



**Recommendation of the European Parliament and the
Council Providing for the Minimum Criteria for
Environmental Inspections in Member States (2001/331/EC)**

Inspection & Compliance plan under RMCEI 2026

Note from the Director:

Longford County Council has again set out an ambitious plan for 2026 and is committed to the ongoing monitoring and review of targets on a quarterly basis. The 2025 report has highlighted the excellent work carried out by the Environment team. There is a significant volume of activities being undertaken with new and innovative actions and interventions being taken. Targets are met and exceeded. The 2026 plan will build on this excellent work with the plan proactively managed throughout the year.

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Glossary/Definitions

Activity - The aim of the activity should be to achieve the intermediate outcomes and/or the final environmental outcome associated with the National Priority

Additional Intermediate outcome – Other outcomes, identified by a Council, outside those that have been specified by the EPA in the RMCEI Return template

ATF – Authorised Treatment Facility (processing of ELVs);

Baseline - To measure the progress in achieving the intermediate outcome over time, a baseline value must be established. Data gathered in subsequent years can then be compared to the baseline value in order to measure progress towards achieving the intermediate outcome.

C&D – Construction & Demolition (Waste);

CCMA – County & City Management Association;

CoR – Certificate of Registration;

DAFM – Department of Agriculture Food & Marine;

DCEE – Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment;

DHLGH – Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage;

DRS – Deposit Return Scheme;

DWWTS – Domestic Wastewater Treatment System;

Environmental inspection according to RMCEI includes:

- site visits,
- monitoring achievement of environmental quality standards,
- consideration of environmental audit reports and statements,
- consideration and verification of any self-monitoring carried out by or on behalf of operators of controlled installations,
- assessing the activities and operations carried out at the controlled installation,
- checking the premises and the relevant equipment (including the adequacy with which it is maintained) and the adequacy of the environmental management at the site,
- checking the relevant records kept by the operators of controlled installations.

ELV – End of Life Vehicle;

EPA – Environmental Protection Agency;

Final Environmental Outcome - is a measurable change in the environment, e.g. cleaner air or improved water quality

GAP – Good Agricultural Practice for the protection of waters Regulations;

LAWPRO – Local Authority Waters Programme;

Metric – A metric is a way of measuring the progress to achieving the intermediate outcome or the objective

NAIP – National Agricultural Inspection Programme

NIECE – Network for Ireland's Environmental Compliance & Enforcement;

NIP – National Inspection Plan;

Non-routine inspection – an inspection carried out in such cases in response to complaints, in connection with the issuing, renewal or modification of an authorisation, permit or licence, or in the investigation of accidents, incidents and occurrences of non-compliance.

OEE – Office of Environmental Enforcement, EPA;

PMDS – Performance Management and Development System;

PRI/EPRI – Producer Responsibility Initiative or Extended Producer Responsibility Initiative;

RBMP – River Basin Management Plan;

RMCEI – EU Recommendation on Minimum Criteria for Environmental Inspections;

Routine inspection – an inspection carried out as part of a planned inspections programme, e.g. scheduled inspection of a permitted facility, scheduled monitoring of a licensed discharged; compliance assessment of a regulated facility, etc.

Specified Intermediate outcome – Those intermediate Outcomes specified by the EPA in the RMCEI Return template

TARGET - Once the baseline is established, the goal should be to reduce/increase the baseline value over time, thereby achieving the intermediate outcome. A target is the value to which the baseline value is aimed to be reduced (or increased) to for that year. A qualitative target can be developed where a baseline has not been established or targets may also be set centrally to ensure a consistent approach to achieving an intermediate outcome/objective"

VOC – Volatile Organic Compounds;

WEEE – Waste Electrical & Electronic Equipment;

WERLA – Waste Enforcement Regional Lead Authority;

WFD – Water Framework Directive;

WFP – Waste Facility Permit.

1. Introduction

1.1 Plan Details

Table 1: Plan Details

Geographic Area	1091 square km
Population	46,634 (CSO 2022)
Calendar Year	2026
RMCEI Coordinator Name and Position	Gráinne Harte, Senior Executive Engineer

1.2 Expected Known Once-Off Challenges that may be Faced in Implementation of this Plan

Table 2 Expected Known Once-Off Challenges that may be Faced in Implementation of this Plan (if any) & how these will be Addressed

Description of known challenge and outline of how these will be addressed
1. Non-Routine Inspections – Impact of significant cases, should they arise, will be considered quarterly.
2. Ever expanding brief and increased complexity - Work will have to be prioritised due to resource constraints.
3. Staff turn-over.
4. Non RMCEI activities such as the Cemeteries, Flood Mitigation, Anti-Dumping Initiative, Dangerous Structures and Historic Landfills consume significant resources.

