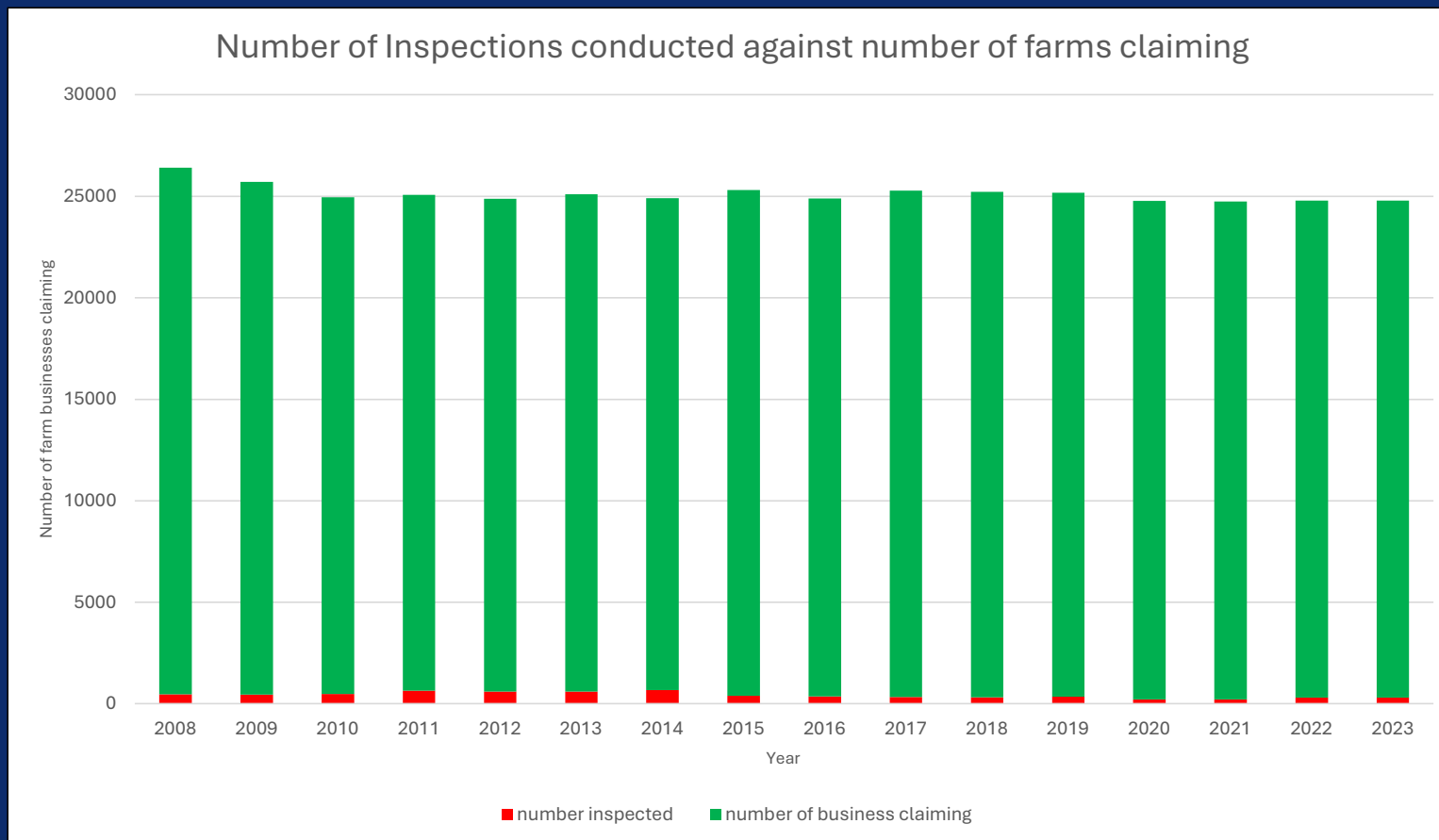
Overview of Presentation

- Cross compliance inspections
- Compliance with regulations
- Summary

Cross Compliance Inspection overview

- NIEA is Competent Control Authority (CCA) for Statutory Management Requirements (SMRs) relating Nitrates Directive, Birds Directive, Habitats Directive, Groundwater Directive, UWWTD
- SMR 1 – Protection of Water against Nitrate Pollution
- SMR 2 & 3 – Conservation of Wild Birds and Natural Habitats in ASSI
- GAEC 1- 3 (Buffer strips, Irrigation authorisations and Protection of Groundwater)
- Required to inspect
 - 1% of all Farm Businesses claiming under Area Based Schemes
 - 5% of farms operating under an approved Nitrates Derogation
- Approximately 25 % are selected on a Random basis
- Approximately 75 % are selected on a Risk basis (including Nitrates Derogation, ASSI, Groundwater Authorisations etc)

