Water Law Enforcement in Romania

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Romania - long tradition in water management

First Water Law – 1921
River basin management since 60’s
Present Water Law 1996 (IWRM) amended to include WFD provisions – Chapter VI Enforcement
NARW people involved in Water Law enforcement are grouped in a single unit – **Water Inspection**, with basin and county branches under the public central authority in the water field – MEWF, but also cooperating with the Police, Environmental Guard and the local administrative authorities.
According to the Water Law, water inspection is compulsory for all the water users, based on 2 categories of risk assessment indicators for the water users:
- impact (emissions, amount of generated waste, incidence of a European directive, etc.)
- performance (compliance with BAT, corrective measures applied after previous sanctions)

National Register of Controlled Objectives

Annual Inspection Plan ≈ 11,000 controls
Unnplaned Controls (on public complaints) ≈ 9,000/year
Field verification is mandatory:

a) location, premises, endowments and existing installations compliance with the Water Law;

b) degree of compliance with the water permit and authorization;

c) monitoring results compared to the quality standards in the field;

d) operation and maintenance of the endowment installations;

f) user’s abilities and accreditations, and the equipment used for monitoring the quality of water resources;

g) application of the water management system specific to the controlled objective;

h) implementation of the previously imposed measures
Results reported monthly to the ministry on types of controlled water users

Most of sanctions for:
- illegal or non-compliant exploitations of sand and gravel from rivers beds;
- non-compliant waste water plants;
- garbage dump on the waterfront
- Electronic application to survey sand and gravel transportation realized by Special Telecommunications Service;

- Cooperation of NARW with National Agency for Mineral Resources, Ministry of Interior (Romanian Police) and Ministry of Transport;

- Public Involvement by a dedicated web interface

- Data Base Development
Radar of sand and gravel exploitation (3 - 3)

- APV Digital (document for valorification) – specific for each transport
Questions?
Thank you very much for attention!