

Table 4.1
Canadian Environmental Protection Act enforcement activities

	1993/1994	1994/1995	1995/1996	1996/1997	1997/1998	1998/1999	1999/2000
	number						
On-site inspections ¹	1,571	1,335	963	708	1,523	1,555	779
Off-site inspections ^{1, 2}	1,058	2,526
Investigations ³	55	64	45	33	56	78	64
Warnings ⁴	133	127	85	30	204	421	473
Directives ⁵	1	1	0	2	0	8	9
Prosecutions ⁶	3	9	13	5	8	2	26
Convictions	11	12	6	7	3	1	1
	number						
	2000/2001	2001/2002	2002/2003	2003/2004	2004/2005	2005/2006	2006/2007
On-site inspections ¹	1,446	1,628	1,934	2,334	2,547	2,232	2,698
Off-site inspections ^{1, 2}	1,801	3,009	2,870	2,079	2,727	2,978	2,434
Investigations ³	20	57	36	32	43	35	64
Warnings ⁴	450	517	347	672	1,162	2,216	1,785
Directives ⁵	22	5	3	8	2	8	96
Prosecutions ⁶	11	27	4	8	13	11	6
Convictions	7	7	3	14	1	2	3

1. Inspections verify compliance with the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act* (CEPA). They may be on-site (at the site of a facility, plant, structure, border crossing, airport or other port of entry, on a ship, aircraft, or other means of transport) or off-site. Off-site inspections were previously called administrative verifications.
2. The tracking of off-site inspections or administrative verifications only started in 1998/1999. However, on-site inspection numbers prior to this time may have included some administrative verifications.
3. Investigations involve gathering, from a variety of sources, evidence and information relevant to a suspected violation.
4. Written warnings indicate the existence of a minor violation, in order that the alleged offender can take notice and return to compliance.
5. Written directions oblige the regulatee responsible for the potential violation to take all reasonable measures to remedy any dangerous conditions and/or to reduce any danger to the environment.
6. A legal proceeding for the purpose of determining the guilt or innocence of an accused (that is, person and/or organization) under CEPA.

Note(s): Data is based on the federal government fiscal year which is from April 1 to March 31.

Source(s): Environment Canada, Enforcement Branch, 2008, *Acts Regulations and Agreements – Reports and Statistics*, www.ec.gc.ca/alef-ewe/default.asp?lang=En&n=5C63F879-1 (accessed January 13, 2009).