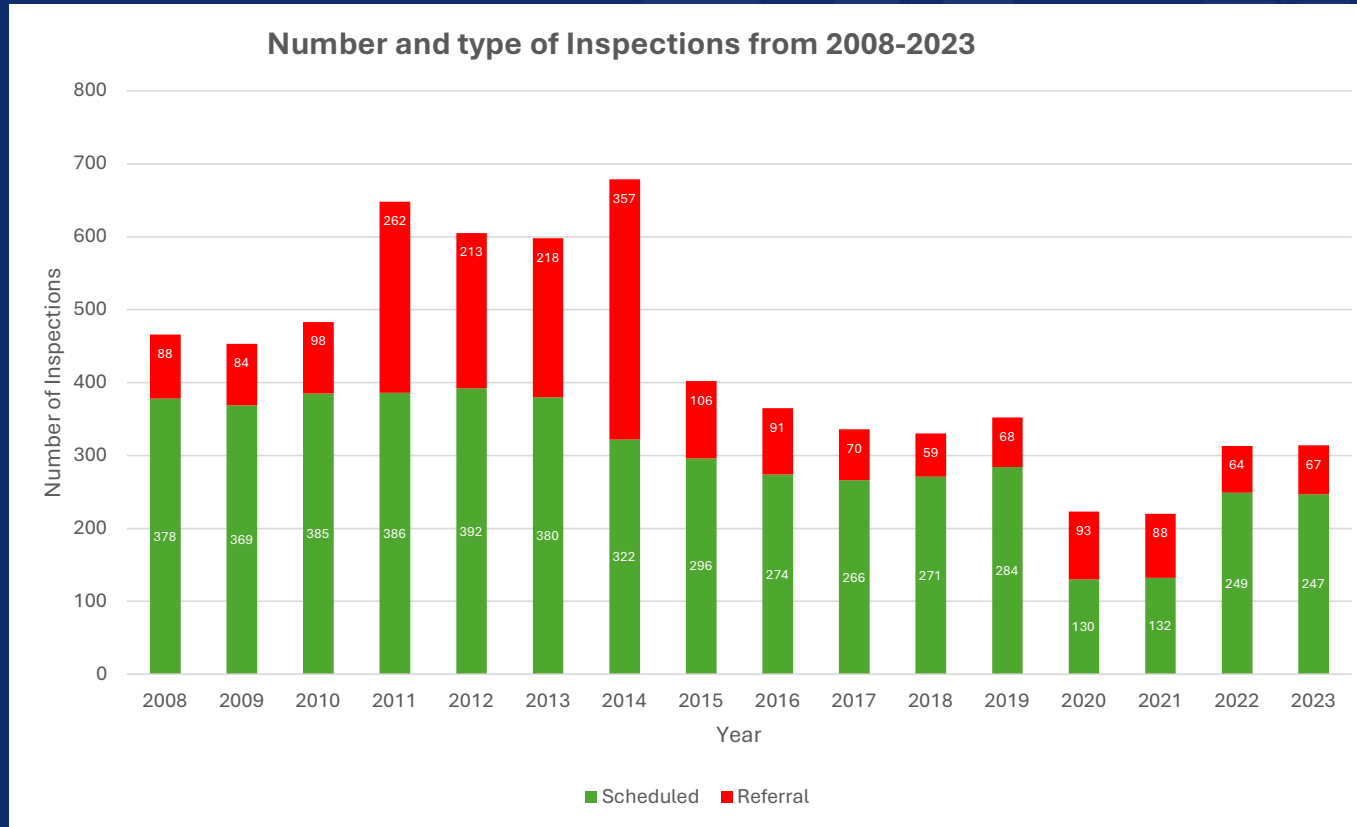
Number of Farms Inspected per Year



Inspections



Type of Inspection



Planned Inspection

- Land Inspection
- Farmyard Inspection
- Records Inspection



Land Inspection



- **At least 10 % of the land is inspected which is risk based (proximity to watercourses, slope, cropping regime, ASSI, GWA)**
- **Inspectors are checking for water pollution, Nitrogen fertilisers spread too close to waterways, Poaching, Flooded or frozen land, Illegal dumping, Poultry and FYM field heaps etc.**
- **Is it actually land in agricultural use and matching maps (golf course, new housing development, new agricultural buildings etc.)**

