

Annual compliance report

Agricultural effluent

Activities this report covers

This report covers compliance monitoring for the collection and disposal of agricultural effluent for the previous year up to 31 December 2016. Agricultural effluent is generated from dairy farms, chicken farms, truck washes, and other facilities.

What we've done

This year we monitored 190 consents to discharge collected agricultural effluent:

	Total	Complying	Minor non-compliance	Major non-compliance	Other
Dairy farms	171	146	17	4	4
Dairy farm and piggery	2	1	0	1	0
Piggery	3	2	1	0	0
Chicken farms	5	5	0	0	0
Truck washes	4	4	0	0	0
Other facilities	5	4	0	0	1
Total	190	162	18	5	5

What we've noticed

The number of major non-compliances has increased this year. In relation to dairy farms, the major non-compliances related to significant ponding issues. This increase in the number of non-compliance may be due to fact that farms are being inspected earlier in the season when weather conditions meant that soils were already saturated when effluent was being applied.

What we'd like to fix or change

All inspections to occur a bit earlier in the season (preferably August, early September). During the past year some of the inspections were carried out in October as we transitioned to a different time of the year to monitor these discharges.