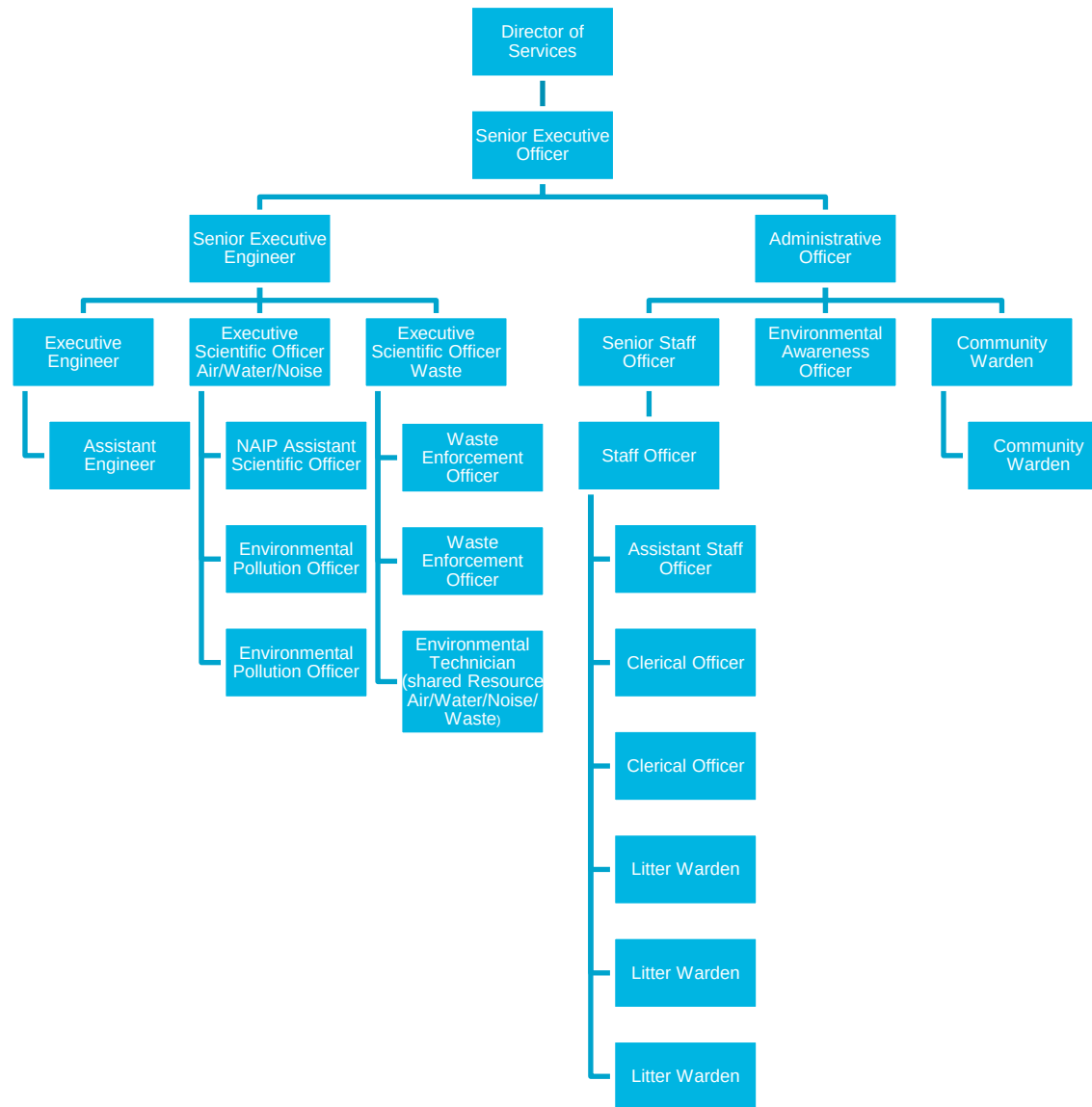
1.3 Staff Structure

As well as RMCEI related work the Environment Section is also responsible for Bring Banks, Historic Landfills, Arterial Drainage, Flood Mitigation, Monitoring of Hydrometric Stations, Cemeteries, Dangerous Structures, Control of Animals Admin, Water and Wastewater Stranded Assets and the Rural Water Programme.