Farmyard inspection - Silage stores



Slurry tanks inspection



Slurry lagoon inspection

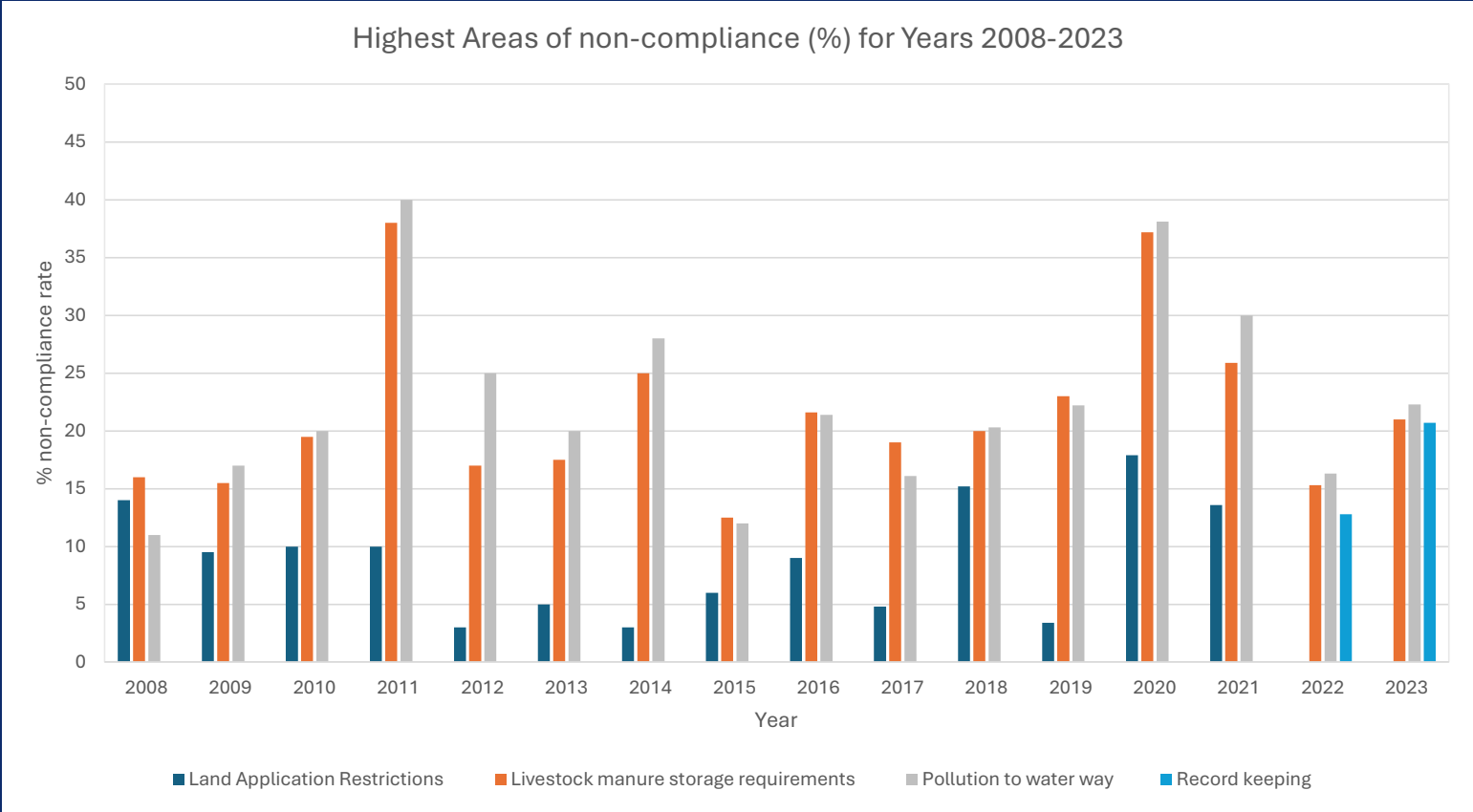


Records Inspection



- **Manure exports**
- **Fertiliser plan**
- **Soil test**

Non-Compliance – All Inspections



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Non-Compliance – Referral Inspections



