

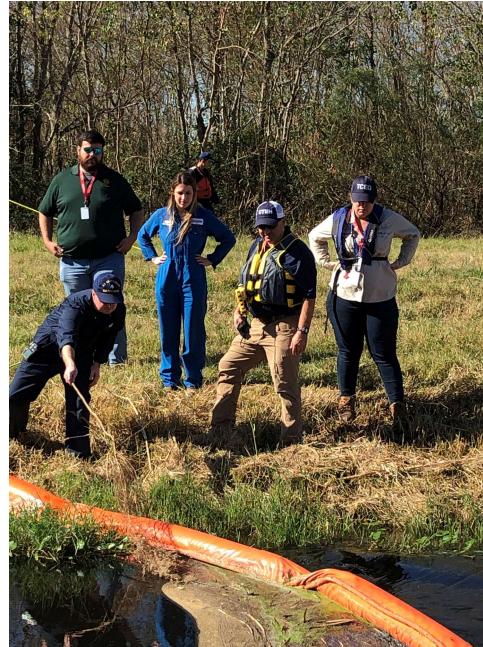


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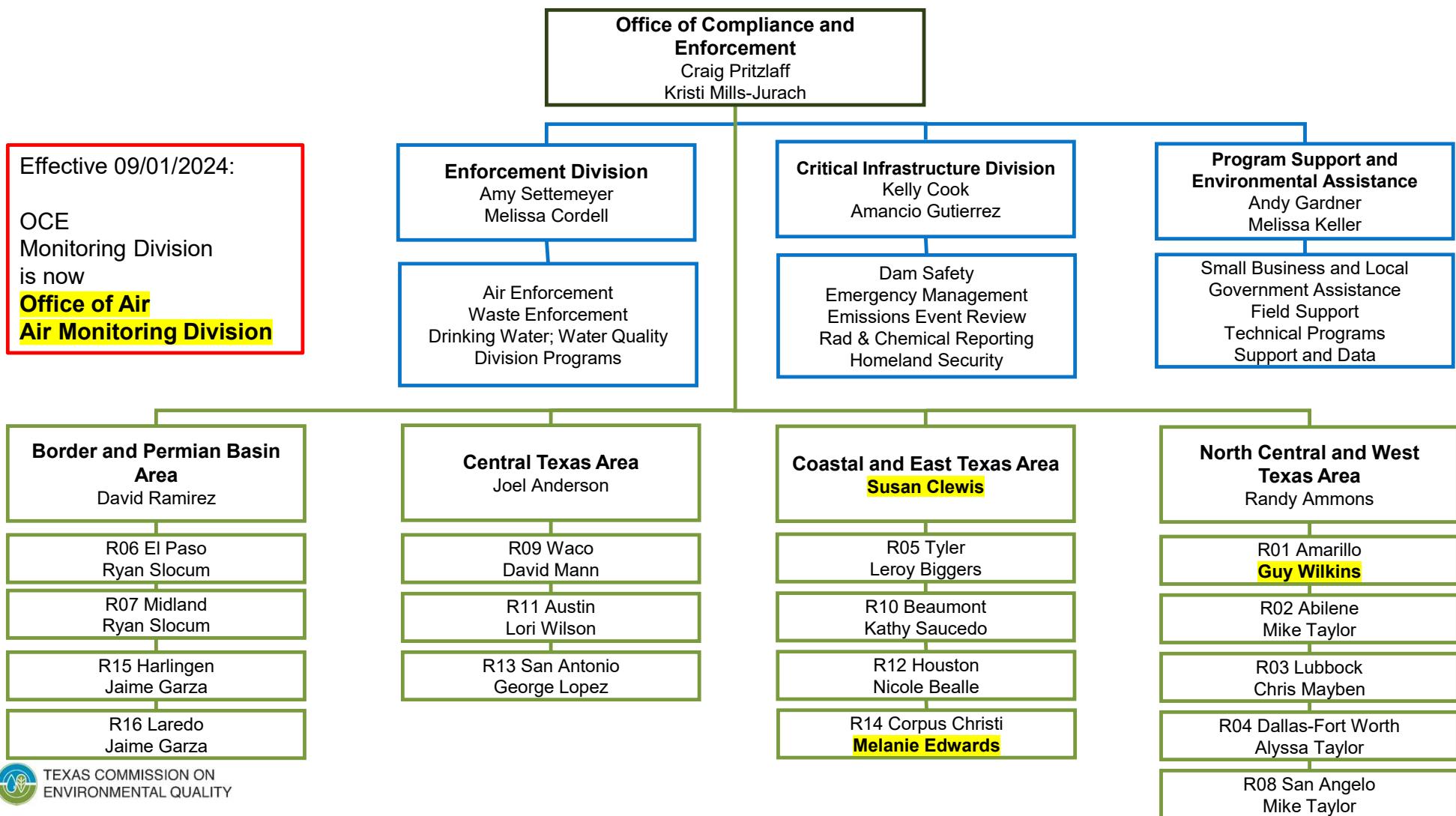


