

# REGULATE

# WASTE DISCHARGES TO LAND-NON15

**GROUP:** MUNICIPAL WASTE NON15 FACILITIES

**MEASURE:** NUMBER OF INSPECTIONS  
NUMBER OF FACILITIES INSPECTED

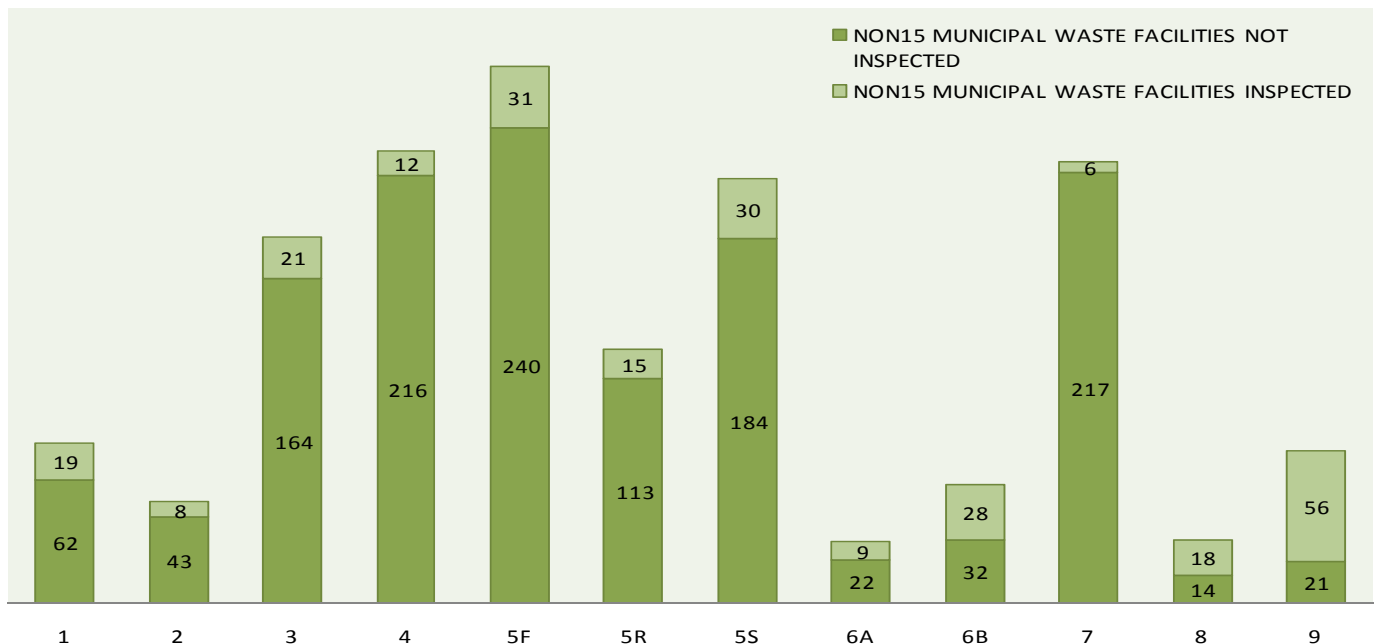
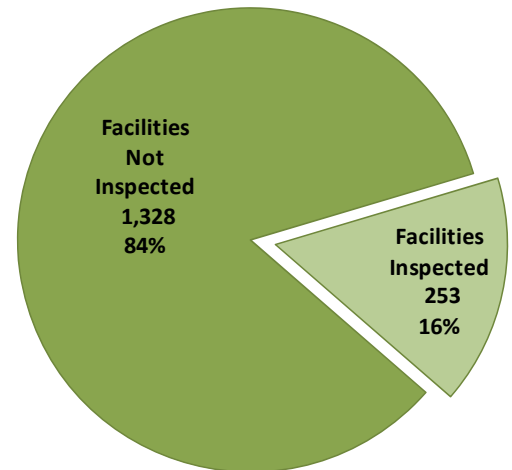
**MESSAGE:** Significant variation in inspection frequency across the regions.

*KEY STATISTICS FOR FY 2009-10*

NUMBER OF ACTIVE FACILITIES: 1,581  
NUMBER OF INSPECTIONS: 290  
NUMBER OF FACILITIES INSPECTED: 253

**MEASUREMENTS:**

Region	Facilities	Inspections	Facilities Inspected	Percentage Facilities Inspected
1	81	19	19	23%
2	51	8	8	16%
3	185	28	21	11%
4	228	12	12	5%
5	613	88	76	12%
6	91	45	37	41%
7	223	6	6	3%
8	32	26	18	56%
9	77	58	56	73%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,581</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>16%</b>



**WHAT THE MEASURE IS SHOWING:**

Although the percentage of facilities inspected varies among the different Regional Water Boards, the statewide percentage of facilities inspected is relatively low. Overall, 16% of the facilities were inspected. Some facilities are inspected more than once a year; that is why the total number of inspections is greater than the total number of facilities inspected.

**WHY THIS MEASURE IS IMPORTANT:**

Inspections are a primary tool used in the NON15 program to assess compliance with requirements. Inspection frequencies for NON15 facilities are based on threats to water quality. In addition, the Regional Boards assess compliance by reviewing self-monitoring reports submitted by the discharger and responding to complaints. Validation of conditions described by self-monitoring data must be done through periodic inspection, and inspection is the only means to evaluate system maintenance and to observe unreported activities. Inspections are performed by priority, with high-risk sites and registered complaints receiving more attention.

**TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

- Data source: CIWQS. Period July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010. Extracted on July 17, 2009.
- Unit of Measure: Number of facilities inspected at least once during FY 09-10.
- Data Definitions: Inspections conducted by Regional Water Board staff, State Water Board staff, or contractors.
- References: More information on the Water Boards' WDR NON15 program is available at: [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/land\\_disposal/waste\\_discharge\\_requirements.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/land_disposal/waste_discharge_requirements.shtml)
- Public reports and data are available at: [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/ciwqs/publicreports.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ciwqs/publicreports.shtml)
- Enforcement and compliance assurance information is available at: [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/enforcement/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/enforcement/)

**GLOSSARY:****Municipal Sources**

Facilities that treat sewage or a mixture of predominantly sewage and other waste from districts, municipalities, communities, hospitals, schools, and publicly or privately owned systems (excluding individual surface leaching systems disposing of less than 1,000 gallons per day).

**Waste Discharge Requirements-NON15 Program**

The Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR) Program regulates all point source discharges of waste to land that do not require full containment (which falls under the [Land Discharge Program](#)), or are not subject to the NPDES Program.