

In line with the [Performance Delivery Agreement](#) in place between the EPA and the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications and between the EPA and the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Annex 4 to that agreement was updated for 2023.

## Annex 4 – Key High-level Metrics and Indicators

Table 4.1 – Key High-level Metrics

	2019		2020		2021		2022		2023
	Target	Output	Target	Output	Target	Output	Target	Output	Target
Number of Environmental and Radiological Decisions <sup>2</sup>	2,140	2,745	1,270*	1,137	990*	1,348	740	895	740
Number of Industrial/Waste licences awarded (IE, IPC & Waste)		38		43	60	42	45	36	60
Number of Industrial/Wastesite visits	1,320	1,485	1,450	1,164	1,479	1,295	1,560	1,582	1,589
Number of Urban Wastewater and Drinking Water Site Visits	370	299	370	117	322	291	270	318	385

\* New Graded Authorisation system produces fewer radiological licence renewal applications

<sup>2</sup> Includes Licences, Certs of Registration, Article 27 Decisions, Authorisations, Authorisation Renewals, Technical Amendments, Authorisations Closed etc.

**Table 4.2 – Publications**

	2019		2020		2021		2022		2023
	Target	Output	Target	Output	Target	Output	Target	Output	Target
Number of EPA Reports published on the EPA website	35	38	35	32	35	34	36	36	43
Number of Reports on Environmental Research Projects published on the EPA website	35	43	30	54	33	41	35	28	30
Number of Open Data datasets on the DPER Open Portal	260	296	280	310	320	409	325	409	440

**Table 4.3 - Context & Impact Indicators**

	2019		2020		2021		2022		2023
	Target	Output	Target	Output	Target	Output	Projection	Output	Projection
Number of visits to the EPA website	900,000	1,160,132	1m	1,046,496	1m	722,297	750,000	909,500	1m
Number of environmental queries from the public answered	2,200	2,411	2,300	2,410	2,300	2,940	2,400	2,047	2,100

<b>New Metrics</b>	<b>2022 Target (where available)</b>	<b>2022 Output</b>	<b>2023 Target</b>
No. of Climate Dialogue stakeholder including fora, Climate lectures and National Conference delivered			5
No. of Climate Change in the Irish Mind behavioural insights studies and surveys to be undertaken			3
<b>AAMP</b> – No. of operational Air Monitoring Stations reporting on Air Quality	115	105	116
<b>LIFE Emerald</b> - 3 day forecasts of Air Quality for PM, NO2 and Ozone to be available on airquality.ie			3 Day Air Quality Forecast for Ireland
No. of monitoring sites for transboundary and green-house gases used for the purpose of atmospheric composition and change			4
No. of sites providing air quality monitoring for the purpose of ‘source apportionment’ (sources of particulate matter air pollutants) to highlight any changes year on year			2
No. of national surveys that will be completed under the waste characterisation programme necessary to inform national policy and support expanded reporting	1		4
No. of key waste statistic data releases	11	12	14
No. of Specialist studies/surveys completed to support CE and statutory reporting obligations	1	2	2
No. of national end-of-waste criteria that will be developed for prioritised wastes and other materials			1
No of national by-product criteria that will be developed for prioritised wastes and other materials			2
No. of new local authority circular initiatives under the Circular Economy Prevention Network fund	5	4	5

No. of Circular Economy Conference delivered	1	1	1
No. of biennial Food Waste Forum delivered			1
No. of nationally representative attitudes and behaviours surveys delivered	2	2	3
No. of Circular Insights policy papers delivered	2	2	2
No. of follow up investigations/inspections to assess whether hazardous chemicals that are regulated as prohibited and restricted substances under the EU Persistent Organic Pollutants Regulations, Restriction of Hazardous Substances Directive and REACH Regulation are present			100
No. of diffuse monitoring stations providing analysis of monthly samples for ammonia air disposition and other related pollutants established by end of 2023		2	10
No. of Research Projects EPA will continue to manage (includes EPA awards and collaborative awards directly managed by the EPA, excluding technically complete projects)	n/a	182	200
No. of New Research Projects in 2023 (awards made via the EPA Annual Research Call)	n/a	42	37
No. of EPA locations with solar panels			6
No. of additional EPA buildings with LED lighting			1