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# Organization Updates

# OCE Mission Statement



- Programs within OCE take swift action that is fair, sensible and responsive to the needs of the citizens of Texas
- To protect human health and the environment by ensuring compliance with state and federal regulations
- To promote voluntary compliance through a comprehensive program of regional investigations, technical assistance and outreach, environmental monitoring and appropriate enforcement
- To prevent, protect, respond to and recover from natural and manmade disasters



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Effective 09/01/2024:

OCE  
Monitoring Division  
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**Office of Air  
Air Monitoring Division**

**Enforcement Division**

Amy Settemeyer  
Melissa Cordell

Air Enforcement  
Waste Enforcement  
Drinking Water; Water Quality  
Division Programs

**Critical Infrastructure Division**

Kelly Cook  
Amancio Gutierrez

Dam Safety  
Emergency Management  
Emissions Event Review  
Rad & Chemical Reporting  
Homeland Security

**Program Support and  
Environmental Assistance**

Andy Gardner  
Melissa Keller

Small Business and Local  
Government Assistance  
Field Support  
Technical Programs  
Support and Data

**Border and Permian Basin  
Area**

David Ramirez

R06 El Paso  
Ryan Slocum

R07 Midland  
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R15 Harlingen  
Jaime Garza

R16 Laredo  
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**Central Texas Area**

Joel Anderson

R09 Waco  
David Mann

R11 Austin  
Lori Wilson

R13 San Antonio  
George Lopez

**Coastal and East Texas Area**

**Susan Clewis**

R05 Tyler  
Leroy Biggers

R10 Beaumont  
Kathy Saucedo

R12 Houston  
Nicole Bealle

R14 Corpus Christi  
**Melanie Edwards**

**North Central and West  
Texas Area**

Randy Ammons

R01 Amarillo  
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R02 Abilene  
Mike Taylor

R03 Lubbock  
Chris Mayben

R04 Dallas-Fort Worth  
Alyssa Taylor

R08 San Angelo  
Mike Taylor



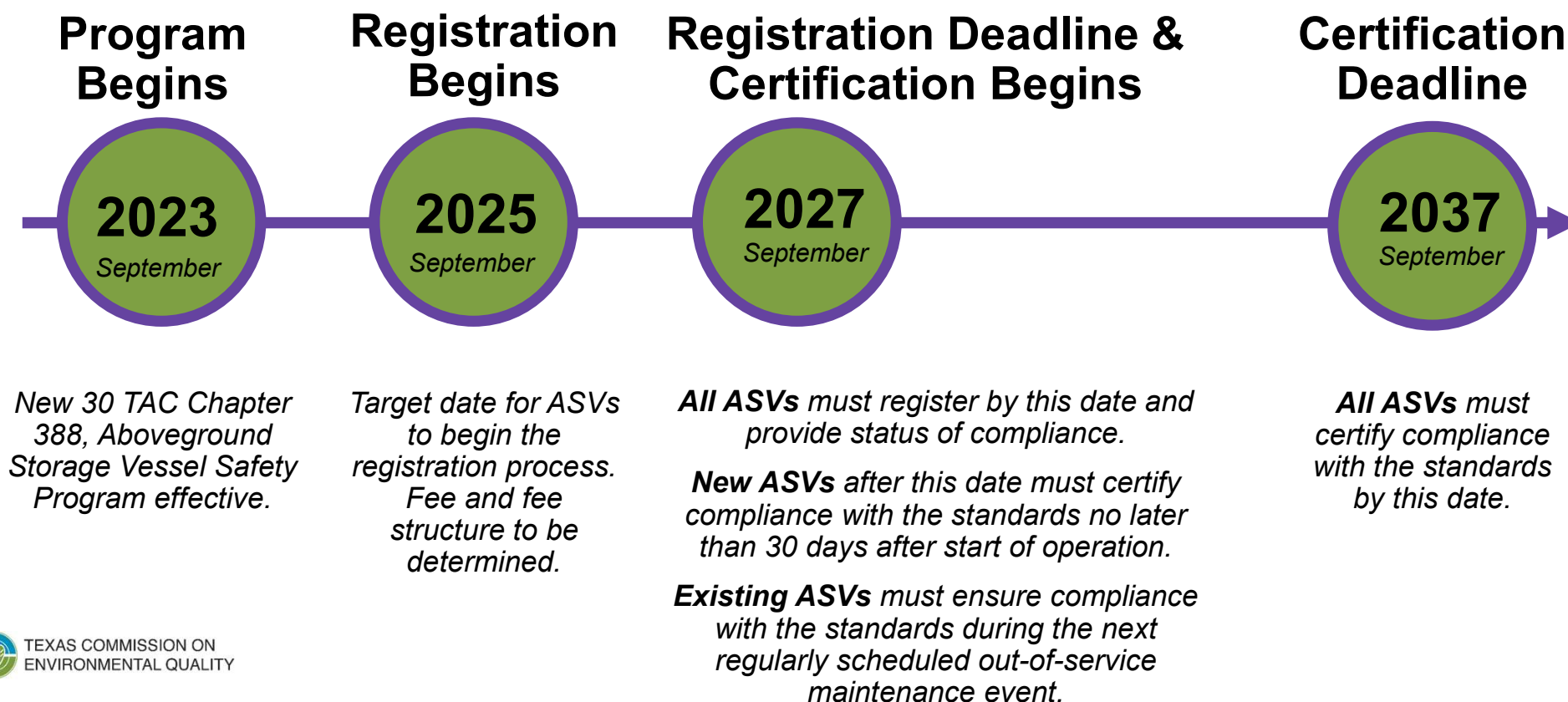
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# Legislative Session

## Legislative Updates – 87th

# Aboveground Storage Vessel Safety



## *Legislative Updates - 88<sup>th</sup> – New Statutes*

### Repeat Complaints – SB471

- Allows for TCEQ to not investigate repeat complaints with no findings
- Internal complaint procedures have been updated

### Prescribed Burning – HB162

- Requirements for Burn Boss for prescribed burning
- TCEQ Guidance Document RG-049 – update under development (May/June 2025)

### On-site Sewage Facilities – HB4087

- Minimum lot sizes for certain counties
- Part of broader 30 TAC 285 rulemaking – proposal anticipated September 2025



