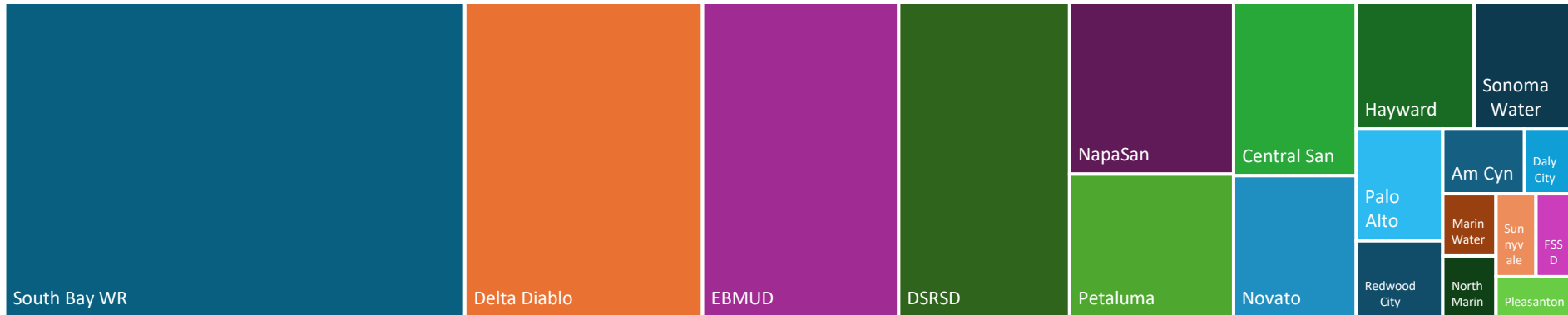


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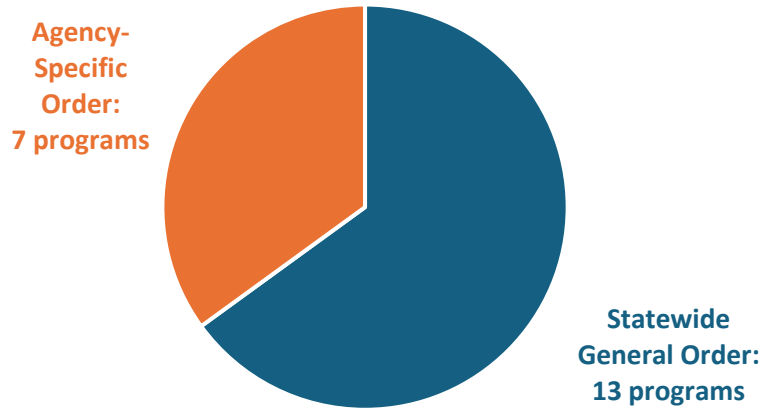
Link to Survey Questions: [PDF Version](#)

- Survey Date: December 2025 – January 2026
- 19 Respondents representing 90% of Recycled Water production in the region