Special projects are also undertaken involving work on the Anti-Dumping Initiative, invasive species (Japanese Knotweed), Community and Tidy Towns initiatives etc.

The Organogram below describes all staff involved except for the County Veterinary Officer and the Dog Wardens.

Figure 1 Council Organogram



2. Priorities for Environmental Enforcement for the Year Ahead

2.1 National Environmental Enforcement Priorities for the Year Ahead

Table 3 National Environmental Priorities Checklist

Ref. No	National Environmental Priorities	Have the relevant NEP activities for focus been incorporated into your inspection plan for the year ahead?		Where you have answered 'No' please provide a comment to explain.
		Yes	No	
1.0	Water - Improving Water Status in all waterbodies			
1.1	Pressures from Agriculture (Farmyards) - slurry/soiled water collection and storage	✓		
1.2	Pressures from Agriculture (Farmland) - slurry and fertiliser spreading	✓		
1.3	Discharge Licences/ Misconnections	✓		
1.4	Local Water Quality Pressures including Septic Tanks and Private Water Supplies	✓		
2.0	Air - Protecting public health and to improve and maintain air quality			
2.1	Solid Fuel	✓		
2.2	Air Quality Monitoring and Data Use	✓		
2.3	Environmental Noise Directive (END) Activities	✓		
2.4	Local Air and Noise Investigations	✓		
3.0	Waste - Improving waste management and protecting our environment			
3.1	Tackling illegal waste activities and Multi-Agency Sites/Operators of Concern	✓		
3.2	Construction and Demolition Material	✓		
3.3	Household Waste	✓		

Ref. No	National Environmental Priorities	Have the relevant NEP activities for focus been incorporated into your inspection plan for the year ahead?		Where you have answered 'No' please provide a comment to explain.
		Yes	No	
3.4	Commercial Waste	✓		
3.5	Plastics and Producer Responsibility Initiatives	✓		

2.2 Ongoing RMCEI/Local Priorities

Table 4 Additional Local Priorities

Local Priorities	Yes	No	Where you have answered 'Yes' please provide a summary of the local priorities for the year ahead
Are there additional local priorities for the year ahead which are not activities for focus under the NEPs?	✓		Local Priorities: - 1. Illegal dumping in socially disadvantaged areas. 2. Historic landfills groundwater and surface water monitoring as part of the EPA COA's.

Table 5 Work Planned with Regional Lead Authorities

Authority	Plans for the Year ahead
This may include work with some of the following bodies not referred to above: e.g. WERLA, Teagasc & Dept of Agriculture Food & the Marine (DAFM), EPA, DCEE, DHLGH, LAWPRO If all such work has already been referred to above leave this blank.	1. WERLA work programmes. 2. Lough Forbes Catchment Focus Group (MCPA) 3. LAWPRO WFD Programmes 4. LAWPRO & IFA - NAIP works programme.

3. Risk Assessment

Table 6 Selection of Sites for Assessment in the Year Ahead

Type of Regulated Installation (i.e. Discharge Licences/ Waste Permit Facilities / Certificate of Registration / Sites licensed under the Air Pollution Act / etc)	Total No. of Installations in your functional area	Total No. of Installations in your functional area Per Risk Category			No. Of Inspections Planned Per Risk Category ¹			Total No. Of Inspections Planned	Additional Comment (e.g. include rationale for selection of sites to be inspected and/or indicate whether any of the inspections planned include installations that have been recommended for inspected by Lead Authorities)
		A	B	C	A	B	C		
Discharge Licences	7	0	5	2	0	20	4	24	Risk assessment completed, several low-risk sites have reduced frequency of sampling, remaining sites to be inspected four times.
Waste Permit Facilities	11	1	0	10	2	0	20	22	All sites to be visited at least once, follow up inspections as required, AERs to be validated
Certificate of Registration	8	0	0	8	0	0	30	30	All sites to be inspected at least once, follow up inspections as required, AERs to be validated, additionally increased monitoring anticipated due to levy changes in 2026.
Sites licensed under the Air Pollution Act	32	0	21	11	0	8	13	21	Sites to be inspected chosen based on risk assessment, with solvent regulation site inspected twice.
Total No. Of Inspections Planned								97	