Organization Updates

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

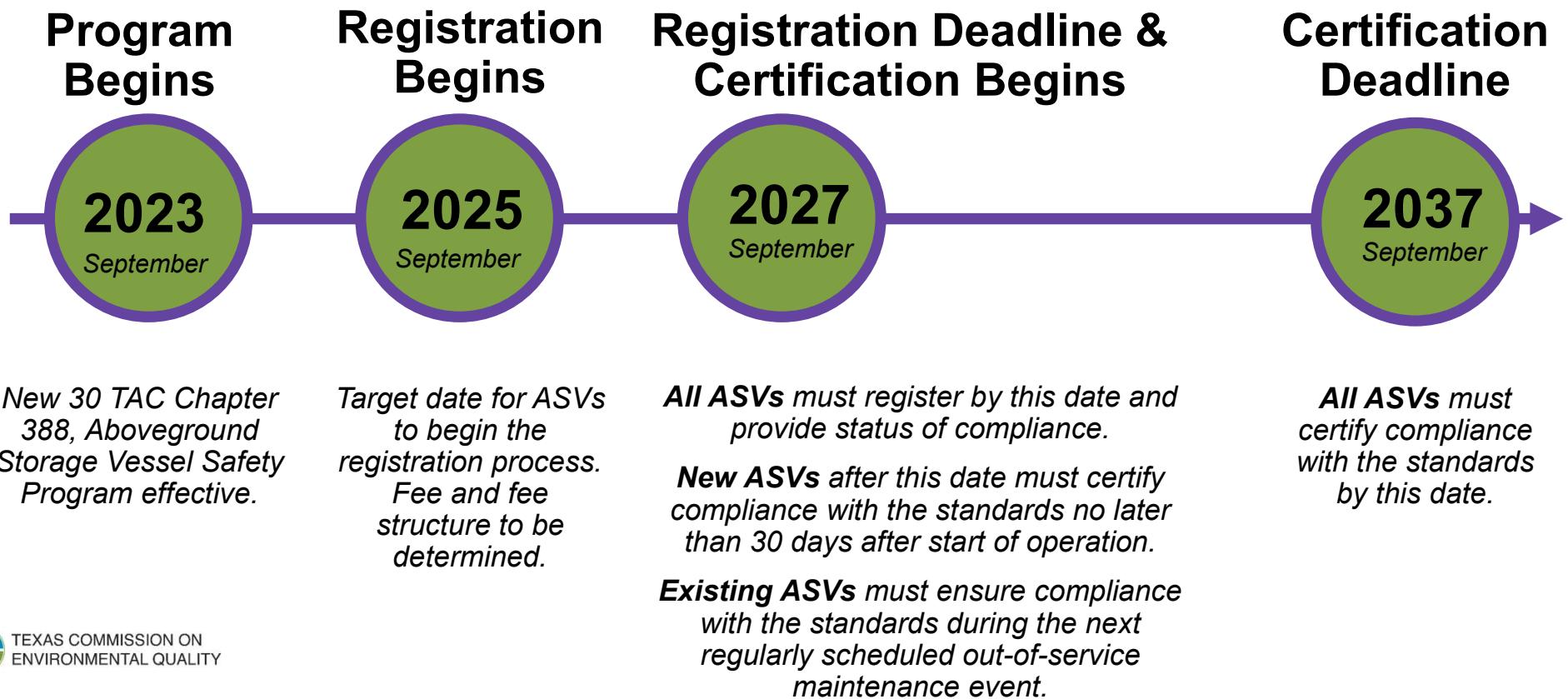




Legislative Session

Legislative Updates – 87th

Aboveground Storage Vessel Safety



Legislative Updates - 88th – 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 - 88th - 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)

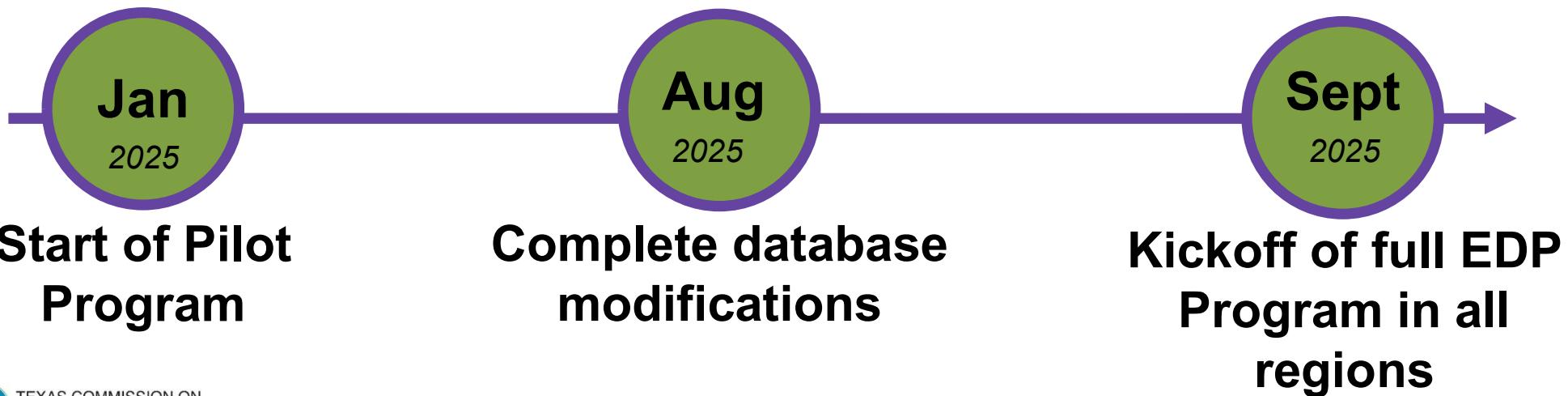
Enforcement Diversion Program (SBLGA)