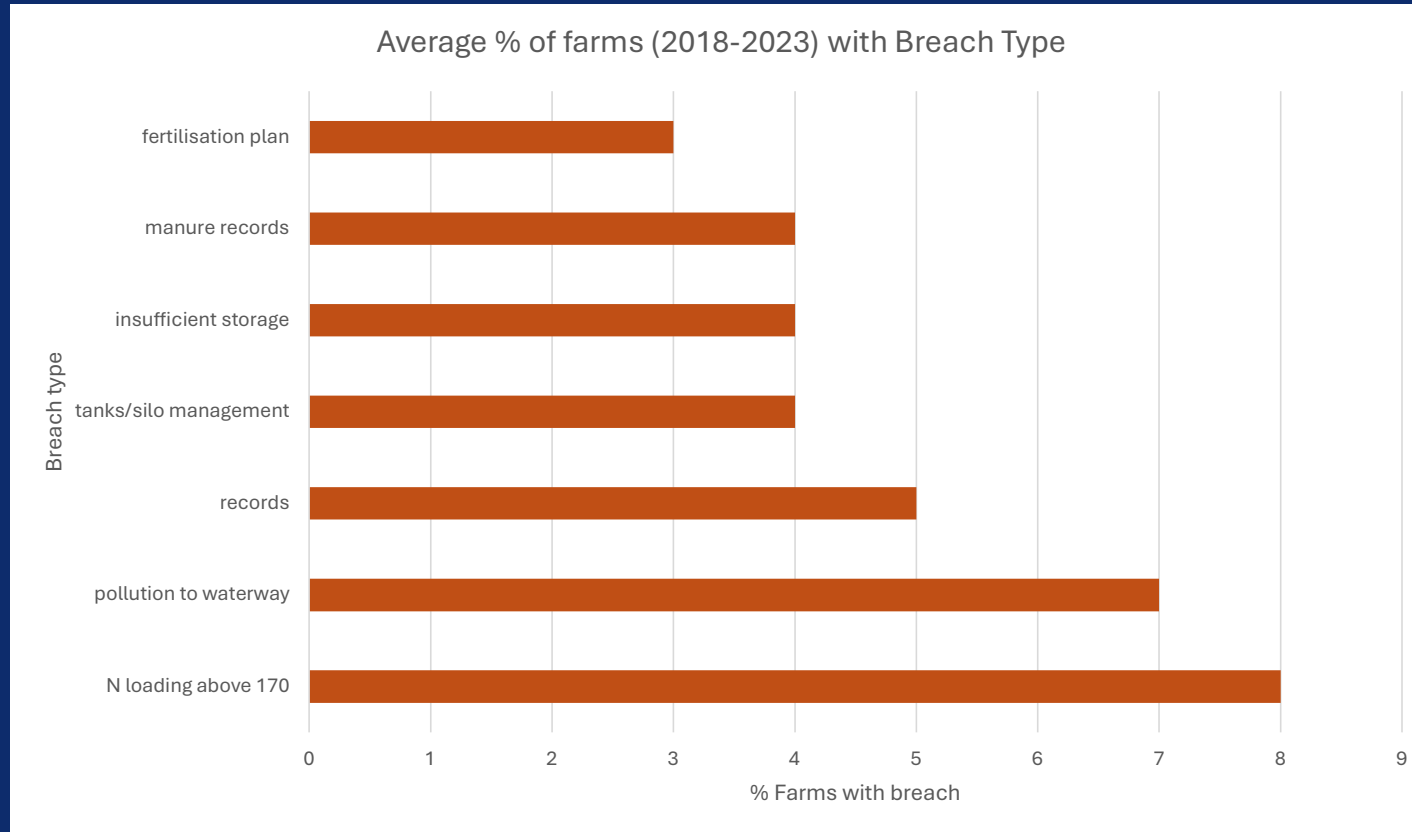
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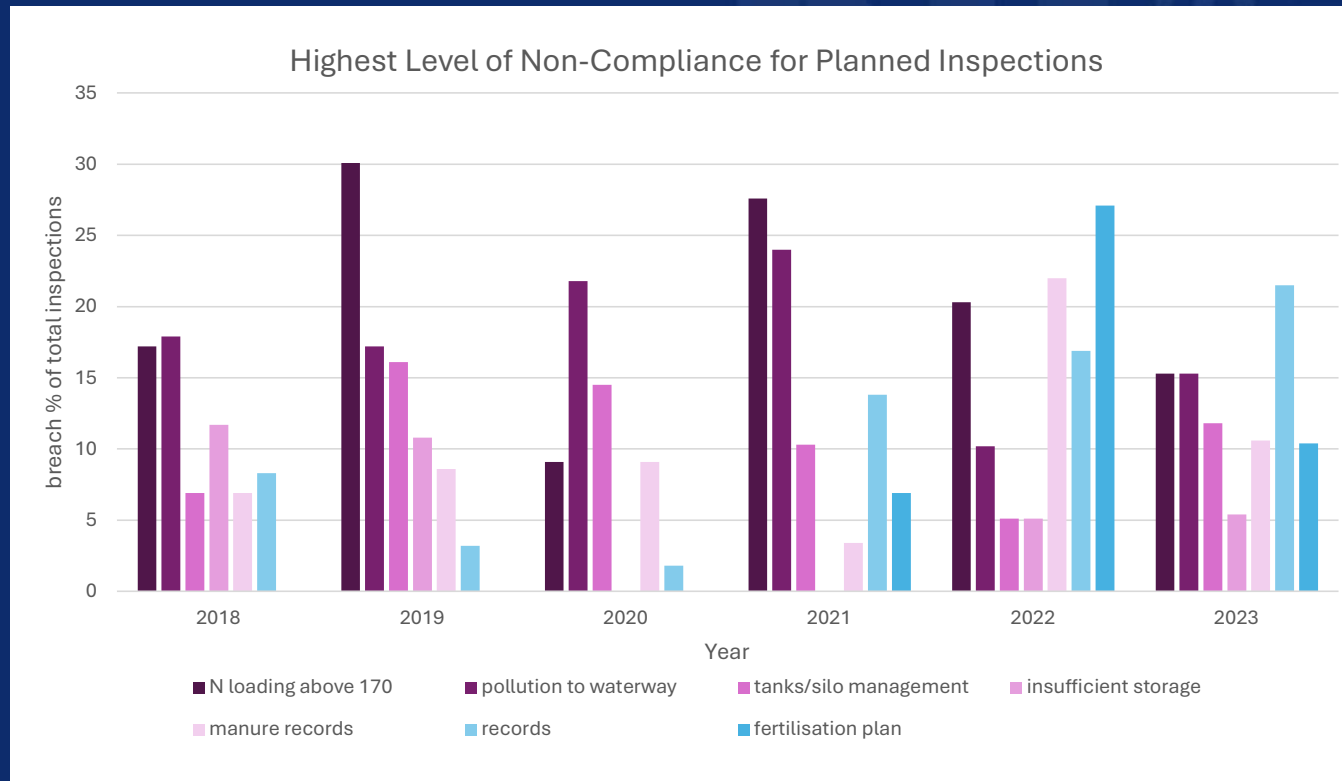