## *Legislative Updates - 88<sup>th</sup> - Sunset*

### **TCEQ Sunset Bill – SB1397**

- Repeat Violator - Include Minor and Moderate Violations in evaluation within compliance history
- Exigent Circumstances – Review, suspend, or reclassify a person's Compliance History
- Max Penalty Increase from \$25K to \$40K Enforcement Diversion Program (SBLGA)

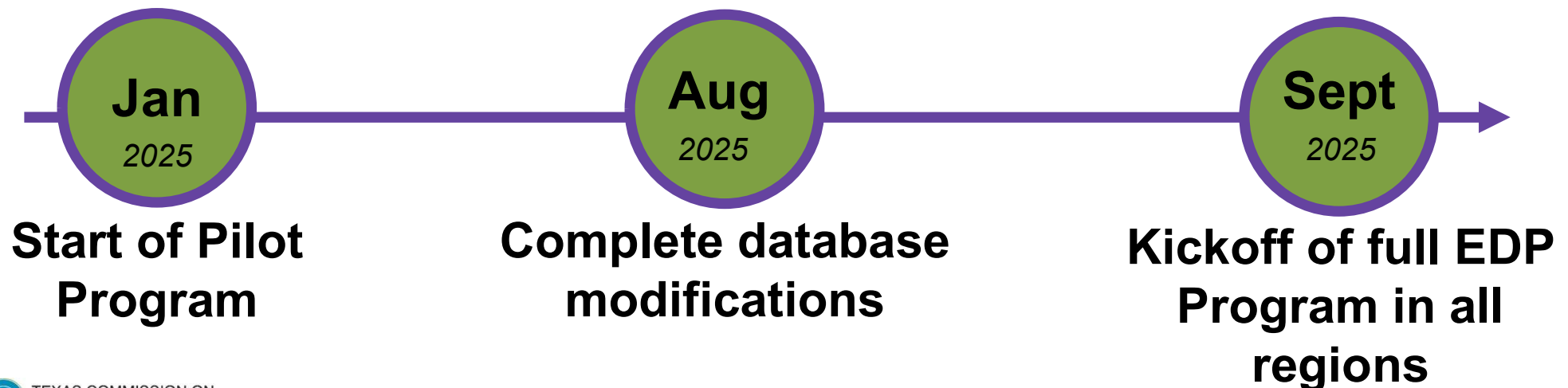
# Enforcement Diversion Program (SBLGA)

## Tex. Water Code 7.0675

- Enforcement Diversion Program (EDP) is available if:
  - Entity is a small business or a local government; and
  - Entity has not enrolled in the program during the last 24-month period; and
  - Entity has minor or moderate violations that do not present imminent threat; except that
  - Entity may not enroll if enforcement is required by federal law.
- Then TCEQ may not initiate enforcement for a violation that prompted enrollment in the program after the entity successfully completes the program

# Enforcement Diversion Program Timeline

- Pilot program
  - Dallas/Ft. Worth and Harlingen Regions
  - Petroleum Storage Tank cases