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



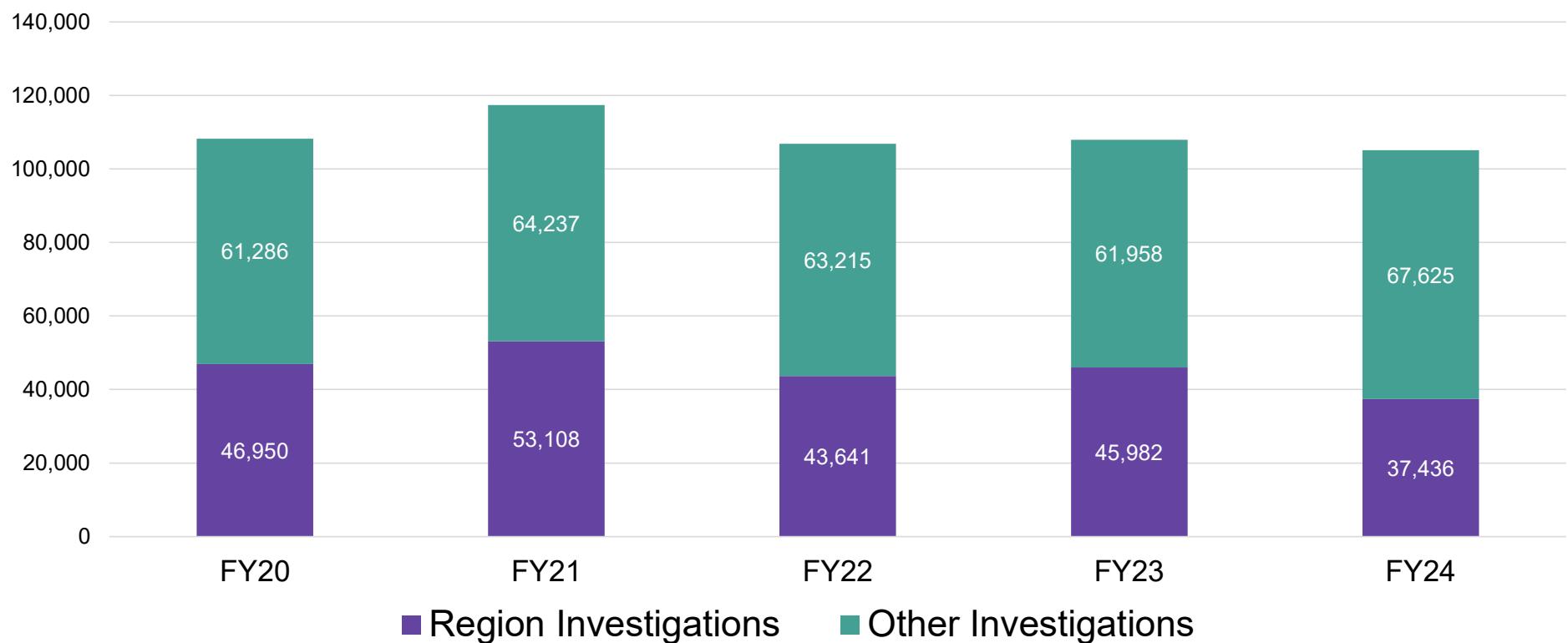
Legislative Updates - 89th

- Will be added after end of session

Compliance and Enforcement Updates and Trends

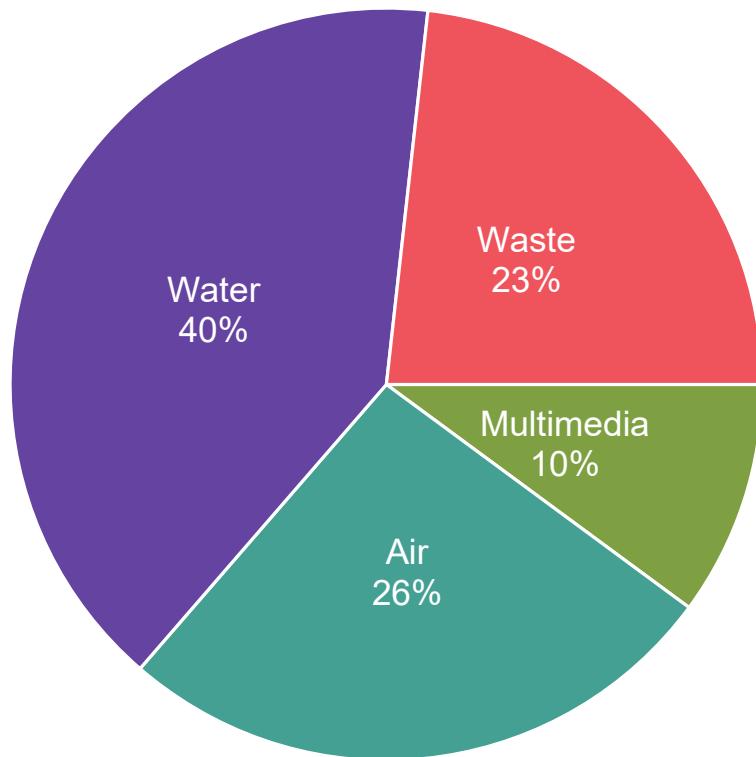


Investigations

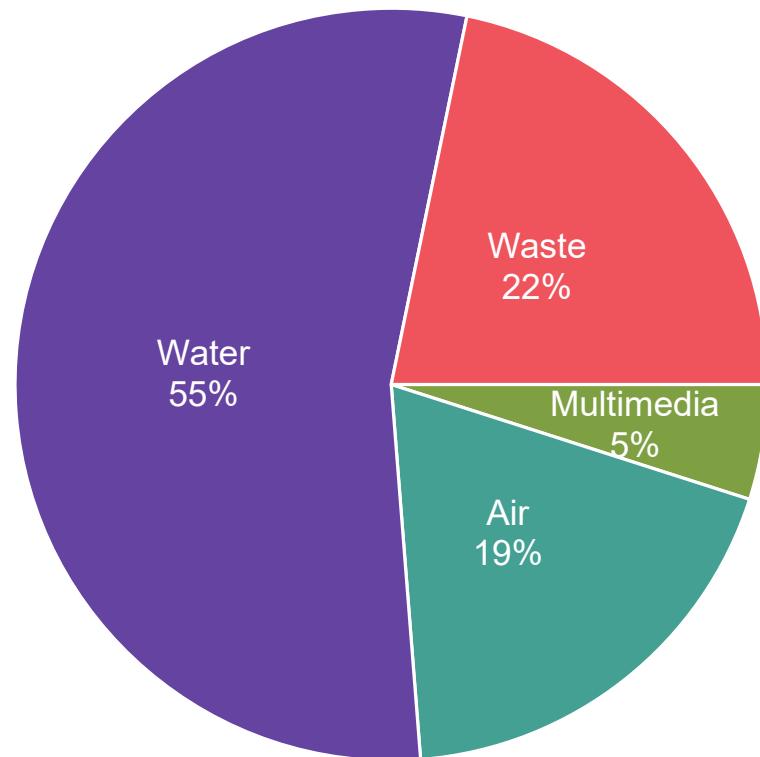


Investigations and Enforcement by Media

