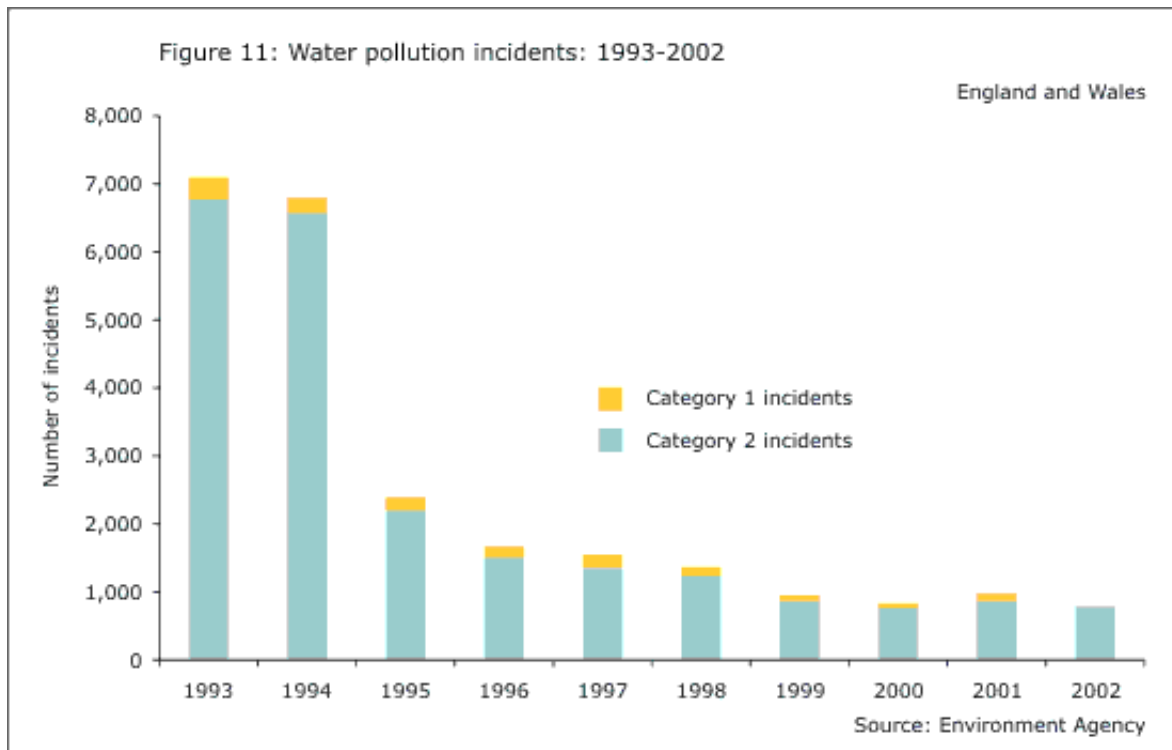


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Key Facts about: Inland Water Quality and Use

Water pollution incidents: 1993-2002

England and Wales



	1993	1999	2000	2001	2002
Category 1 incidents	331	90	77	118	82
Category 2 incidents	6768	863	758	860	784
Prosecutions	286	230	235	258	234

Category 1 and category 2 pollution incidents have the most serious impact on river water quality, the other two categories are those that are relatively minor or have no impact.

In 2002 there were 866 category 1 and 2 incidents in England and Wales, 11 per cent less than in 2001 and 88 per cent less than in 1993. Agriculture, which has been the source of the largest number of category 1 incidents in recent years had a drop of 66 per cent in the number of category 1 incidents from 2001 to 2002.

The number of prosecutions for water pollution fell by 76 per cent between 1990 and 1997 but has risen since to levels just below those in the early 90's and in 2002 was 17 per cent lower than in 1990.

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