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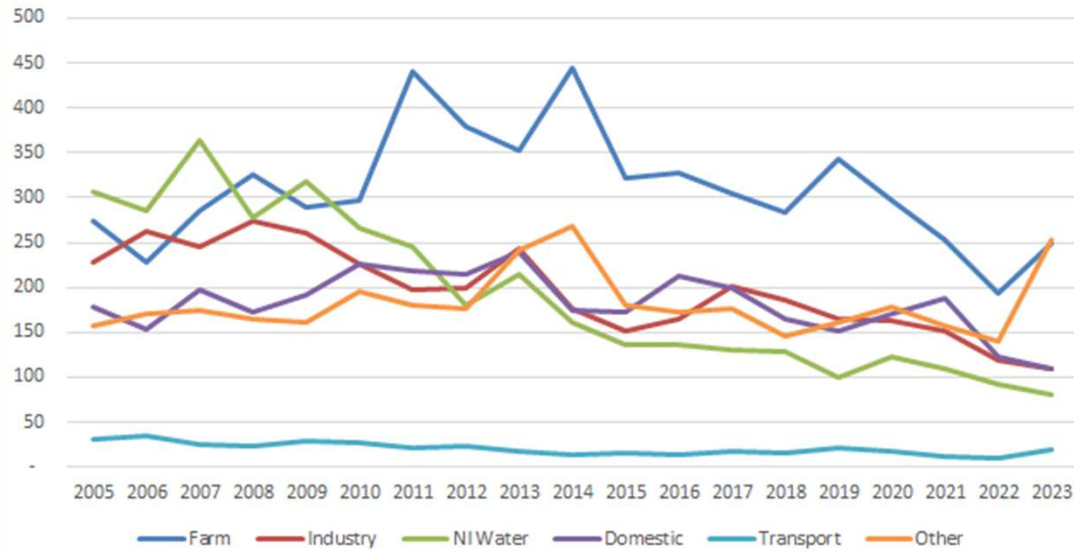