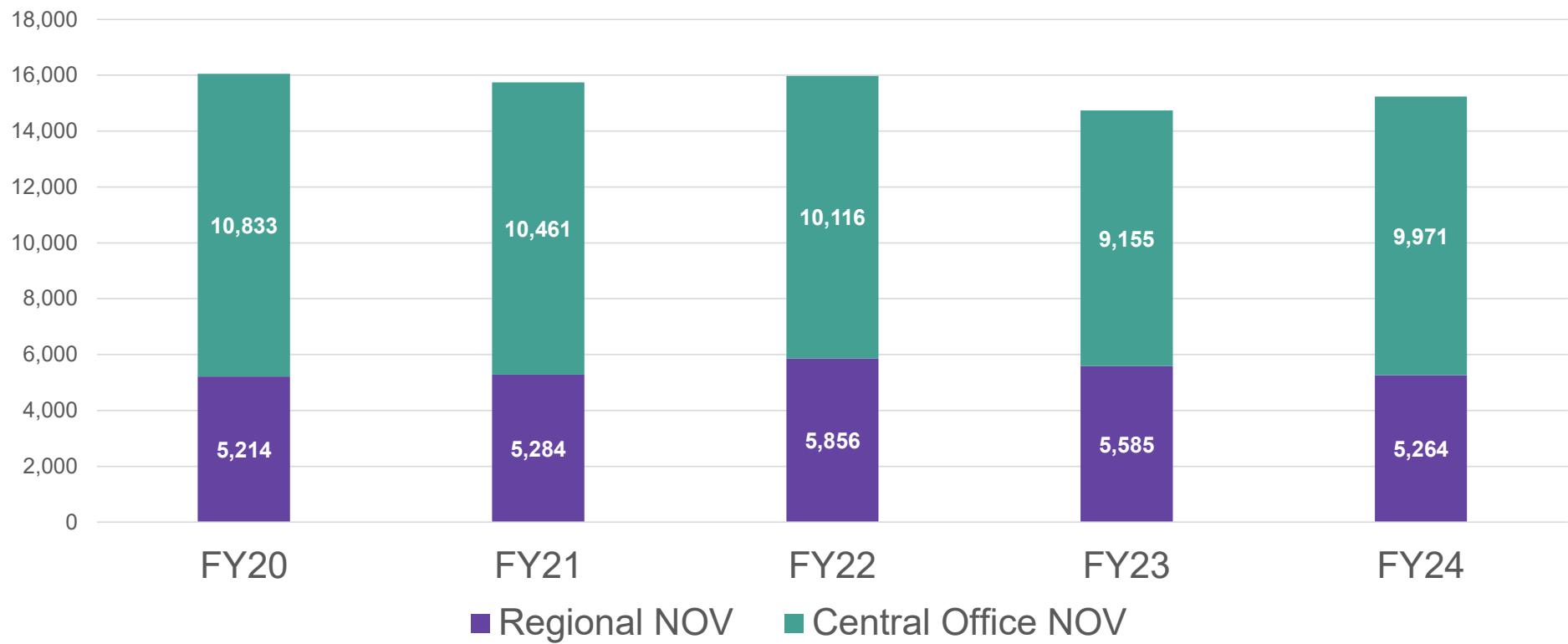
FY24 Investigations by Media



FY24 Investigations with Findings

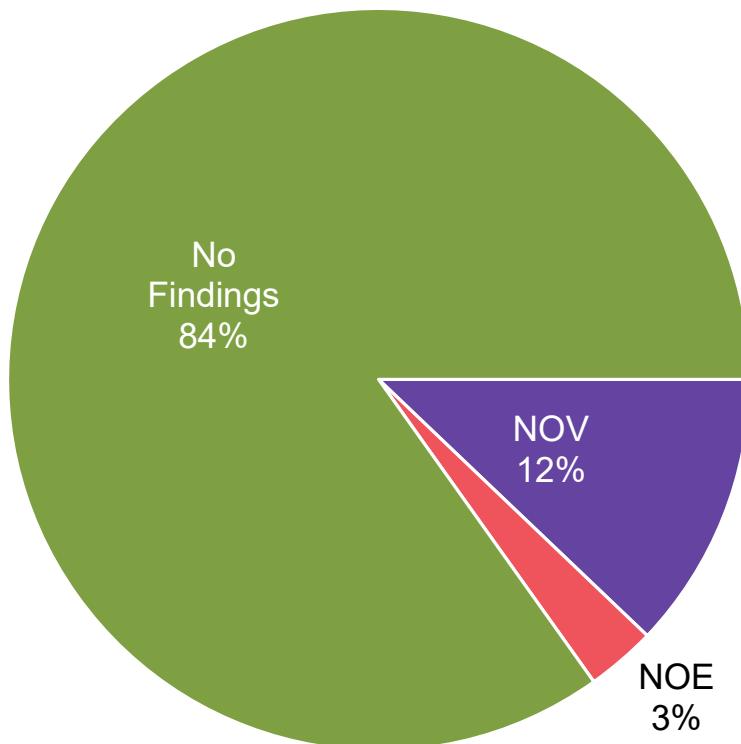


Notices of Violation

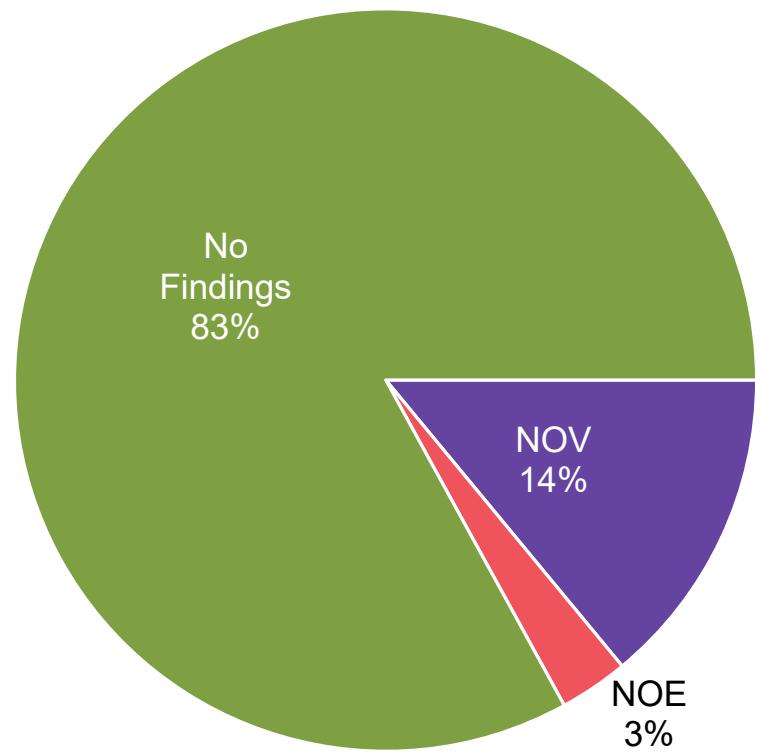


Regional Investigations

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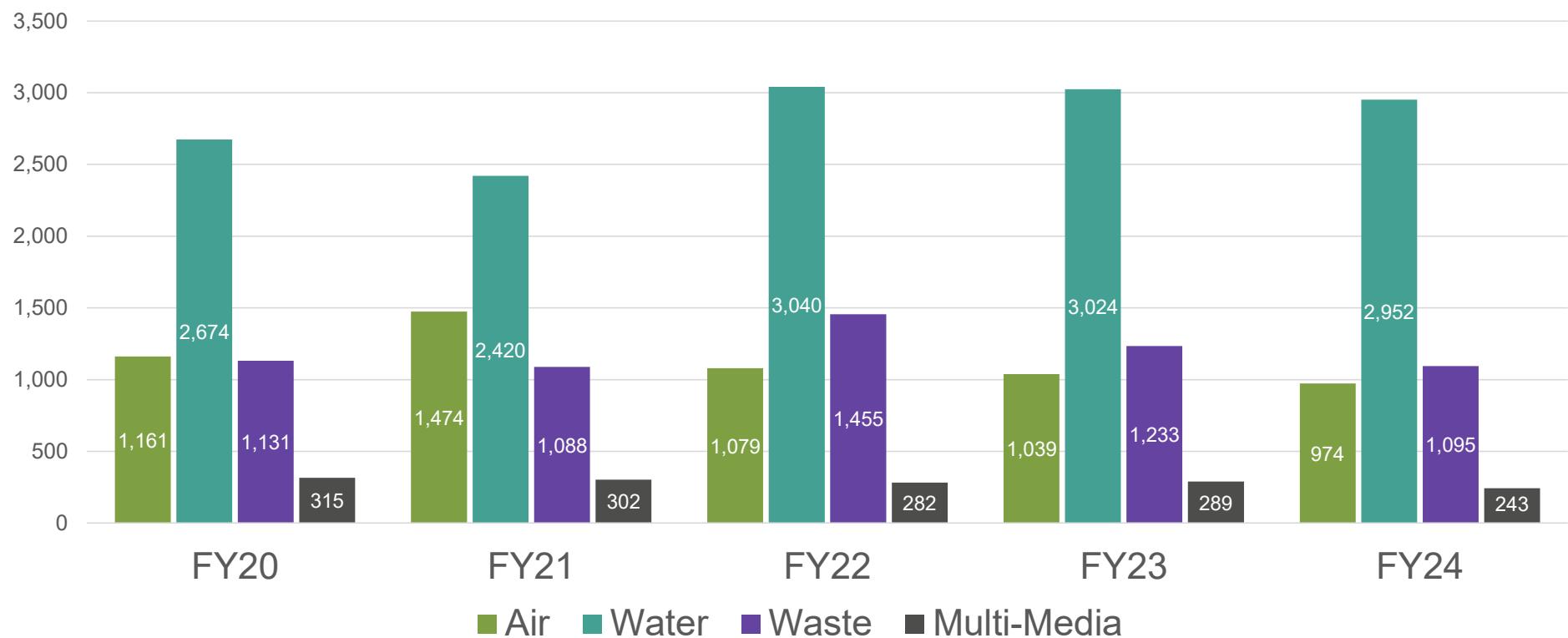