¹ Unless directed otherwise

4. Resource Assessment for the Year Ahead

4.1 Review of the Achievement of the Previous Years Inspection Targets

Table 7 Review of Previous Years Inspections

Inspection Type <i>Figures available from your RMCEI return (Section 6) or previous years RMCEI plan</i>	No. of Planned Inspections set out at the start of the Previous Year	No. of Completed Inspections at the end of the Previous Year	Outline any reason for significant difference in completed versus planned figures (i.e. +/- 25%)	Please provide a brief narrative to demonstrate that the previous years completed inspections have been considered when planning the inspections for the year ahead
Routine Waste Inspections	204	246	Appointment of full time Waste Executive Scientist in Q1 2025.	The new Executive Scientist resource has been considered for the 2026 planned inspection schedule.
Non-Routine Waste Inspections	127	343	The appointment of a 2 nd Community Warden Resource enabled more focus on illegal dumping hot spots.	The new Community Warden resource has been considered for the 2026 planned inspection schedule.
Routine Litter Patrols/Investigations	3,559	3,470	The reduction in litter has been aided by the procurement of a new mini sweeper and the development of a road sweeper map, improving targeted attention.	
Routine Water/Wastewater Inspections	231	324	Appointment of full time NAIP Assistant Scientist in Q1 2025 and Air/Water/Noise Executive Scientist in Q2 2025.	The new Assistant and Executive Scientist resources have been considered for the 2026 planned inspection schedule.
Non-Routine Water/Wastewater Inspections	57	64		
Routine Air/Noise Inspections	39	78	Appointment of full time Air/Water/Noise Executive Scientist in Q2 2025.	The new Executive Scientist resource has been considered for the 2026 planned inspection schedule.
Non-Routine Air/Noise Inspections	5	11	No. of inspections is dependent on the level of complaints.	
Routine producer Responsibility Inspections	61	77		
Planning inspections	55	146	The appointment of both Executive Scientists in 2025 enabled improved collaboration with the Planning Department and increased efficiencies in responses from within the Environment Department.	The new Executive Scientist resources have been considered for the 2026 planned inspection schedule.

4.2 Number of Staff Days Available

Table 8 Resources Available to undertake required Work for the Year Ahead

Department	Available Resources	Role	Focus Area for this Resource (please ensure you outline which NEP area this resource will be associated with)	Available days for RMCEI (both routine and non-routine)	Basis of calculating Resource Available days (take account of e.g. job-sharing, full/part-time working, expected leave, secondment to other work areas and therefore unavailable, basis for a standard working year e.g. 220 days)
Environment	20%	Senior Executive Engineer	Waste/Air/Water/Noise	14	20% of time allocated to RMCEI. -less 30 days for work carried over from 2025 and non-inspection work
Environment	100%	Scientific Officer	Waste	174	100% of time allocated to RMCEI less: -45 days for work carried over from 2025 and non-inspection work.
Environment	100%	Waste Enforcement Officer (Executive Technician)	Waste	179	100% of time allocated to RMCEI less: -40 days for work carried over from 2025 and non-inspection work.
Environment	100%	Waste Enforcement Officer (Grade 1 Technician)	Waste	169	100% of time allocated to RMCEI. -less 10 days shorter working year -less 40 days for work carried over from 2025 and non-inspection work
Environment	100%	Enforcement Officer (Grade 1 Technician)	Waste/Air/Water/Noise	120	Shared Resource. Appointment Jan 2026 100% of time allocated to RMCEI. -less 100 days for new employee training and non-inspection work
Environment	100%	Scientific Officer	Air/Water/Noise	174	100% of time allocated to RMCEI less: -45 days for work carried over from 2025 and non-inspection work.
Environment	100%	Assistant Scientific Officer	Water/NAIP	179	100% of time allocated to RMCEI less: -40 days for work carried over from 2025 and non-inspection work.
Environment	100%	Waste Enforcement Officer	Air/Water/Noise	179	100% of time allocated to RMCEI less:

