



National Priority Sites and the Food and Drink Sector

- 856 active Industrial Emissions Directive or Integrated Pollution Control or Waste licences issued by the EPA
- 104 are in the Food and Drink sector
 - 27 dairy
- 279 are in Intensive Agriculture (pig and poultry)
- EPA operate a risk based approach to enforcement with sites categories into A, B, C or D with the level of inspections tailored to each risk category

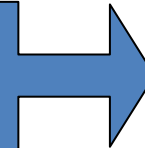
National Priority Sites List



- A methodology based on the performance of a licensed facility in terms of **licence compliance**
- The data (from the LEMA System) for the **previous 6 months** is assessed
- **Ranks all** EPA Licensed Sites based on enforcement/compliance status
- **Identifies sites** considered a 'National Enforcement Priority'
- **Publish** the 'Priority Site List' on a quarterly basis (commenced in 2017)

Transparent policies and procedures.

Accurate, consistent & proportionate data.



**OEE Standards
Unit**

NPS reviewed in 2019

- Consulted with licensees and other stakeholders
- Consulted with EPA inspectors
- External review of the methodology

Outcome: NPS is fit for purpose but minor changes suggested

National Priority Sites List - Scoring



Compliance Investigations Score Allocations		
CI Rating*	Open	Closed
High	20 points	4 points
Medium	10 points	2 points
Low	3 points	1 point

Note: Only the top 3 highest scoring CIs are counted

Incidents Score Allocation	
Catastrophic	30 points
Very Serious	20 points
Serious	10 points
Limited	5 points
Minor	No score

Non-Compliances Score allocation	
Non-Compliance with licence	1 point
NC for non-notification of an incident	5 points

Complaints Score Allocation
1 point per complaint*

NPS Score =

Compliance Investigation Score
+ Incident Score
+ Non-Compliance Score
+ Complaints Score

National Priority Site



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The EPA updates the National Priority Sites list on a quarterly basis.

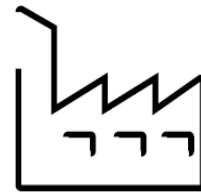
See [details about the NPS system and how the scores are allocated](#).

National priority sites list at end of Q3 2022

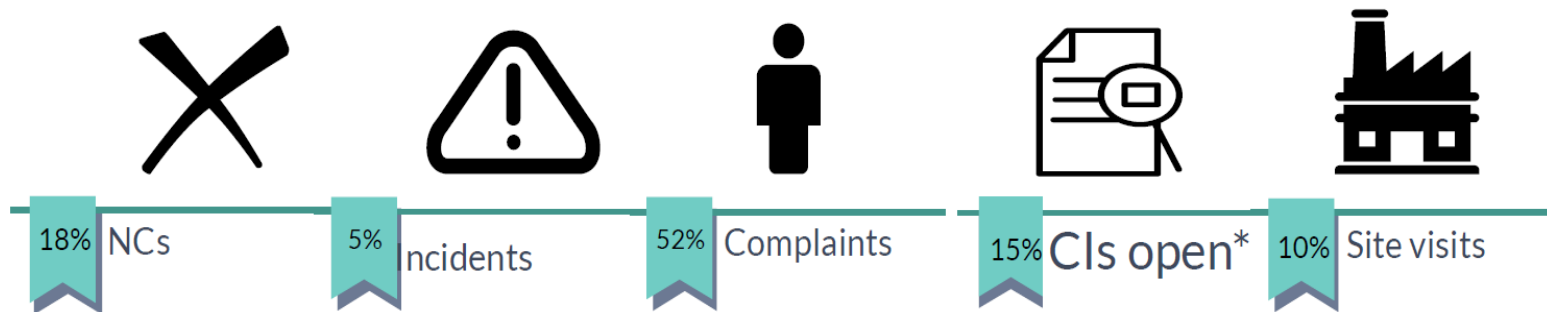
Licensee	County	Issue
Arrow Group Limited*	Kildare	Odour and noise
Aurivo Dairy Ingredients Limited	Roscommon	Wastewater treatment & odour
Ballyguyroe Landfill Site (Cork Co. Co.)	Cork	Landfill gas and leachate management
City Bin Co Ltd	Galway	Emissions to water & waste management practices
Euroflex Teoranta	Donegal	Emissions to air
Forge Hill Recycling Ltd	Cork	Odour & waste management practices
Gairdini (t/a Munster Joinery)	Cork	Emissions to water
Kepak Athleague	Roscommon	Wastewater treatment
North Cork Co-op Creameries Limited	Cork	Wastewater treatment
SRCL Limited	Dublin	Waste handling & storage
Timoleague Agri Gen Limited	Cork	Odour & facility infrastructure
Western Brand Group Unlimited Company	Mayo	Wastewater treatment

*Arrow Group Limited includes the activities at this licensed site of Dawn Farm Foods Ltd, TCFG Naas Ltd (also known as The Culinary Food Group), OK Coldstorecs Ltd, Dawn Farms Distribution Ltd and Maudlins Waste Management Ltd

Priority Sites Summary - 2021



~ 1 % of Industrial & Waste Sites



Key Issues at Food & Drink sites

- Inadequate treatment of WW in WWTPs – not expanding WWTP where activity on-site intensifies, inadequate management and control of WWTP
- Poor management of surface water and poor state of surface water drainage systems
- Inadequate notification of incidents/non-compliances
- Some sites are impacting on WFD status (table below) – 11 of 42 licensed sites impacting water quality status are F&D sector



F&D Sites Impacting on Water Quality



Active Licence	Licence Profile Name
P0190-03	Anglo Beef Processors Ireland Unlimited Company (Clones)
P0791-03	Arrabawn Co-operative Society Limited
P1035-01	Aurivo Consumer Foods Limited
P0404-02	Dairygold Co-operative Society Limited (Castlefarm)
P0442-02	Irish Distillers Limited
P0167-02	Kepak Clonee
P0595-02	Kepak Cork
P0170-01	Kildare Chilling Company
P0800-03	Lakeland Dairies Co-operative Society Limited
P1051-01	North Cork Co-Op Creameries Limited
P0801-03	Tipperary Co-operative Creamery Limited

- Sites need to adequate size for and manage the WW arisings. If a plant intends to expand it must account for that in the available WWTP capacity and manage accordingly.
- Sites need to assess their surface water drainage systems and make sure the site has a full understanding of the drainage system, that there are no misconnections and the drainage system is not damaged allowing ingress/egress. If interceptors are in place they must be adequately sized, checked regularly and cleaned out as required.
- Incidents must be notified to the EPA as per the licence
- Non-compliances should be actioned and where a Compliance Investigation has been opened the EPA must be responded to promptly.
- If the site is a significant pressure the site can expect increased scrutiny from the EPA and must identify and rectify the cause of the pressure.