

## National Priority Sites for Enforcement

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## EPA Strategic Goals 2016-2020

**Trusted Environmental Regulator** 



Leader in Environmental Evidence & Knowledge

**Effective Advocate & Partner** 

Responding to Key Environmental Challenges



**Organisationally Excellent** 

Trusted Environmental Regulator: Licence Enforcement



## 800 industrial, intensive ag. and waste licences

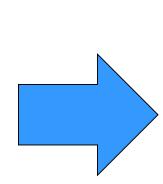
Licence	No. of licences	
Industrial	372	
Intensive Ag	228	COMPLIANCE
Waste	200	RULES
		REGULATIONS



## LEMA – A Paperless Enforcement System

- CRM based system launched in January 2013
- All correspondence via web portals
- ~10,000 items of incoming correspondence
- EPA site visit reports, agreements, requests for information, action items etc. are issued via this system

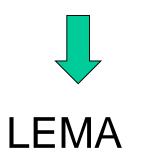






## LEMA – An Enforcement Tools

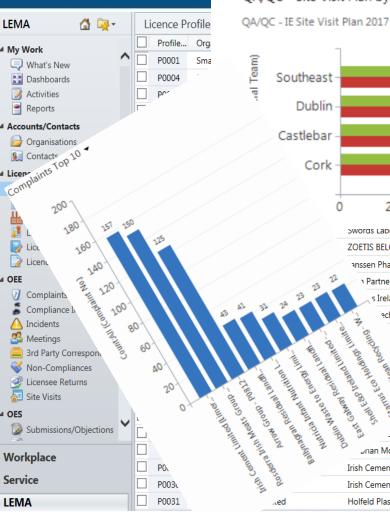
- Site inspections: planned (350), reactive (550)
- Monitoring: licensee and EPA (500 water; 100 air)
- Report assessment (~5500 returns)
- Complaints (~1000 per annum)
- Incidents (~1100 per annum; 97% minor)







## Get better: Use Data to Inform Decisions



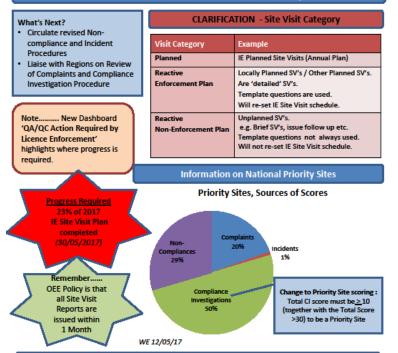
QA/QC - Site Visit Plan by Region



## **Standards and Scrutiny**



#### LEMA Standards Unit, Bulletin No. 3 May 2017



We're making really good progress - well done to all!

- Reduction in the time taken to issue Site Visit Reports i.e. Jan-May 2016 took an average of 39 days to issue a SV report & Jan-May 2017 took an average of 22 days to issue (reduction of 17 days / >2 weeks)
- Reduction in the time taken to issue decision/close out 'Requests for Approval' i.e. Jan–May 2016 took an average of 45 days to close out and Jan–May 2017 took an average of 20 days to close out (reduction of 25 days / > 3 weeks)

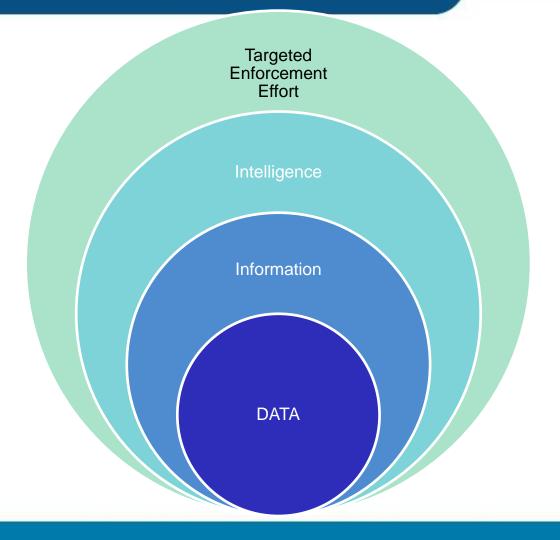
Find out more.....on Sharepoint - OEE/LEMA/LEMA Standards Unit Give your feedback......LEMAStandardsUnit@epa.ie "The EPA has developed a...system (LEMA) which allows effective data collection and analysis, risk assessment and targeting of compliance assurance work for industrial installations." EU Commission, Feb 2017