# ***Legislative Updates - 89th***

- Will be added after end of session

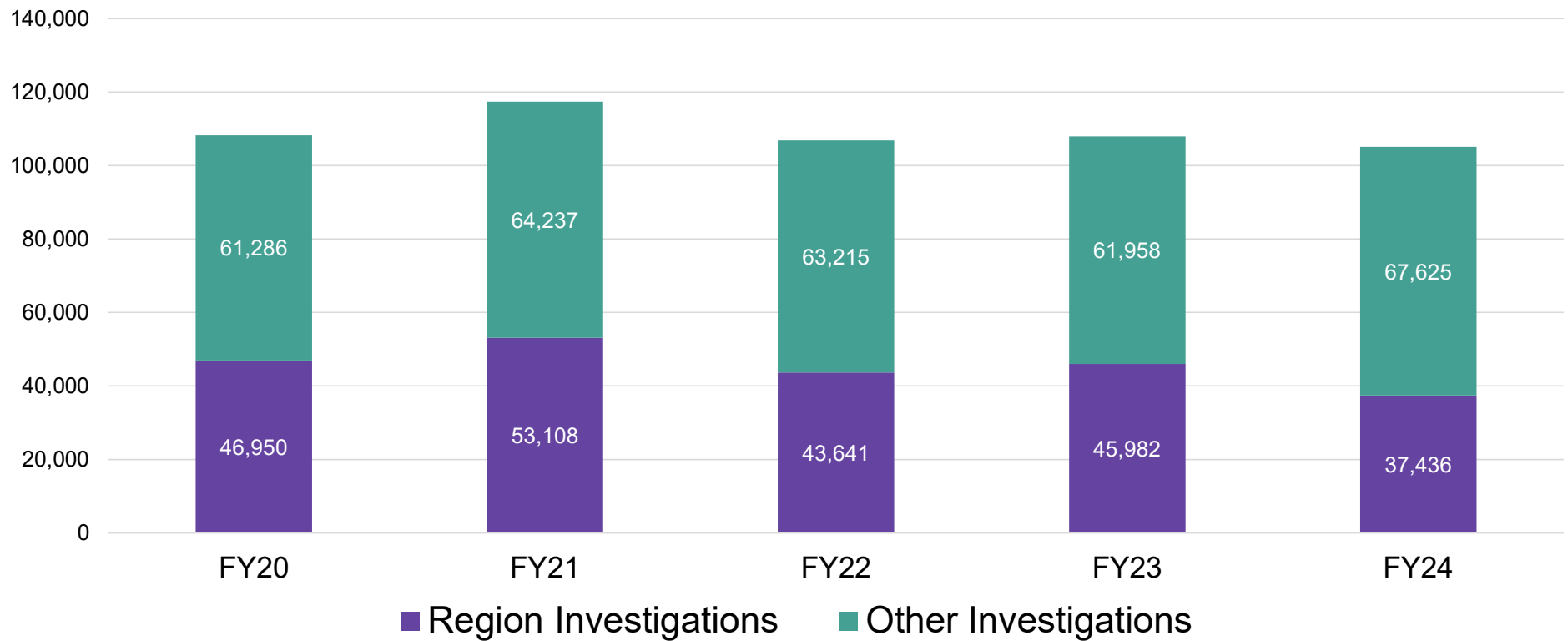


# Compliance and Enforcement Updates and Trends



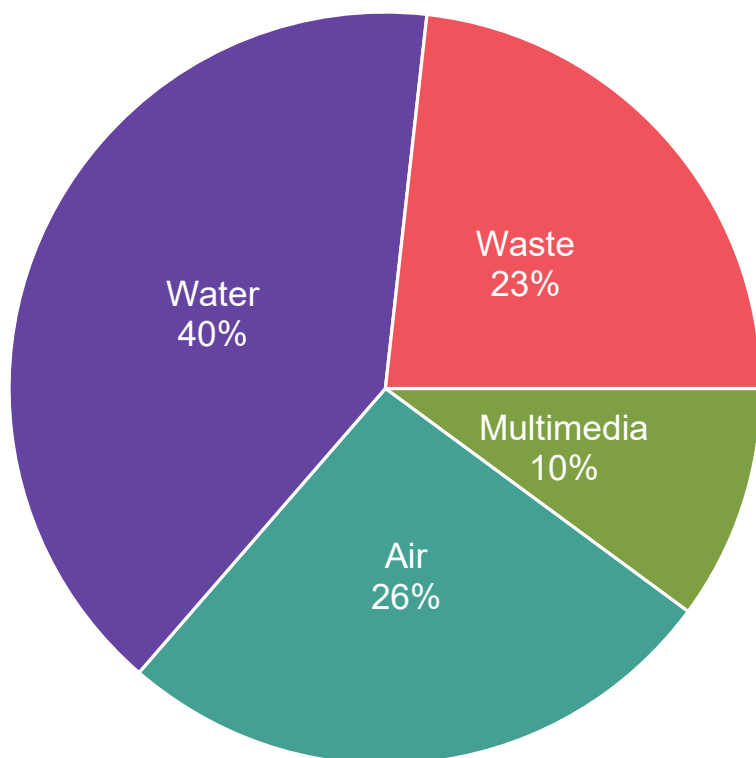
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# Investigations

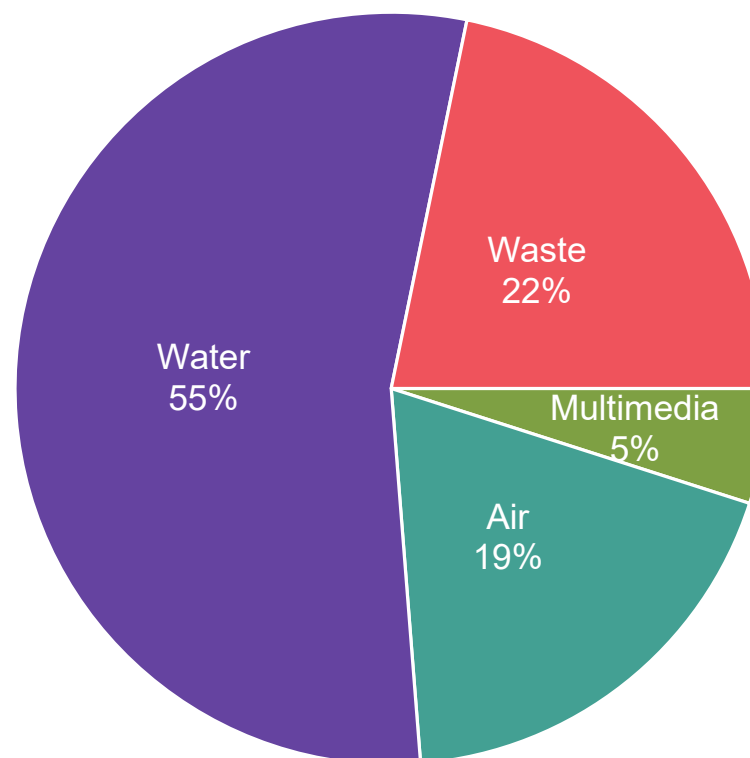


# Investigations and Enforcement by Media

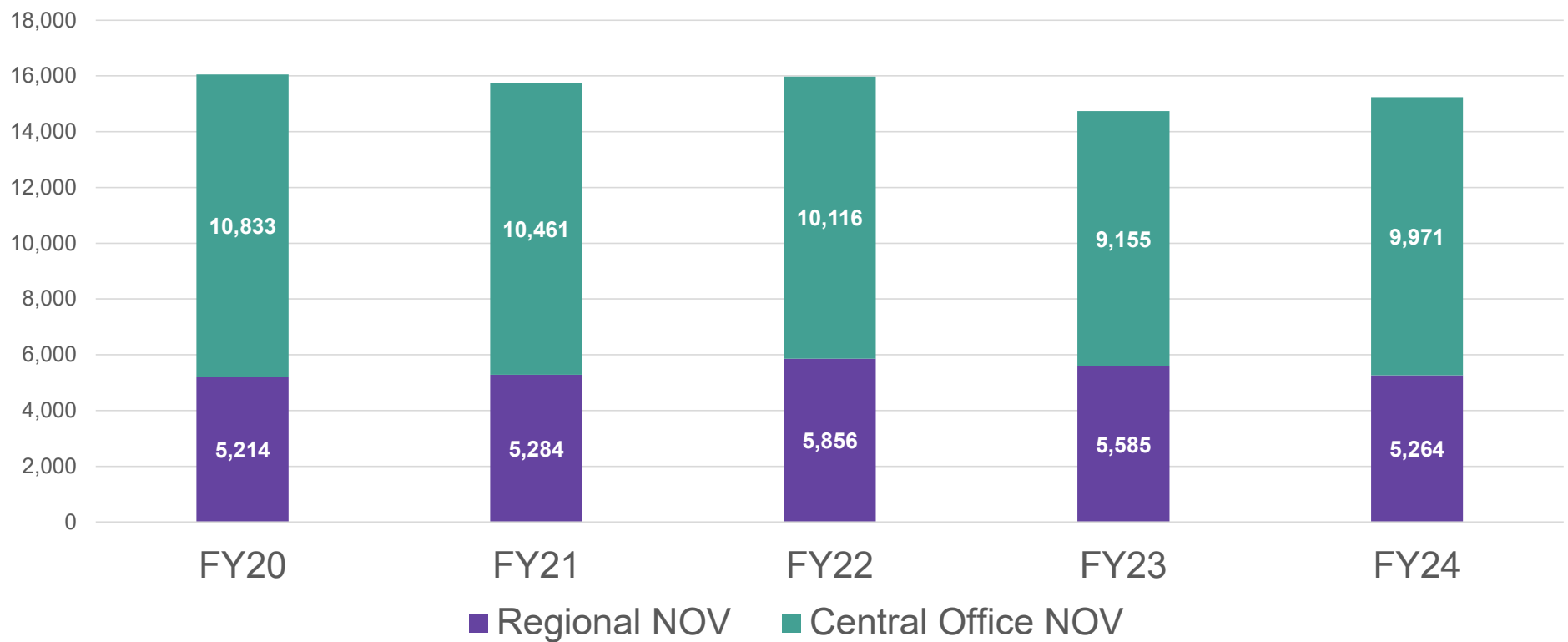
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FY24 Investigations with Findings