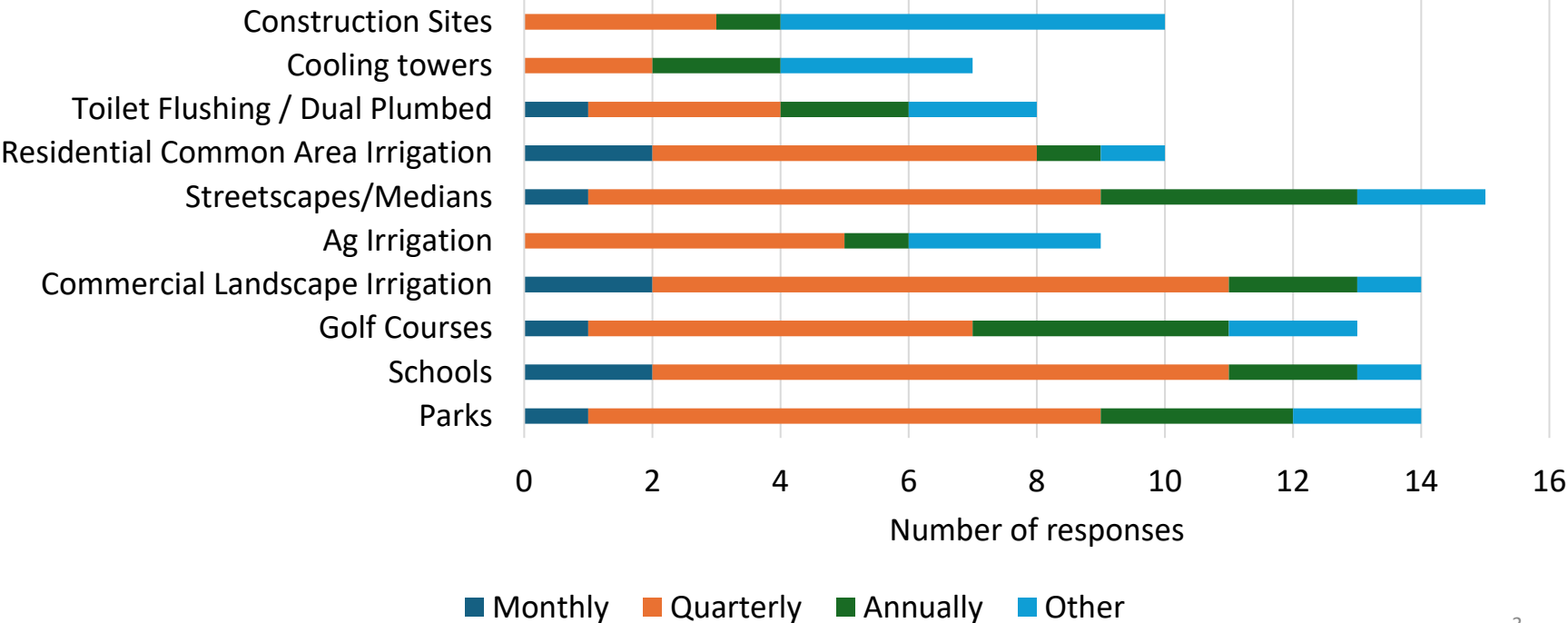


Survey respondents, very roughly scaled by annual recycled water production. Smaller agencies are not shown to scale.

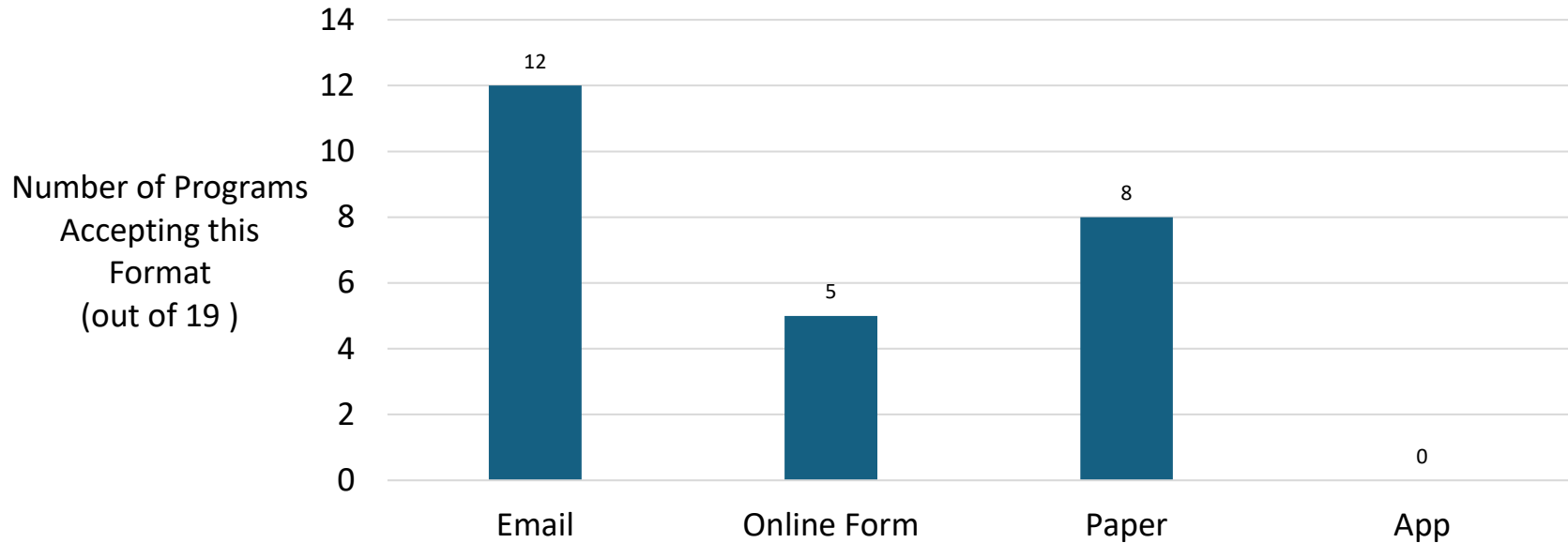
4. Do you operate under the **Statewide General Order**, or an agency-specific order?