*"It is to the EPA's credit that it has been uncompromising in spelling out compliance failures."* 

Irish Times, Oct. 2017



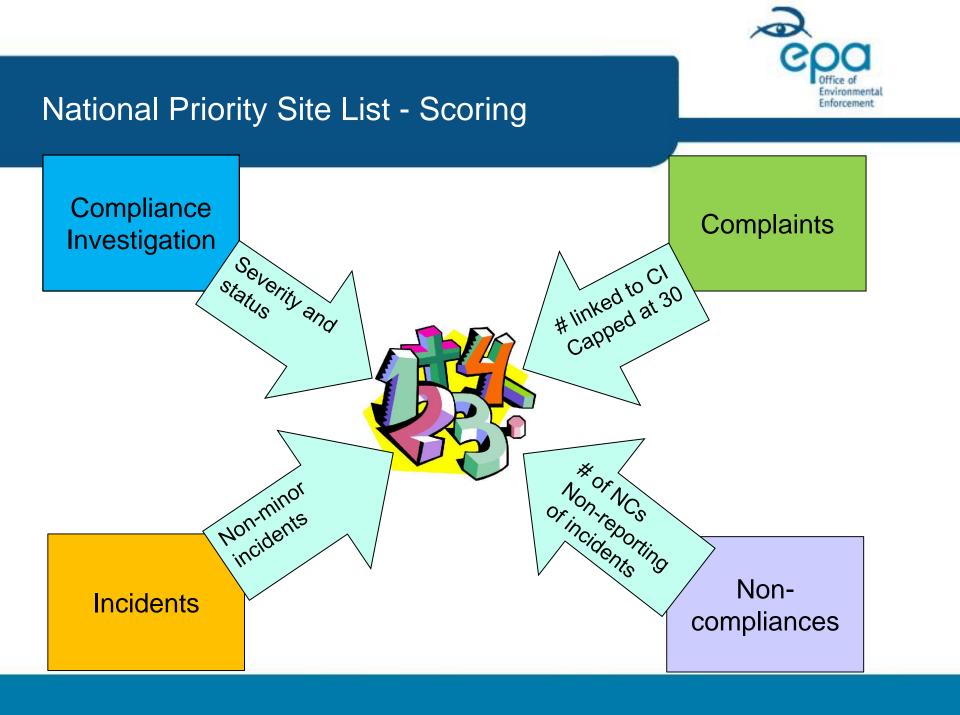
## What LEMA Can Do For Us ?



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## National Priority Sites (NPS)

- It's a methodology based on the performance of a licensed site in terms of licence compliance
- New enforcement tool for the Agency
- There are four main "scoring" aspects to the methodology
  - Compliance Investigations
  - Non-compliances issued by the Agency
  - Incidents received by the Agency from the licensee
  - Complaints received by the Agency
- The data for the previous 6 months is assessed



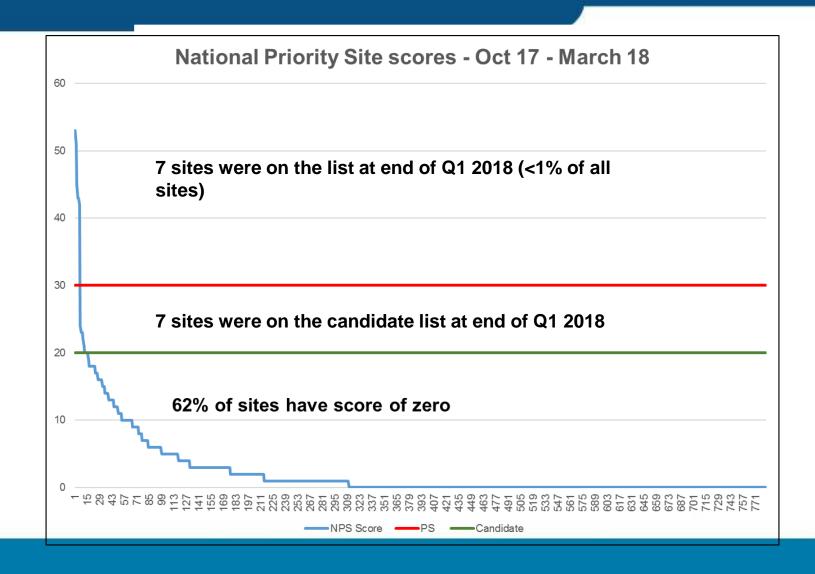


# Development of the System - Learning Points

- Developed over ~2years, 'road-tested' and fine-tuned
- Data: need quality reliable data, consistency and standards
- Engagement with industry and representative groups
- Communication with licensees and directors (since Jan 2016)
- First published July 2017- web and press release
- Focusses attention on
  - OEE enforcement
  - Licensed sites with significant issues