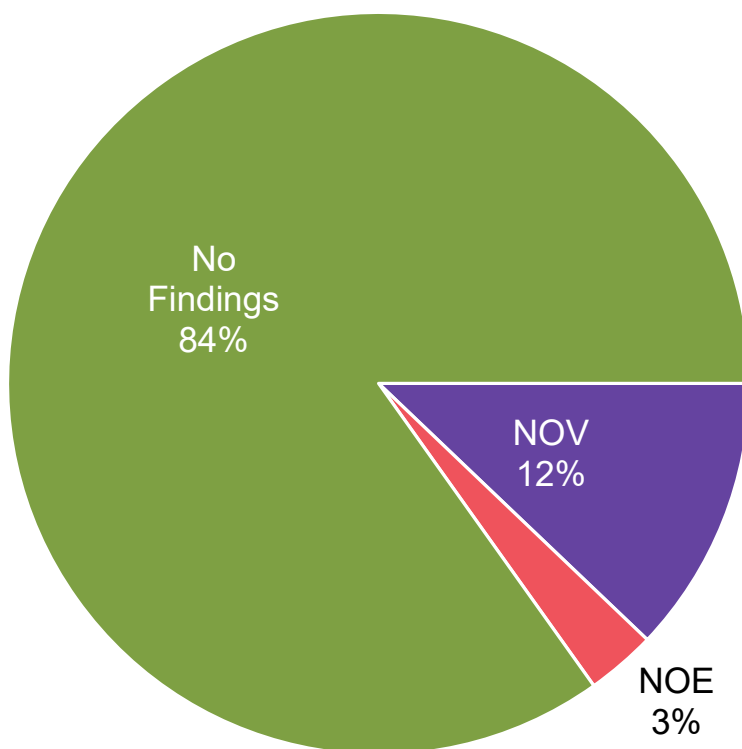
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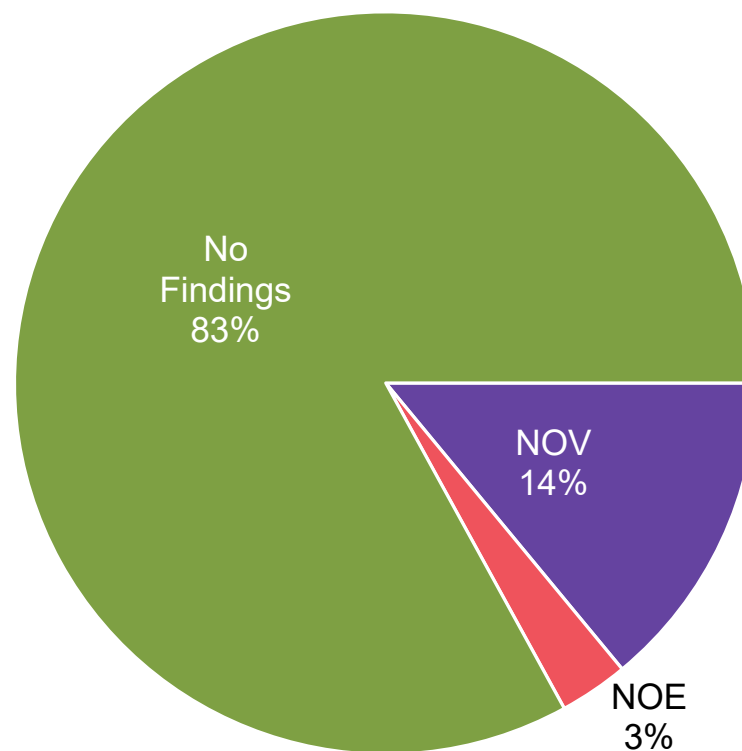