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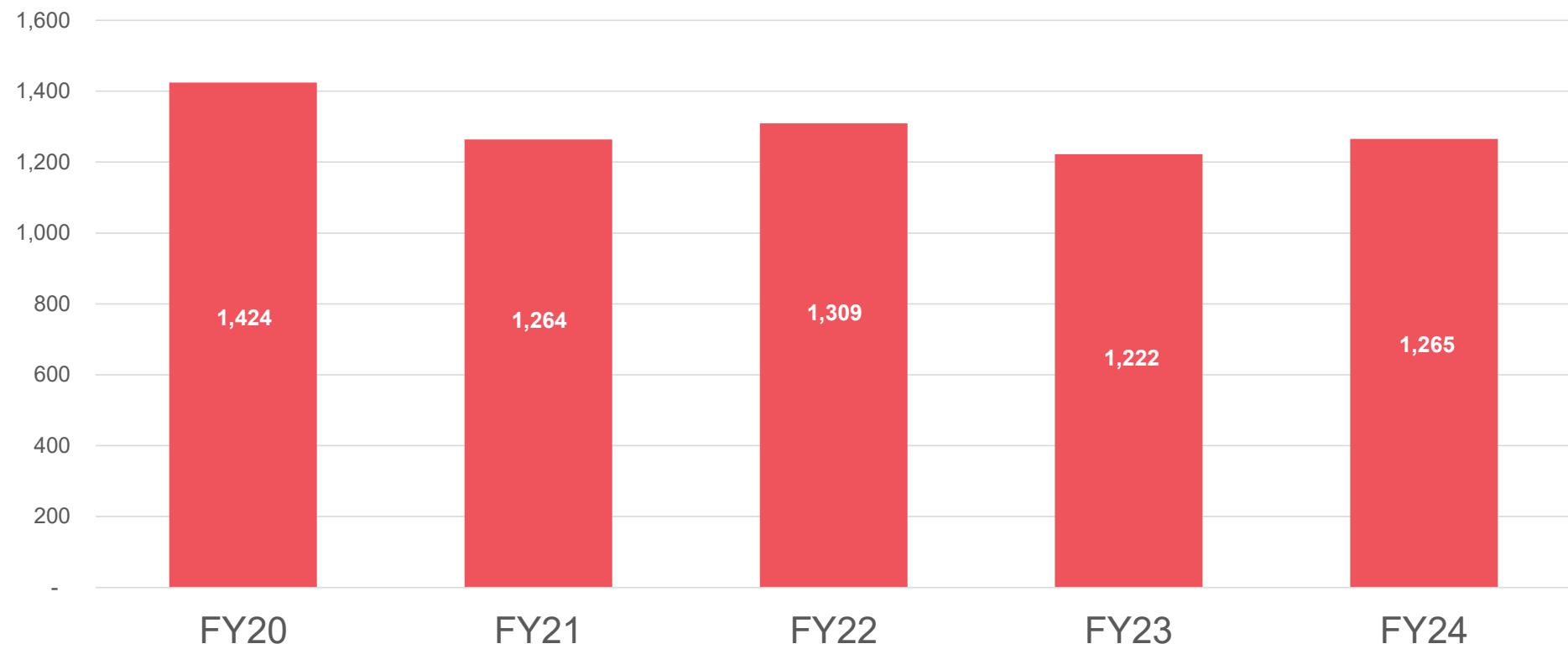


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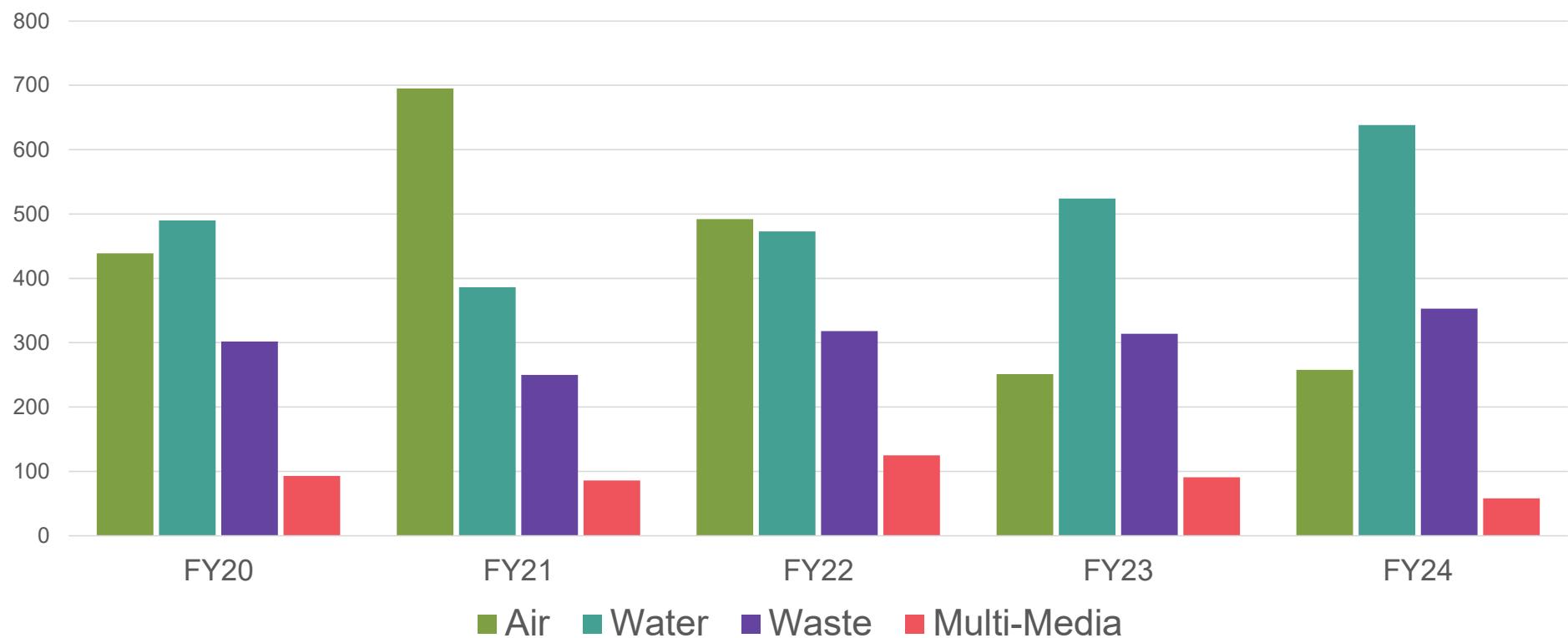
Regional Notices of Violation