5. What user self-monitoring frequency does your agency
require for these user types?

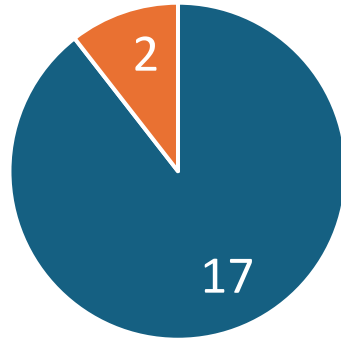


7. What **format** does your agency use for self-monitoring inspection reports?



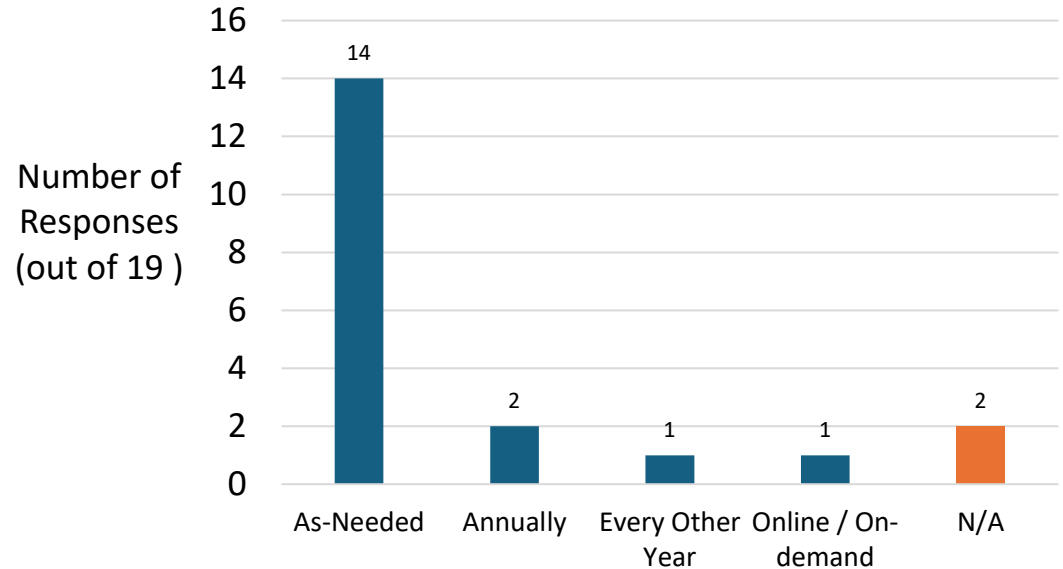
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9. Does your agency offer training for recycled water users?



