

## Overview

### Permitted sites



361 regulated sites

Main activities:

68



Abattoirs

52



Animal feed

38



Dairy

### Industry facts



400,000 employees



£95.5 billion turnover



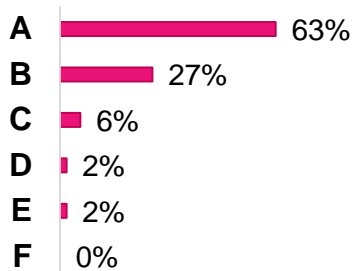
4<sup>th</sup> biggest water user by sector (125.5 million cubic metres/year)



£12.4 billion exported

## Performance

### Compliance ratings



2 persistently poor performing sites

### Pollution incidents



Serious 19  
Minor 160

### Permit breaches



Serious 20  
Minor 350

## Annual emissions

### Principal emissions to air\*

1.98 million t of **carbon dioxide**  
1,304 t of **nitrogen oxides**  
755 t of **particulate matter**  
20 t of **Hydrofluorocarbons**

### Waste produced by sites

#### Hazardous



#### Non-Hazardous



92% recovered  
8% disposed

2.7 million tonnes

### Industry focus



Of all waste produced is by this sector



Million tonnes of waste recovered and used for land spreading

\*Above the Pollution Inventory reporting threshold

## Corporate outcomes 2016 to 2020

Our objective is for:

- A cleaner, healthier environment which benefits people and the economy;
- A nation better protected against natural threats and hazards, with strong response and recovery capabilities;
- A higher visibility, stronger partnerships and local choices

Our approach	How we will put this into practice
<p>We will control and reduce the impact of industrial emissions on the environment. We will do this through implementing the Industrial Emissions Directive and following the associated Best Available Techniques Reference documents (BREFs).</p> <p>We will continue to work within current EU legislation until such time new legislation is implemented after the European Union exit.</p>	<p>We will carry out a sector review as soon as we start using the revised BREF(s). We will measure success by monitoring the number of permits we've reviewed and the number of Best Available Techniques requirements permit holders have implemented.</p> <p>We will continue to work with permit holders and trade associations to keep them updated of any changes and what this will mean for them.</p>
<p>We will encourage permit holders to use energy and water more efficiently and reduce waste.</p>	<p>We will provide advice and guidance to our permit holders during our compliance activities.</p> <p>We will provide advice on being more efficient with their resources.</p> <p>We will measure success by monitoring the amount of waste sent to landfill and the recovery of waste.</p>
<p>We will make sure more permit holders are complying with the regulations and we will take tough action if they don't. We want to see more businesses performing at a consistently high level.</p>	<p>We will concentrate our resources on the permit holders that pose the highest risk. Amongst other methods, we will measure success by monitoring the number of poor performers.</p>
<p>We will make sure permit holders minimise impacts on the environment from the use of refrigerant gases.</p>	<p>We will check if businesses are complying with the relevant legislation and take prompt action if they are not.</p>
<p>We will make sure permit holders are more resilient to climate change.</p>	<p>We will provide advice and guidance on adapting to the effects of climate change.</p>
<p>We will help businesses comply with regulatory requirements, support sustainable growth and protect the environment and public health.</p>	<p>We will process applications for new permits, variations and transfers on time.</p> <p>We will make sure the sector contributes to the National Emission Ceiling Directive targets for air quality by ensuring compliance with the conditions of their permits.</p>
<p>We will implement the outputs of the Strategic Charges Review to ensure we recover the correct charges to fund our regulatory work.</p>	<p>We will keep permit holders and trade associations updated on how they may be affected.</p>
<p>We are transforming our information systems and supporting guidance to be more customer-focused to support businesses and make it as easy as possible for them to do the right thing.</p>	<p>We will listen to those we regulate and communicate clearly with them making our guidance and advice clear and easy to understand. We are digital by default, to make transactions with us as easy as possible, while recognising that some businesses prefer more traditional approaches.</p>

### Data Sources:

The Environment Agency holds records for the number and type of regulated sites, the number of pollution incidents and permit breaches, and the compliance rating for each regulated site. The number of serious pollution incidents include both permitted and unpermitted sites in this sector.

Substance release and waste transfer data is collected from sites that operate under a Part A(1) environmental permit and form part of the Environment Agency's Pollution Inventory. See the [2016 datasets](#) that support this report.

Industry data has been collected from a variety of sources including industry trade organisations and publicly available resources.