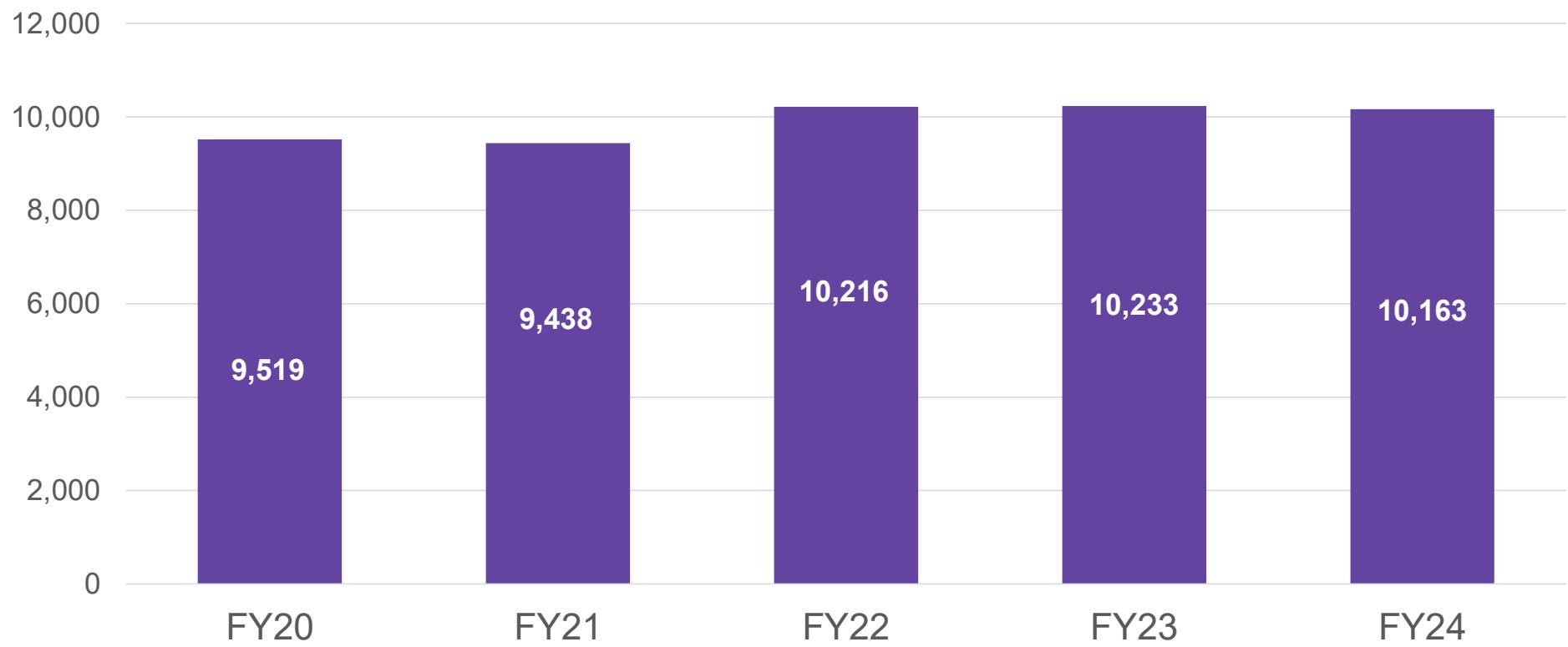
Regional Notices of Enforcement (NOE)