		(Executive Technician)			-40 days for work carried over from 2025 and non-inspection work.
Environment	100%	Waste Enforcement Officer (Grade 1 Technician)	Air/Water/Noise	179	100% of time allocated to RMCEI. -less 40 days for work carried over from 2025 and non-inspection work
Environment	100%	Litter Warden	Litter	192	100% of time allocated to RMCEI. -less 32 days for work carried over from 2025 and non-inspection work
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Environment	0%	Litter Warden	Litter	0	Absent – Long Term Illness
Environment	45%	Environmental Awareness Officer	Environmental Awareness	64	45% of time allocated to RMCEI. 2,001 -less 10 days for work carried over from 2025
Environment	55%	Community Warden	Community	110	55% of time allocated to RMCEI Including covering for absent litter warden. -less 10 days for work carried over from 2025 and non-inspection work.
Environment	55%	Community Warden	Community	110	55% of time allocated to RMCEI Including covering for absent litter warden. -less 10 days for work carried over from 2025 and non-inspection work.
TOTAL DAYS AVAILABLE				2,035	

4.3 Environmental Enforcement Training Requirements

The implementation of the inspection plan requires the development and maintenance of certain competencies within the inspection team. The required competencies for inspection and enforcement are ideally identified through PMDS (Performance Management and Development System).

Recommendations for training are subject to Senior Management approval and budgetary constraints.

Course/Training provided to enforcement staff in previous year:	Course/Training provided by:	Comment
National Agricultural Inspections Programme (NAIP) Training in Gurteen	The EPA NAIP Team	NAIP ASO, EPO - strengthening inspection, auditing, and reporting skills, ensuring consistency and accuracy in enforcement.
Environmental Legislation Training	LASNTG	New Staff, including all administrative staff. – ensuring both operational and administrative staff work with up-to-date legislation, improved efficiency, and stronger environmental governance, ultimately supporting effective protection of public health and the environment.
Courtroom Skills	La Touche	SEE, EE, AE, AO, SO, ASO - improving legal compliance, and ensures that environmental enforcement actions are professionally presented, defensible, and effective.

Course/Training planned for enforcement staff for the reporting year:	Course/Training provided by	Comment
National Agricultural Inspections Programme (NAIP) Training in Gurteen	The EPA NAIP Team	New ET, new EPO – building resilience into the Environment Technical Team.
Courtroom Skills	LASNTG	New ET, new EPO – as above.
Discharge License Inspections	LASNTG	ALL EPOs, SO and ET – to enhance staff competence in conducting consistent, legally robust inspections, strengthening compliance enforcement, and protecting water quality.

Training is linked to PMDS Personal Development Plans	
Yes/No	If answered No, state your reasoning.
Yes	

4.4 Health and Safety

Planned Health and Safety training for the reporting year:

- Safe Pass
- Manual Handling
- Risk Assessments including but not limited to:
 - Lone Working,
 - Violence and Aggression
 - Biological Hazards
 - Site Visits
 - Sampling Activities
 - Management of discarded drugs Paraphernalia & Needle Stick Injuries

LCC's Internal Meta-Compliance platform is used to deliver, track, and record mandatory staff training – including H&S policies and guidelines.

Comments:

Longford County Council received registration to OHSAS 18001:2007 in 2014 making it the first council in the country to have registration across departments in all directorates including the Environment Department.

In October 2020, Longford County Council successfully migrated to the international Standard ISO 45001:2018 Accreditation. This standard is obtained following a two-day audit process carried out by the National Standards Authority of Ireland (NSAI). The Environment Department was included as part of this audit. There were no non-compliances identified in the Environment Department.

In 2025 the NSAI ISO 45001:2018 Re-Certification Audit auditor had no audit findings or recommendations for improvement. Longford County Council also received the Local Authority/Council Award, along with an Exceptional High Achiever Award, at the 34th National Irish Safety Organisation (NISO) Annual Safety Awards.

A successful H&S system relies on buy-in and leadership from the top. Paddy Mahon, the Chief Executive, and the Senior Management Team (SMT) at Longford County Council ensure that H&S is discussed as part of the SMT meeting every month to drive our health and safety agenda from the top down. The SMT is involved in the health and safety inspections programme and carry out regular site inspections across all Departments of the organisation.

Health and Safety is the first item on the agenda of the monthly Environment Team and Litter Team Meetings. Regular communication sessions are also held between the H&S Department environment representative and the Environment Department.

The Environment Section also carries out regular Health and Safety inspections. They are carried out in compliance with the Council's own Health and Safety SD-SM-04 Annual Programme of Safety Inspections.