■ Yes ■ No

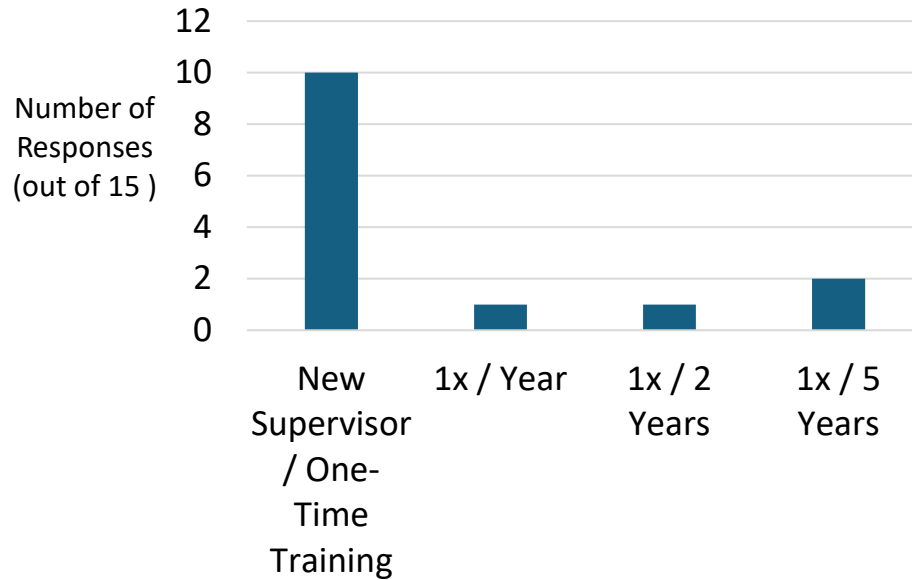
10. How often are training sessions offered?



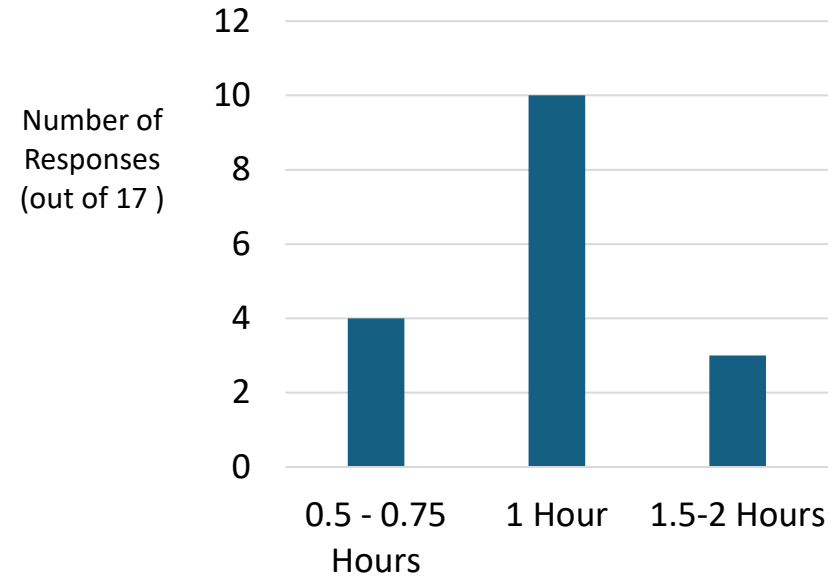
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11. How often must users attend a training session?