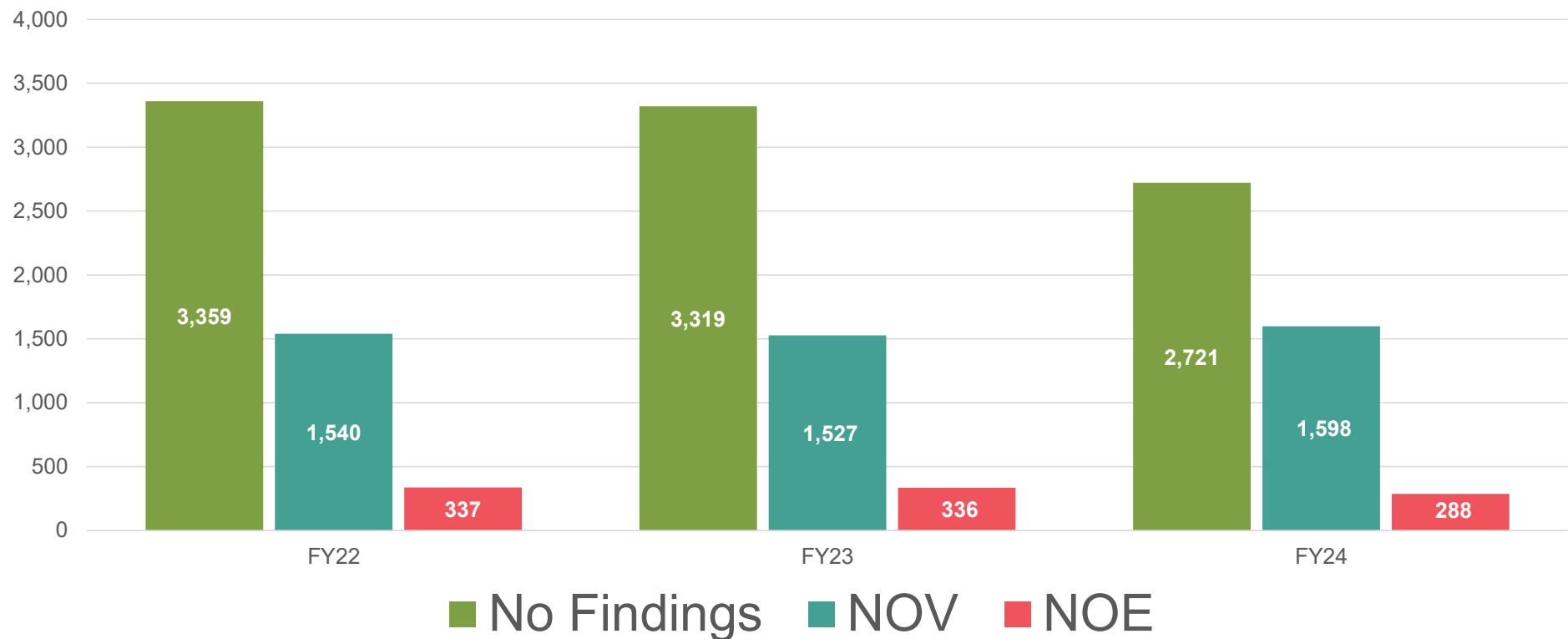
Regional Notices of Enforcement



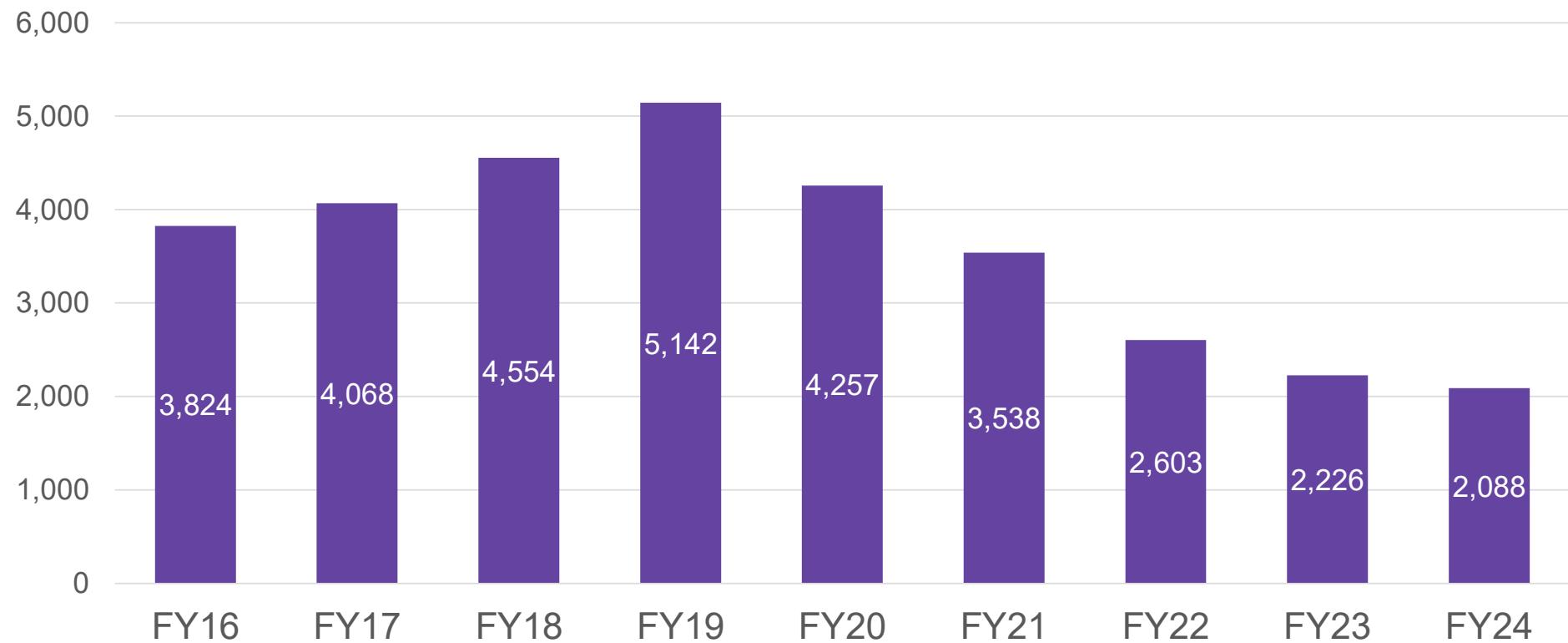
Complaints Received



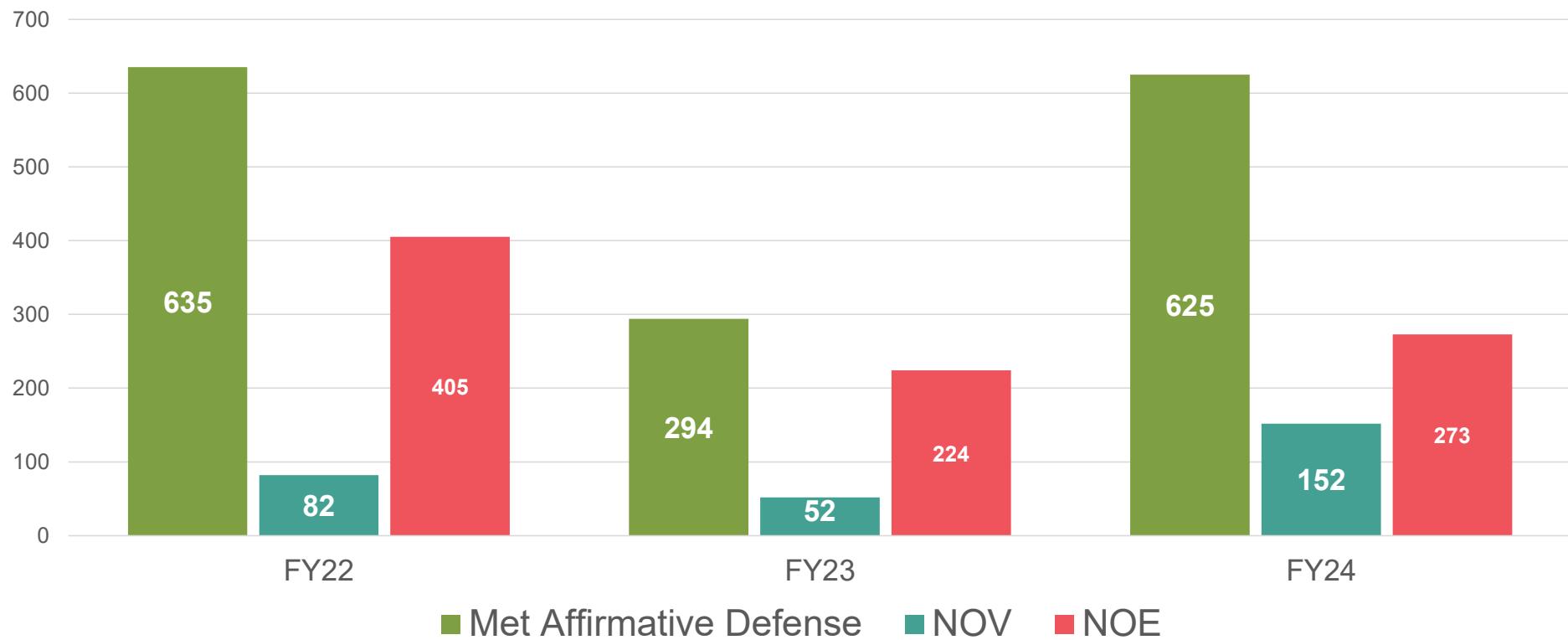
Results of Complaint Investigations



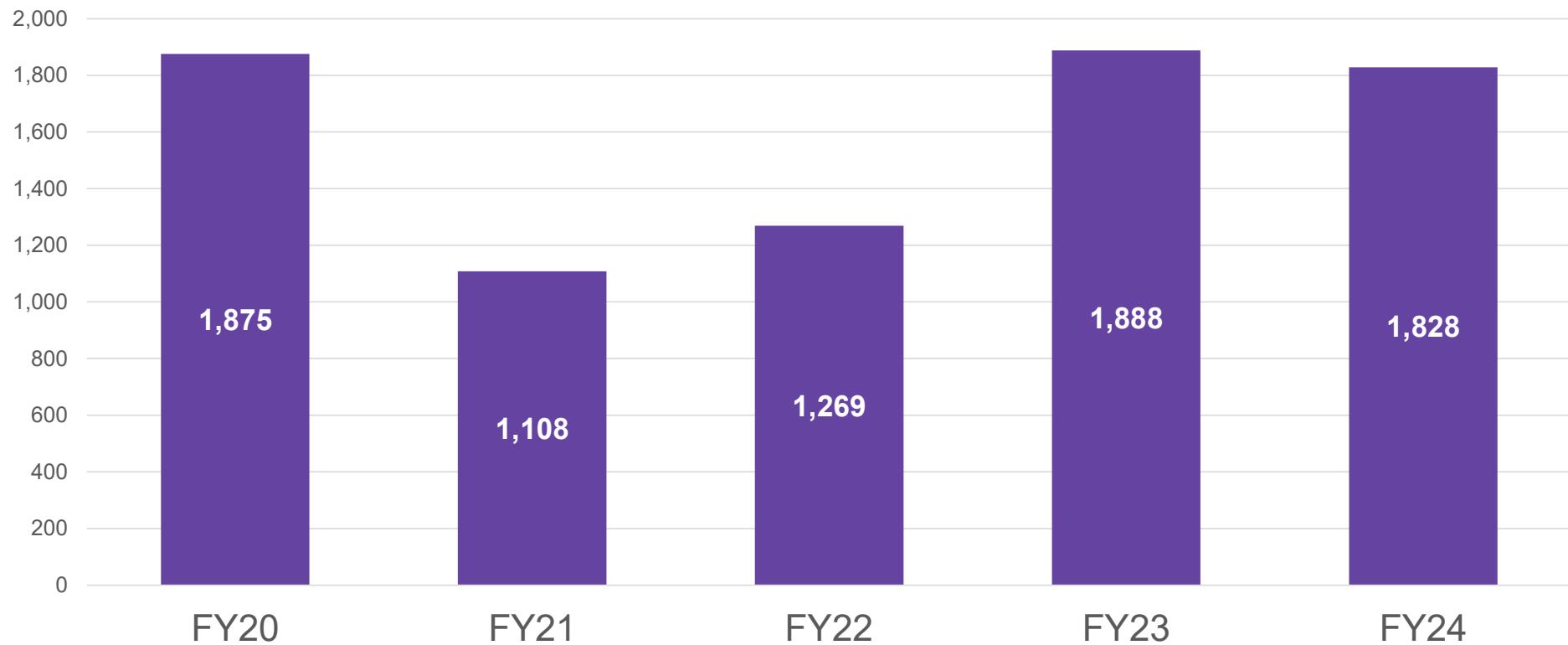
Emissions Incidents Received



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.