### The results...





## Sites on the National Priority Sites (NPS) List

Time-Period *	No. sites on list	
Beginning 2016	25*	
Beginning of 2017	10	
July 2017 (Round 1)	5	
Sept 2017 (Round 2)	7	
Jan 2018 (Round 3)	8	
April 2018 (Round 4)	7	

\* Scoring system amended subsequently

## Who is on the list?



Round 1 (July '17)	Round 2 (Oct '17)	Round 3 (Dec '17)	Round 4 (Mar 18')
T&J Standish	T&J Standish	T&J Standish	T & J Standish
Arrow Group	Arrow Group	Arrow Group	Arrow Group
Tipperary Co-Op	Nutricia	Nutricia	C & F Automotive
Rosderra Irish Meats	Arrabawn	Rosderra Irish Meats	Rosderra Irish Meats Group
Irish Cement	Dairygold (Mallow)	Irish Cement	Glenmore Biogas Ltd
	Carbery Food	Green Pastures	Lacpatrick Dairies Limited
	Ashgrove Recycling	East Galway Landfill	Aurivo Dairy Ingredients Limited
		Shell E&P	

## The Stats – April 2018



- 4 of 7 sites from agri-food sector
- Sites account for 26% of all complaints
- Sites account for 13% of open compliance investigations
- 5 sites came off the list following improvements in compliance
- 2 sites have remained on the list since first published.



## Key Highlights 2017 - NPS

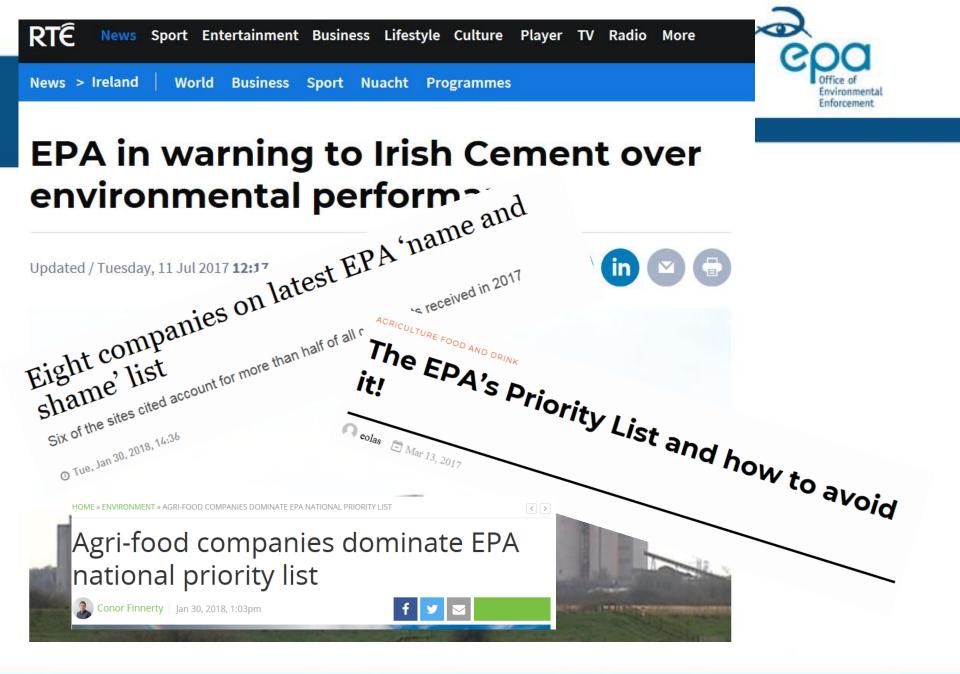
- 20 sites were identified as being a National Priority Site during 2017.
  - 14 of the 20 sites were a National Priority Site in just 1 of the 4 quarters of 2017
  - 3 sites were a National Priority Site for 2 of the 4 quarters -Tipperary Co-op, Nutricia, & Irish Cement.
  - 2 sites were a National Priority Site for 3 of the 4 quarters -Rosderra & T&J Standish.
  - I site was a National Priority Site for each of the 4 quarters Arrow group.
- The Food & Drink Sector had the most number of National Priority Sites during 2017 (9) while 4 were from the Waste Sector
- 65% of all industrial and waste complaints received in 2017 were in relation to NPS; odour and noise were the key issues for the public.
- 17% of all non-compliances recorded for industrial and waste licensed sites during 2017 were for National Priority Sites.