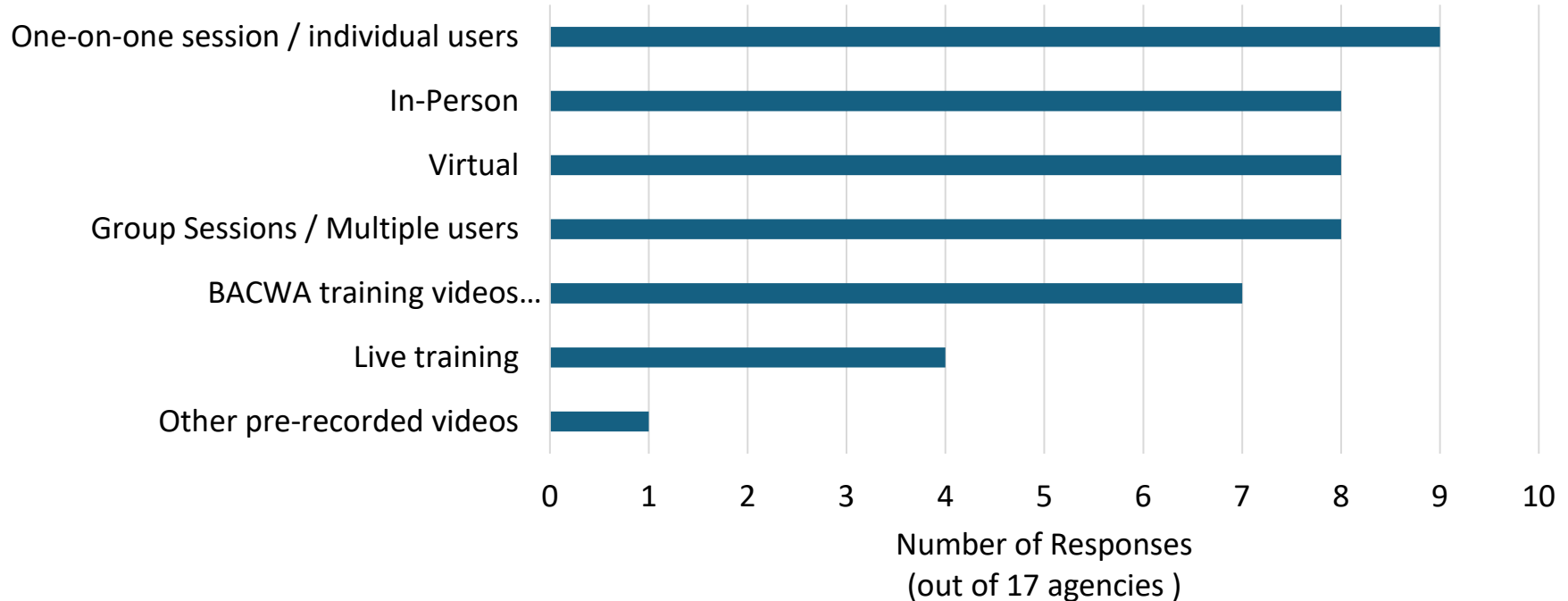
13. How long is a typical training session?



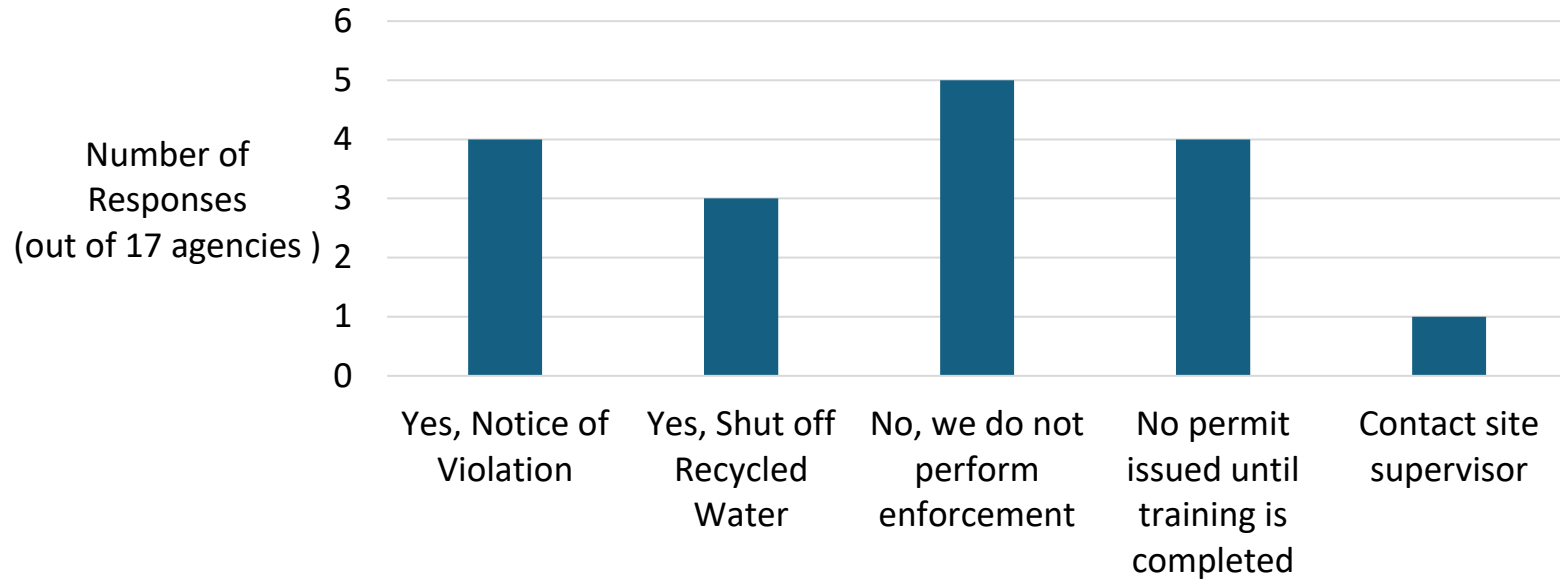
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12. How are training sessions conducted?



