

Annual compliance report

Air discharges

Activities this report covers

This report covers compliance monitoring for air discharges for the previous year to 30 June 2016. Air discharges include a wide range of activities e.g. industrial discharges, cremators, and discharges generating odour (but not including landfills and wastewater treatment plants).

What we've done

This year we monitored 51 consents relating to air discharges:

	Total	Complying	Minor non-compliance	Major non-compliance
Odour	10	7	3	0
Industrial	32	26	5	1
Cremator	6	6	0	0
Other	3	3	0	0
Total	51	42	8	1

What we've noticed

Overall consent holders are complying with their consent conditions. In the past five years we have put a lot of effort and resource into assisting small to medium scale sites to achieve better compliance, and this is really paying off now, with high levels of compliance across the group.

One site was assessed to have major non-compliance. This relates to an ongoing issue with a discharge from a boiler; the site is attempting to address this issue through applying for a new consent.

What we'd like to fix or change

Top of our list has to be working through sites with complicated and expensive air quality and stack testing conditions. Some sites are collecting a lot of data (at significant cost) but we feel that testing could be altered so as to be more focused, be better value for money for the consent holders and more useful to GWRC in understanding the sites overall compliance.