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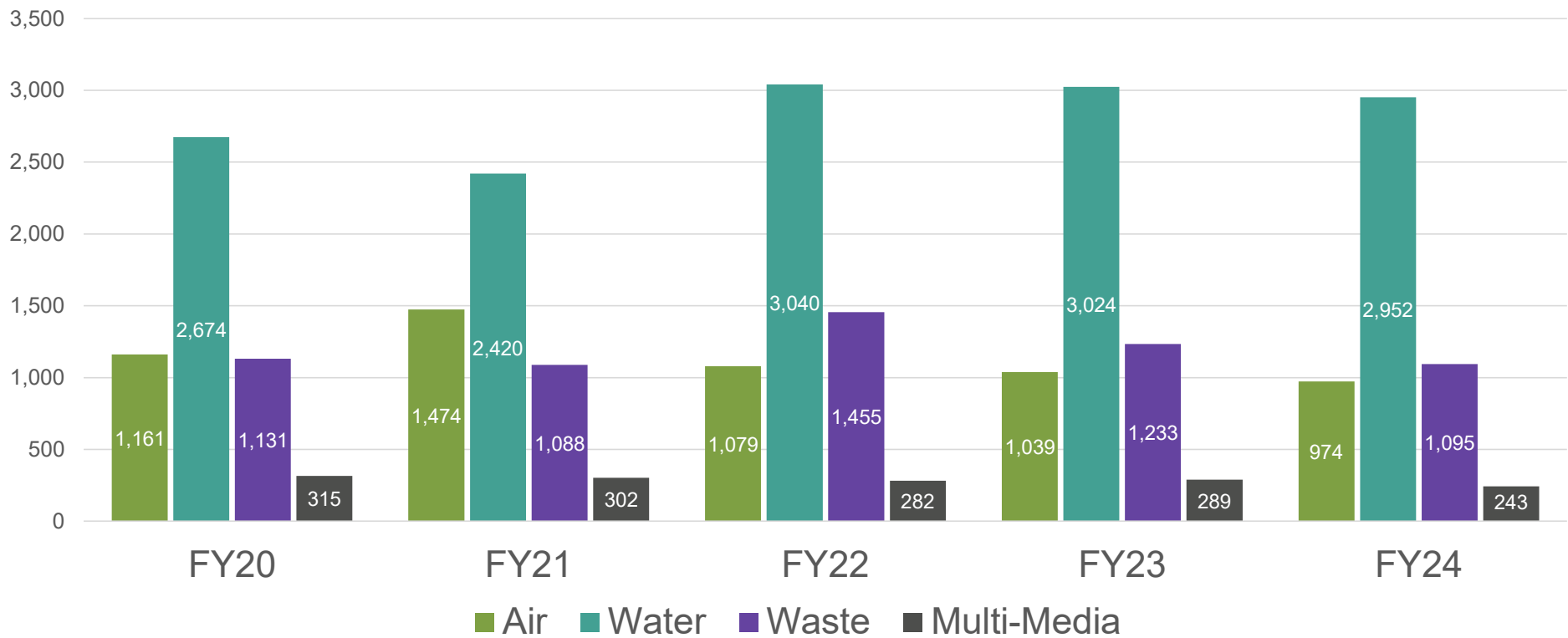
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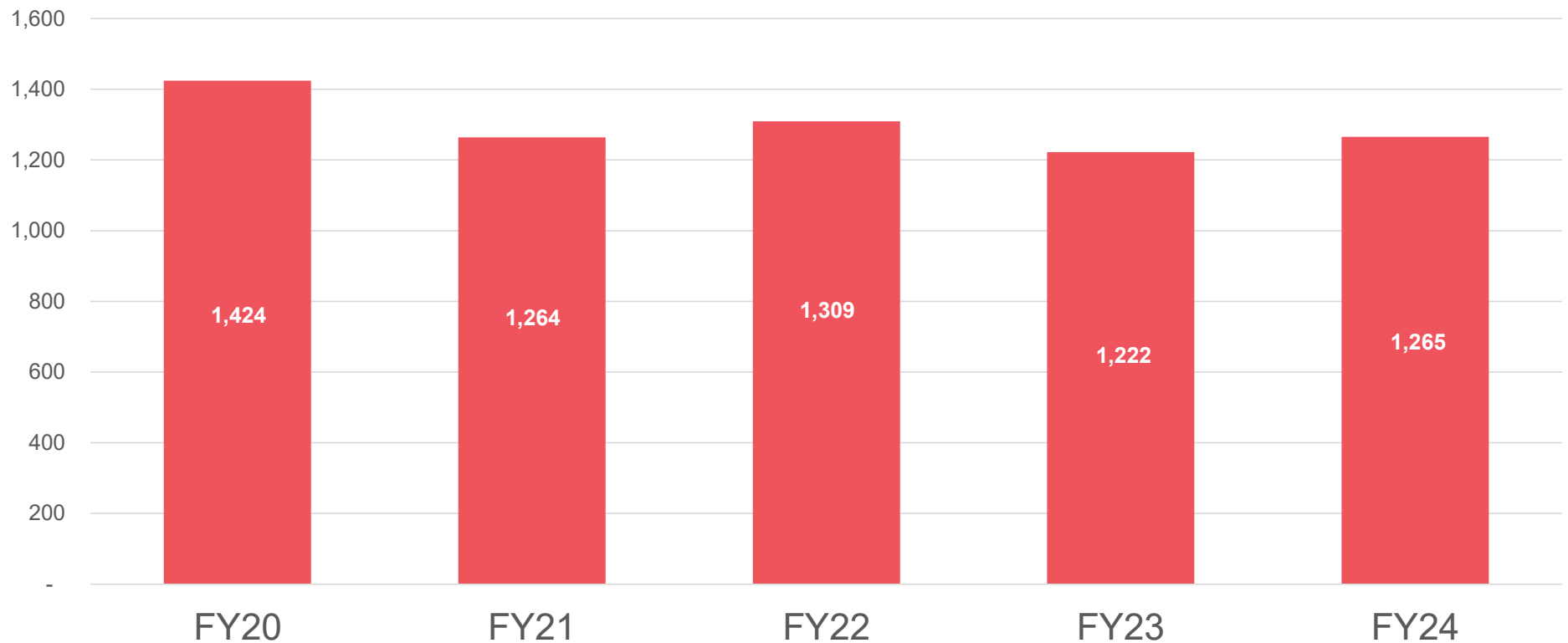
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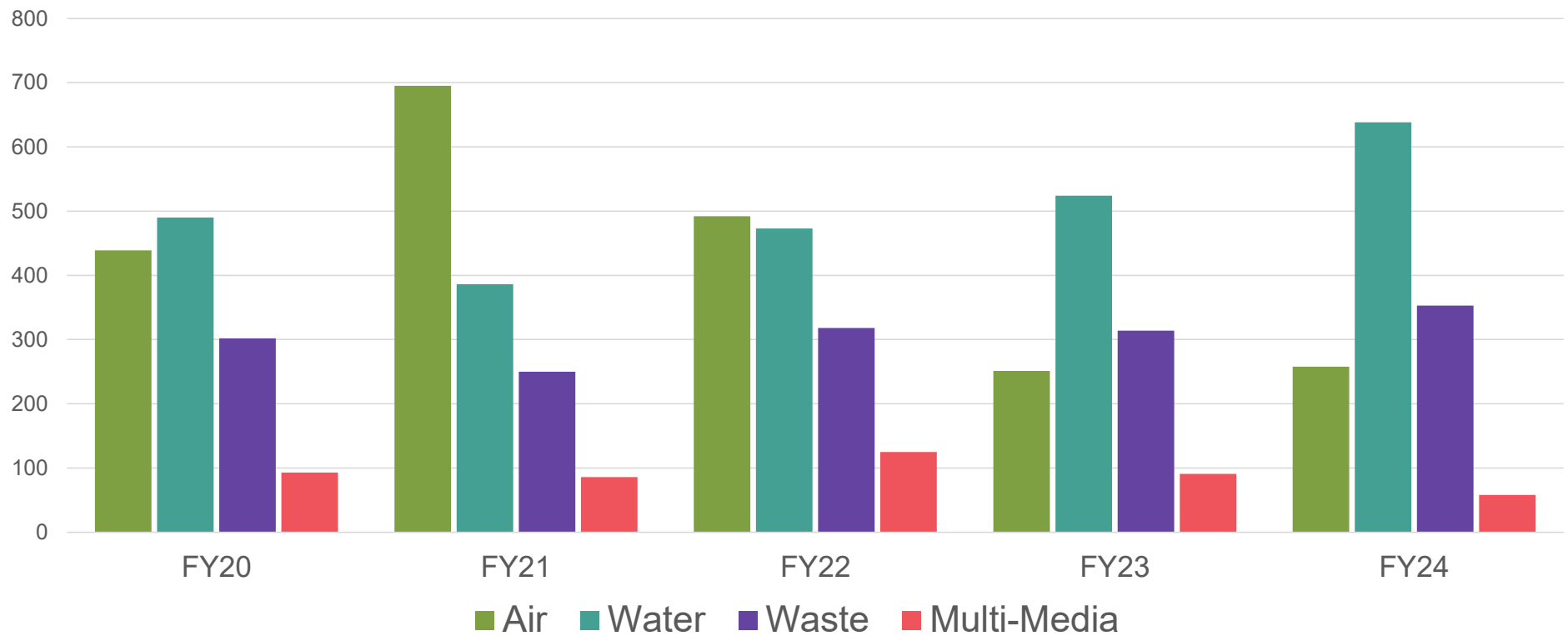
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# Regional Notices of Enforcement (NOE)