## Experience so far...



- Positive reaction from most sites
- Positive reaction from writing to directors
- Described as a 'game-changer'
- Good media interest agri-food sector
- Big driver for consistency across regions
- Driver for focussing and escalating enforcement action
- Public interest





## Trusted Regulator?





"We only have a few rules around here, but we really enforce them."

## Access to Information



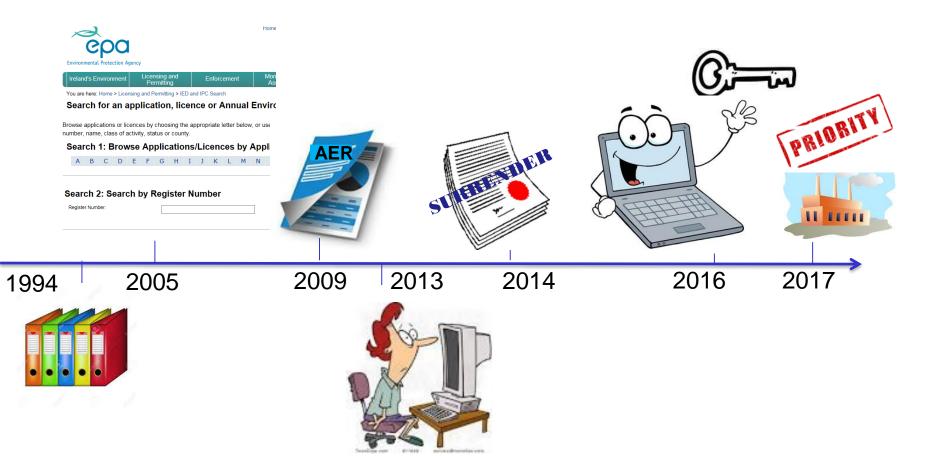






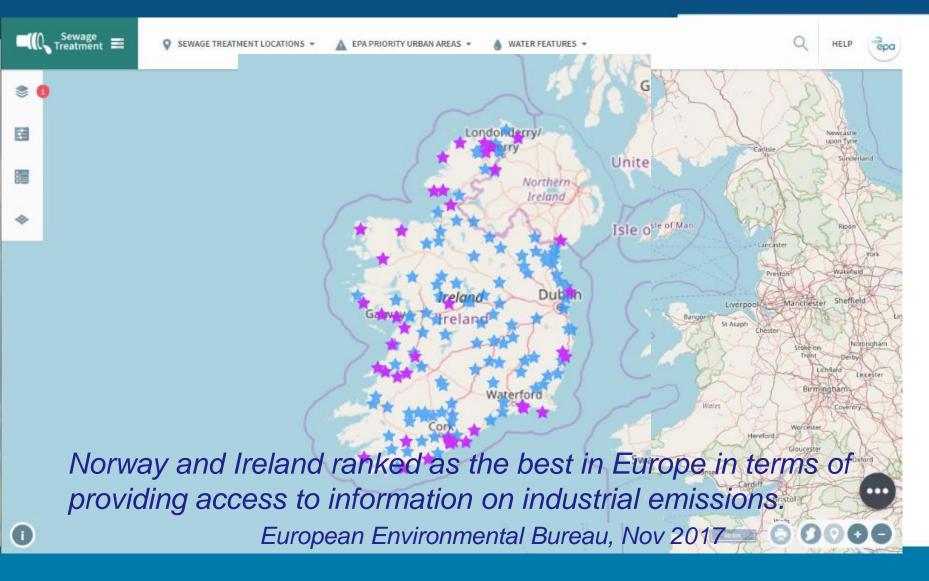


## Finding out about Licensed Sites...





## **EPA Maps**





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