The Environment Department has a dedicated Safety Representative who actively participates in the safety monitoring committee meetings. This is a forum which meets on a quarterly basis to hear concerns from employees raised through their Safety Representatives.

LCC also have a workplace Health and Wellbeing Programme initiative, where wellbeing and performance go hand in hand. Focusing on key areas like Physical Health, Mental Wellbeing, Financial Wellbeing, providing practical support to help employees navigate everyday challenges effectively.

5. Planned Inspections/Other Activities for the Year Ahead

5.1 Planned Routine & Non-Routine Inspections

RMCEI Plan Appendix 1 Excel Spreadsheet completed and attached.

5.2 Outstanding Enforcement Actions & Complaints Requiring Resources for the Year Ahead

Table 9 Outstanding Enforcement Actions & Complaints to be Closed Out

Inspection Type	No. of Inspections to close out in the Year Ahead	Estimate time per inspection+ write up (days)	Time for all Inspections (days)
Outstanding Complaints			
4.1.1 Litter (excluding fly tipping and illegal dumping)	51	0.25	12.75
4.1.2 Waste, non C&D. Includes fly tipping and illegal dumping	28	0.5	14
4.1.3 Waste, C&D.	0	0.5	0
4.2 Water/Wastewater	24	0.5	12
4.3 Air/Odour	5	0.5	2.5
4.4 Noise	14	0.5	7
Outstanding enforcement Actions			
Warning Letters	55	0.25	13.75
Section Notices	14	0.25	3.5
Complaints	0	0.25	0
Court Cases	0	1	0
Other	0	0.25	0
Total	191		65.5

5.3 Summary of Resource Requirements

Table 10 Summary of Inspections to Complete and Resources Required for the Year Ahead

Inspection Type	No. of Inspections Planned for the Year Ahead	Total Time for all Inspections (days)
Total Routine Inspections (obtained from <i>Appendix 1: Planned Routine & Non-Routine Inspections for the Year Ahead</i>)	4,022	1,654
Total Non-Routine Inspections (obtained from <i>Appendix 1: Planned Routine & Non-Routine Inspections for the Year Ahead</i>)	263	347.5
Outstanding Enforcement Action & Complaints to be Closed out – (outlined in Table 9)	191	65.5
Totals	4,476	2,067
Total Available Resources (Days) – (outlined in Table 8 of the Plan)		2,035

6. Plan Review Mechanisms

Table 11 Summary checklist of plan review mechanism

Question	Yes	No
Q1 Have progress implementation meetings been planned to be undertaken to assess Plan progress through the year?	✓	
Q2 Will the Director of Services, Senior Engineer, Senior Management and Environment Strategic Policy Committee be informed of Plan progress (on a monthly or quarterly basis).	✓	
Q3 Are objectives for the delivery of the RMCEI Plan incorporated within staff PMDS Team Development Plans?	✓	
Q4 If aspects of the Plan need to change (i.e. achieved good progress in some areas and are behind in other areas), as a result of a quarterly review, is there a mechanism in place to implement the change?	✓	
Q5 Will monitoring of the progress of the Plan be documented (i.e. monthly/quarterly monitoring reports, preparation of minutes and circulation of same in relation to any progress meetings)?	✓	
Q6 Were these plan review mechanisms implemented in the previous reporting year?	✓	
Q7 What frequency will the plan progress be reviewed?	Quarterly	

Monthly team meetings are held by the Environment Section and RMCEI is an agenda item after Health and Safety and Enforcement.

“Quarterly” reviews will take place on the first team meeting date after the “Quarter” closing date based on the following schedule:

- 31/03/2026 – First “Quarter”
- 30/06/2026 – Second “Quarter”
- 30/09/2026 – Third “Quarter”
- 31/12/2026 – Fourth “Quarter”

7. Use of Relevant Inspection Templates

Table 12 Summary of waste inspection template use for the reporting year

Has the use of relevant waste inspection templates been incorporated into your enforcement work for the year ahead ² ? (Yes/No/Not for all applicable work areas)	Where you have answered ‘No’ or ‘Not for all applicable work areas’ then please provide a comment, with reference to the relevant template(s) not being used.
Yes	

² Relevant waste inspection templates are available on the WERLA page of the NIECE Portal.