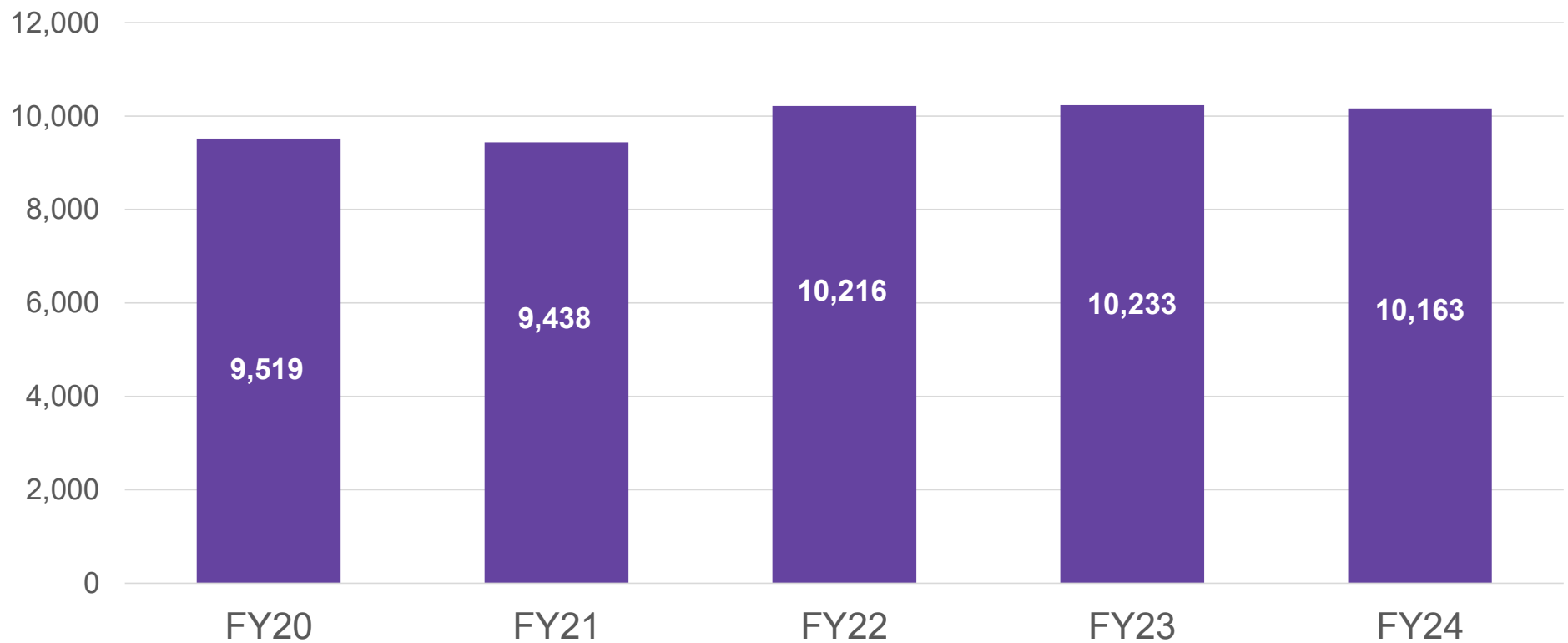


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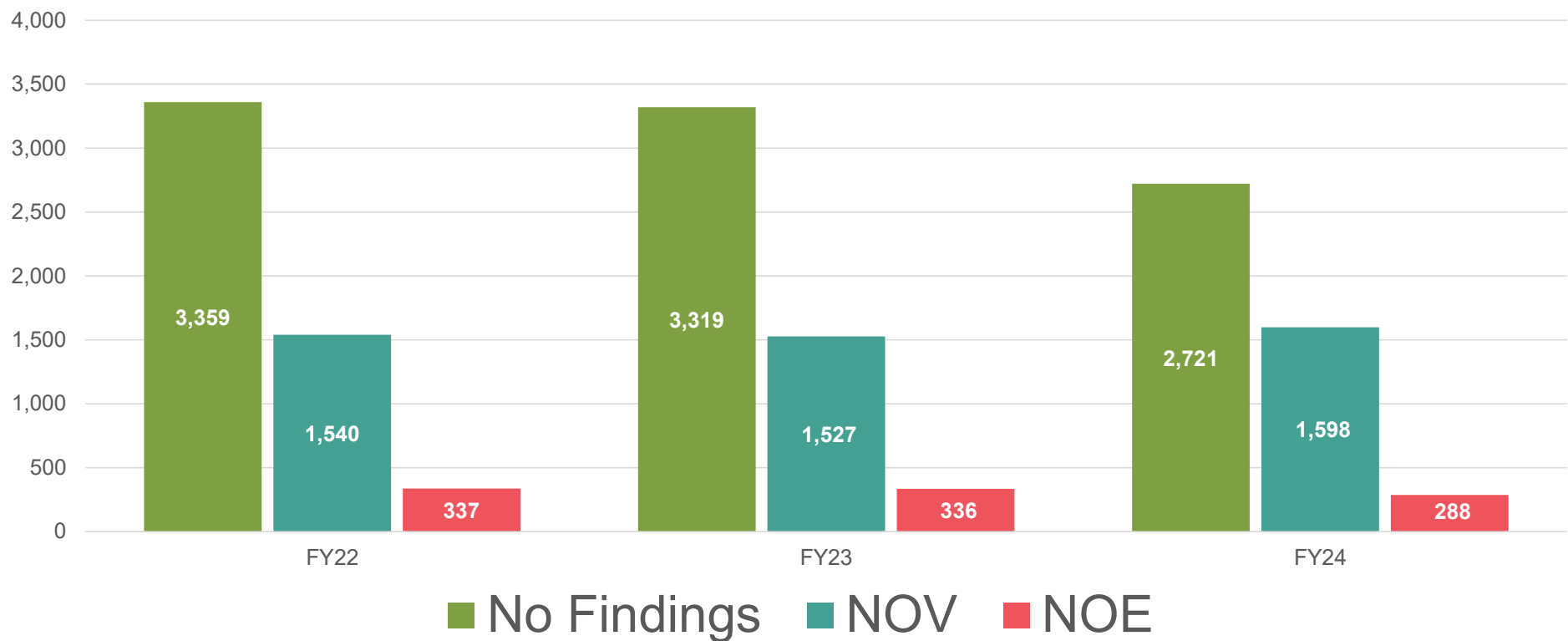