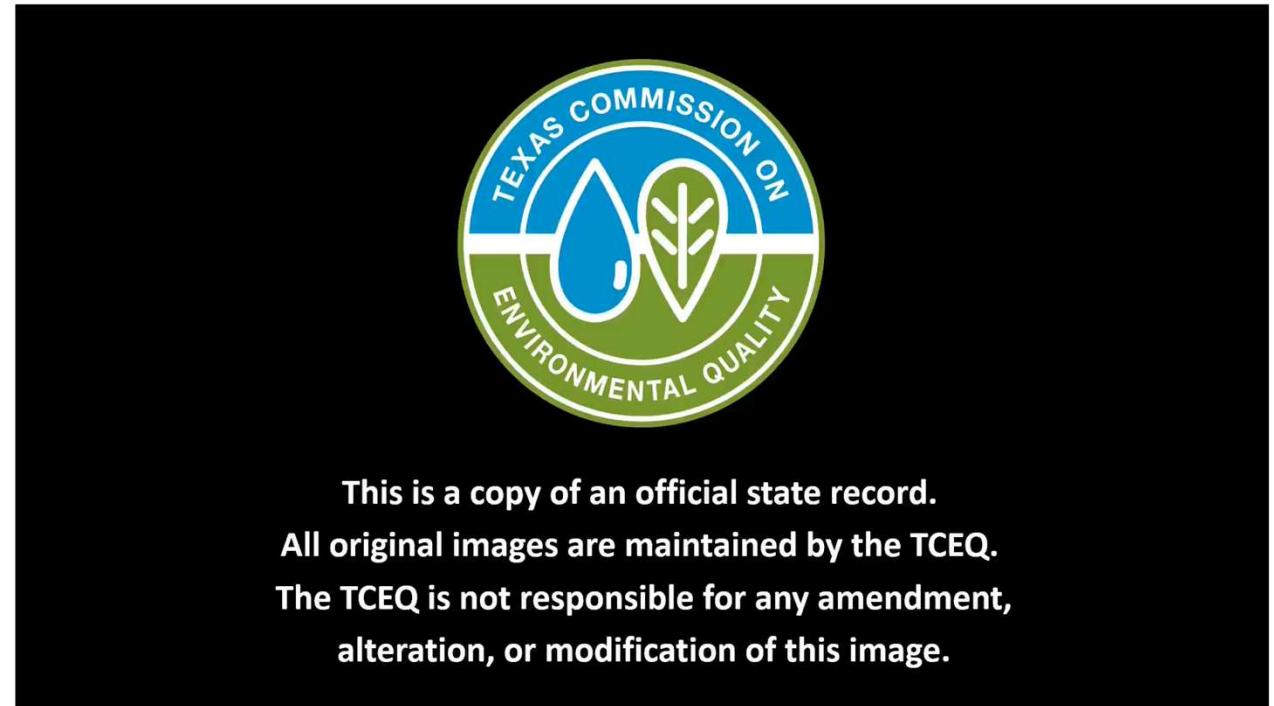
Used to provide supporting information for investigations

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



Fugitive Focused Investigation Process

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



Improved Data Availability

Annual Enforcement Report



Texas Open Data Portal



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