Appendix 1: Planned Routine & Non-Routine Inspections for the Year Ahead

To be populated in the Excel Spreadsheet RMCEI Plan Appendix 1-Planned Routine & Non-Routine Inspections for the Year Ahead. Available on the NIECE Portal and to be submitted with the RMCEI Plan.

Appendix 2: Suggested Plan Implementation Review Template

RMCEI/Enforcement Plan Implementation Review Report

Meeting Date:

Meeting Time:

Attendees:

Name	Title

Reason for the Meeting:

Monthly Implementation Review:	
Quarterly Implementation Review:	
Other Reasons:	

Important Notes/Actions from Previous Meeting:

Table A – Progress Against Priorities

National Priority:			
Areas Requiring Review for this Priority - for example:	Progress to Date	Further Work Required	Responsibility Assigned
• For authorised sites- compliance rates; • Site selection methodology, and/or early interventions; • Detection of non-compliances/follow up; • Progress in the NEP shown; • Positive environmental outcomes – not just inspections targets; • Collaborative work with WERLA, LAWPRO, EPA, Catchment Care Projects; • Data analysis/sharing for enforcement targeting – and other activities as described in Table 1 of the Guidance.			

Table B – Progress Against Inspection Targets

Inspection Plan Review				
	Areas	Progress to Date	Further Work Required	Responsibility Assigned
1				
2				
3				

Appendix 3: National Environmental Governance Processes 2025 - 2027

National Environmental Governance Processes 2025 – 2027			
National Enforcement Priority (2025 -2027)	Objective (2025 – 2027)	Outcome (2025 -2027)	Activities for Focus in 2026
Planning for Environmental Inspections and Compliance	Environmental inspection tasks are planned and carried out according to Recommendation 2001/331/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council, providing for Minimum Criteria for Environmental Inspections (RMCEI), thereby strengthening compliance with, and contributing to a more consistent implementation and enforcement of environmental law in all local authority functional areas.	• Appropriate inspection and compliance planning, resourcing environmental tasks based on risk, and implementing inspection schedules, focussed on the National Enforcement Priorities (NEPs).	➤ Produce an Environmental Inspection & Compliance Plan according to RMCEI requirements³ to include: ➤ The time period and geographical area to which the plan relates. ➤ The resources available to undertake inspection tasks and any challenges to implementation. ➤ The incorporation of the National Enforcement Priorities (NEPs) into the Plan with related inspection/compliance tasks. ➤ The sites or types of installations covered by the plan. ➤ Environmental risk ranking of sites or installations and prioritisation of resources based on risk. ➤ A programme for routine environmental inspections and resource provision for non-routine inspections. ➤ A periodic review structure (minimum biannually) for assessing the implementation and adaptation of the Plan and progress of NEPs and planned inspection targets. ➤ Sign-off of the Plan and reviews by Director of Services. ➤ Submit the Plan to the EPA by the required deadline.

³ RMCEI Plan Template is available on the NIECE website at <https://www.niece.ie/Topics/RMCEI.aspx>

Recording & Reporting of Environmental Inspections, Compliance, and Enforcement Data	Environmental Inspections, Compliance, and Enforcement Data is reported in a timely manner through the National Environmental Management Information System (NEMIS), to facilitate national reporting on RMCEI statistics and implementation of the National Enforcement Priorities (NEPs).	• Accurate and timely data recording and reporting of inspections, compliance, and enforcement data by all local authorities.	➤ Enter environmental inspection and complaints⁴ data on a quarterly basis in NEMIS across all environmental sectors of Waste, Water, Air and Noise. ➤ Enter agricultural inspection, compliance, and enforcement data on a quarterly basis in the NAIP spreadsheet and submit this to naip@epa.ie ➤ Produce NEP Progress Reports for each priority area and submit to the EPA by the required deadline. The NEP reports should adhere to the criteria set out in Local Authority Performance Framework Assessment Methodology and Guidance⁵ with clear examples of positive environmental outcomes provided. ➤ Use relevant inspection templates and guidance from WERLA, NAIP, etc. ➤ Ensure all annual RMCEI statistics are reported via NEMIS by the required deadline. ➤ Review and update existing complaints handling procedures and processes to ensure alignment with the revised Environmental Complaints Procedure for Local Authorities.
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⁴ Appropriate systems should be in place for recording and tracking environmental complaints and reporting these numbers for each thematic area in NEMIS.

⁵ Available on the NIECE website at <https://www.niece.ie/Topics/RMCEI.aspx>