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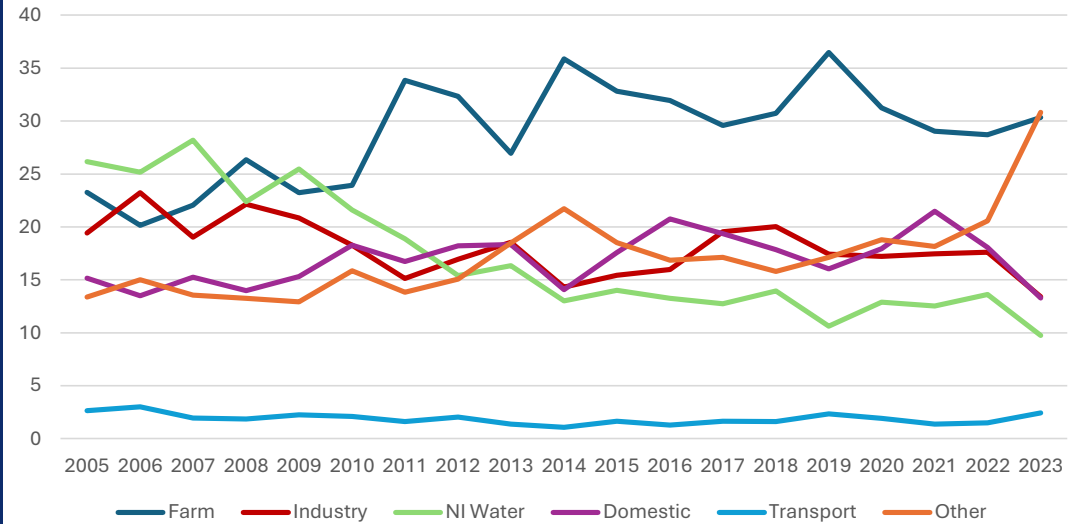


Pollution Reports by Sector

Number of Confirmed Pollution Incidents by source



Percentage Pollution Incidents by source



Summary

- Non-compliance 20-25% with increase to 33% rate in 2023
- N limit, pollution to waterway and storage consistently top breaches with more recently records coming to fore
- Approx 30% of confirmed pollution incidents are from agricultural sources

Thank you

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