

Incident report

JULY 2016 – JUNE 2017

Why this matters

Incidents involving contaminants in waterways and unauthorised discharges to land or air should be notified to Environment Canterbury by calling us on 0800 765 588 (24 hours).

We research and evaluate all calls to assess the potential environmental effects the reported incidents may have. Due to the high volume of reports, we respond to the most serious incidents first.

How we respond to incidents:

Our first response is to work with individuals and businesses to stop environmental damage and achieve the right environmental outcome if there is an issue.

We then investigate to determine what action should be taken, including enforcement.

Formal written warnings are sent out to notify of an offence and they require action to be taken.

If it is a significant breach we may issue an **infringement notice** which includes payment of a fine.

Abatement notices are typically issued when the offender doesn't co-operate or if we have reason to believe that the offence could happen again.

Anyone can make an application to the Environment Court to issue an enforcement order. The Court then identifies the conditions which must be satisfied before issuing the order. Breaching an enforcement order issued by the Court is an offence which may lead to prosecution.

Prosecution is reserved for offences so serious that they warrant proceedings through the courts.

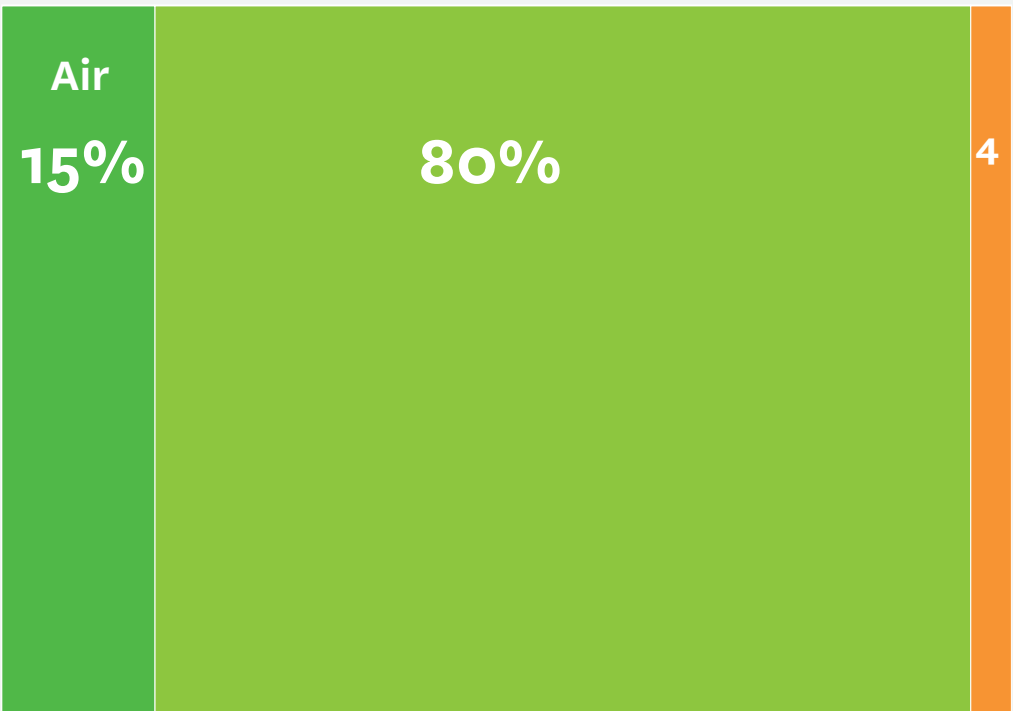
What we monitored

Consents
including 224
in process

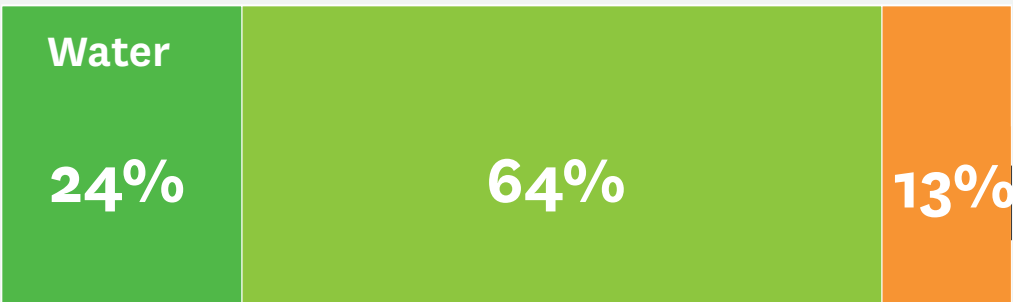


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What we found



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What we monitored and what we found 16/17 with in process not included in the graphics

What the grades mean



A/B (Compliant)
Our response is to work with the consent holder to maintain compliance.



C/D (Compliance issues)
Our response is to provide advice and assistance and require action to be taken. Actions may be quite wide ranging depending on the issue.

How we responded to reduce environmental damage



Advice and education

851



Written warnings

178



Infringement notices

48



Abatement notices

21



Prosecutions completed

4



Prosecutions initiated

8



Enforcement order

1

4,166 reported incidents by zone