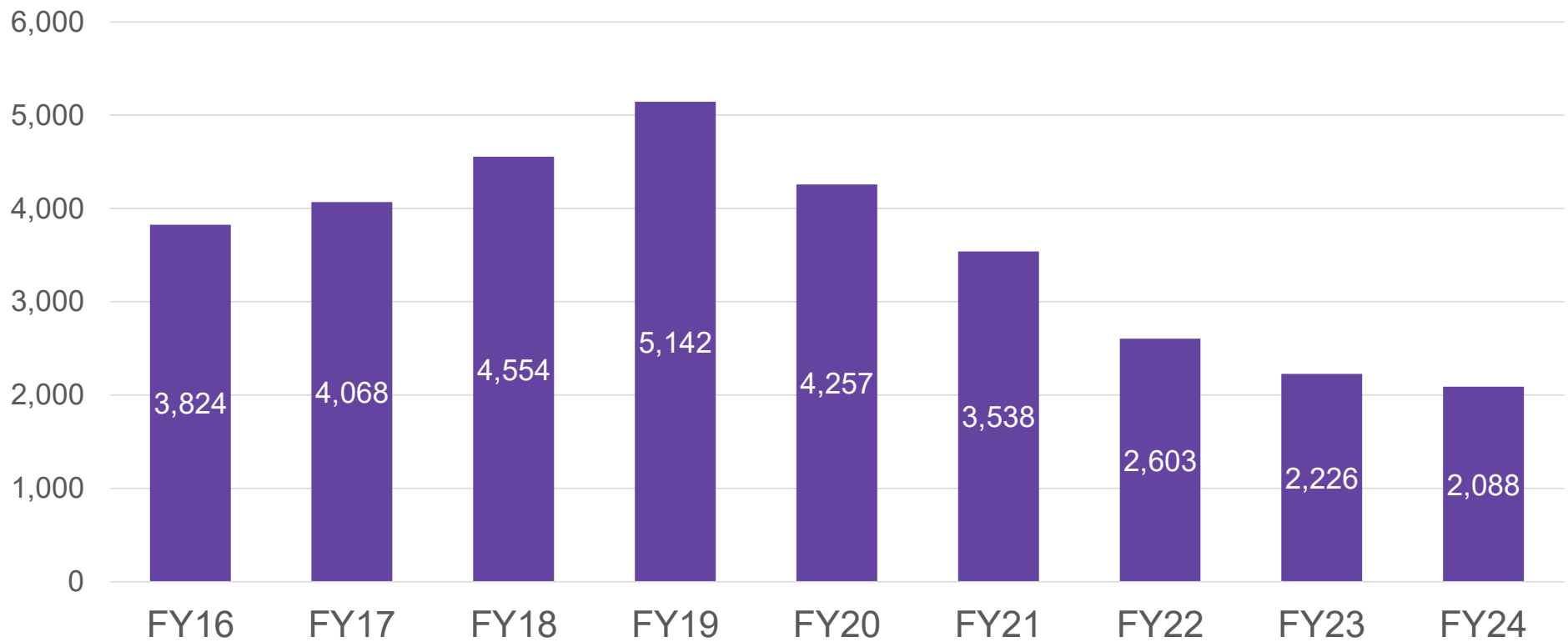
# Complaints Received



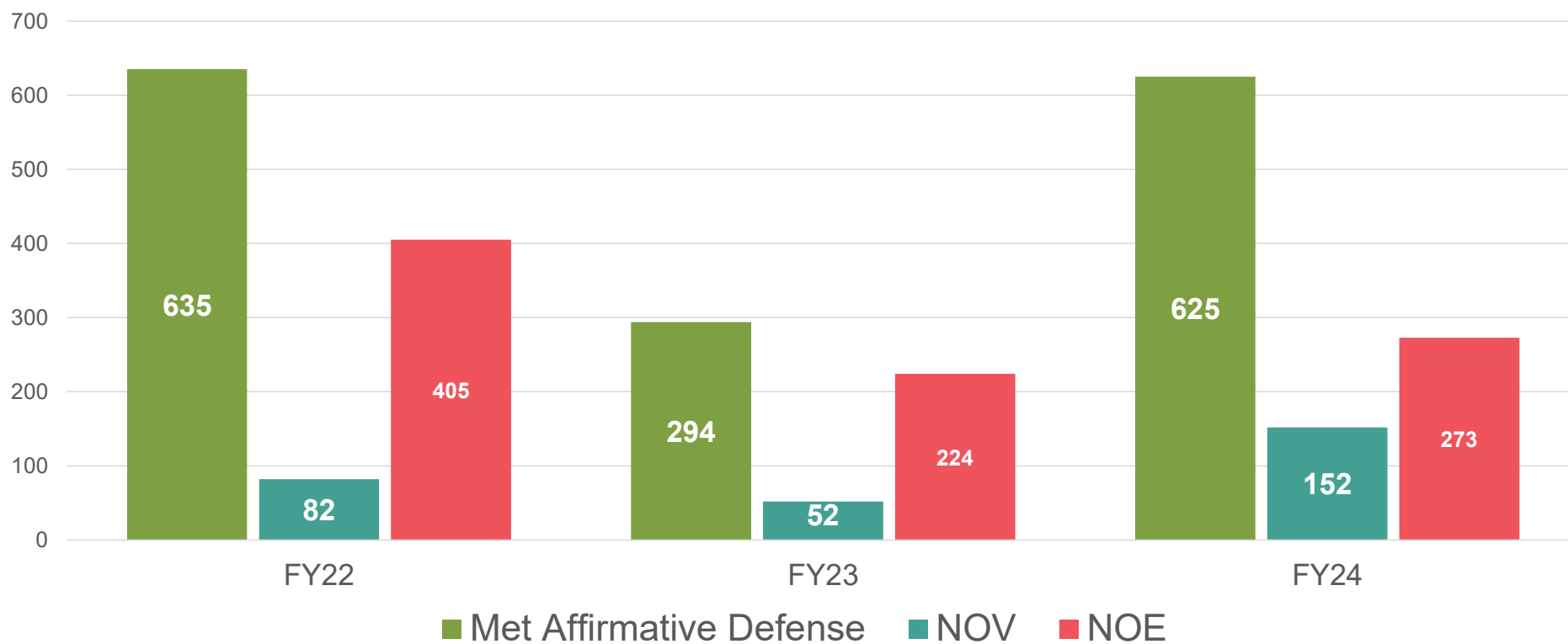
# Results of Complaint Investigations



# Emissions Incidents Received

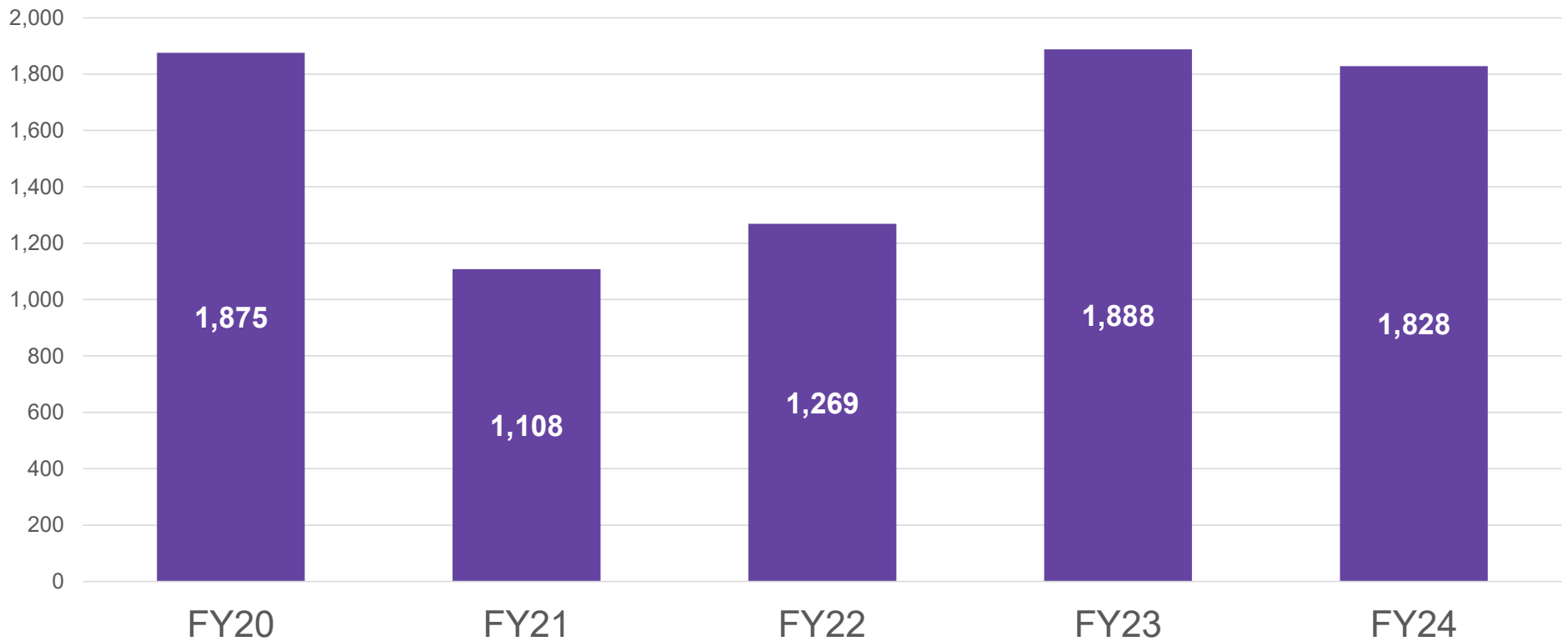


# Emissions Incident Investigations





# Self Audit Program - Disclosures





# Program Updates

# Emergency Response and Readiness

- Planning, Preparation, Partnerships, People
  - Natural and industrial disasters





# Drone (Unmanned Aerial Vehicle)

Most regions have drones and FAA certified pilots.

Used to provide supporting information for investigations

Example: Recycling facility

- Thermal imagery, pile size estimation methods (ArcGIS)

Used in Emergency Response events to identify potential offsite impacts

Example: Chemical release near water body



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# Fugitive Focused Investigation Process

- Uses a variety of equipment
  - Optical gas imaging cameras
  - Handheld monitors
  - Mobile monitoring vehicles (outside of fenceline)
- Some records reviewed
  - Optical gas imaging cameras
  - Reported fugitive emissions (EIR)
  - LDAR quarterly reports
  - Reported emissions events
  - Title V Deviation Reports
  - NESHAP Subpart CC fenceline reports



# Improved Data Availability

Annual Enforcement Report



Texas Open Data Portal





# Questions?

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