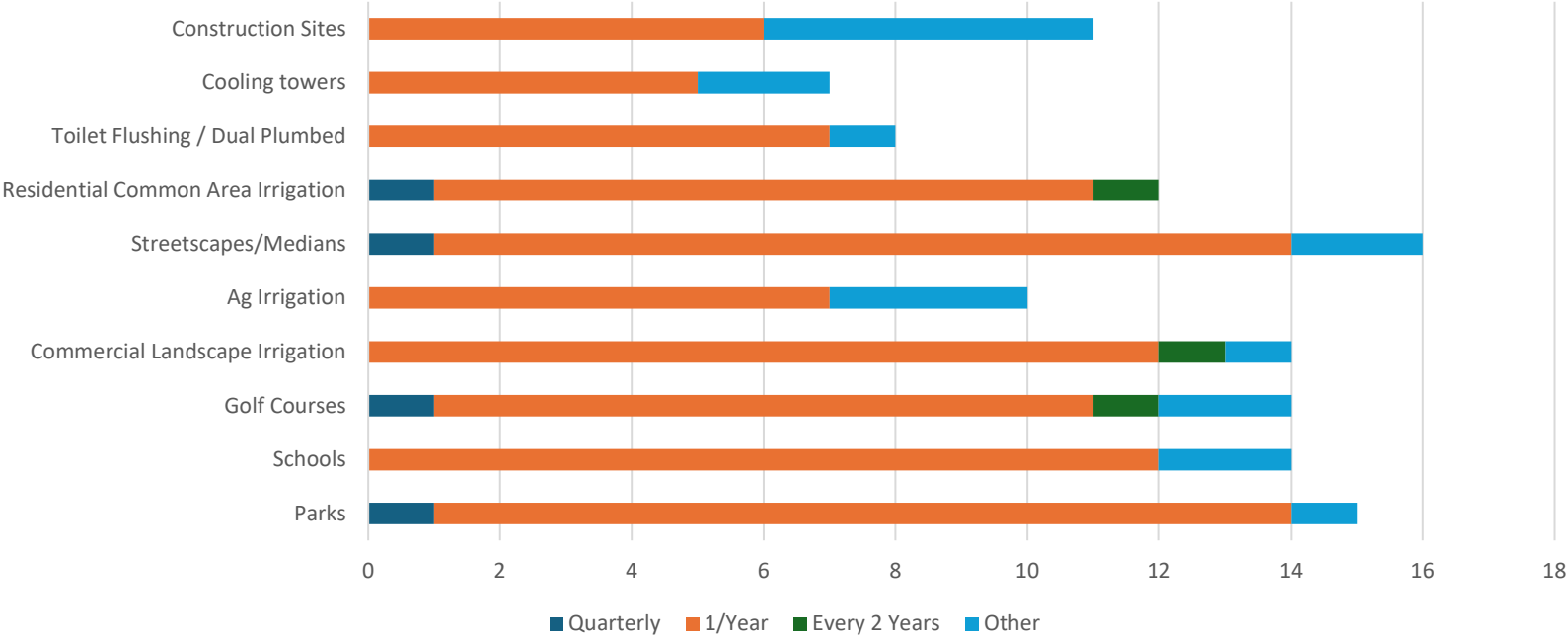
14. Does your agency enforce training program requirements?



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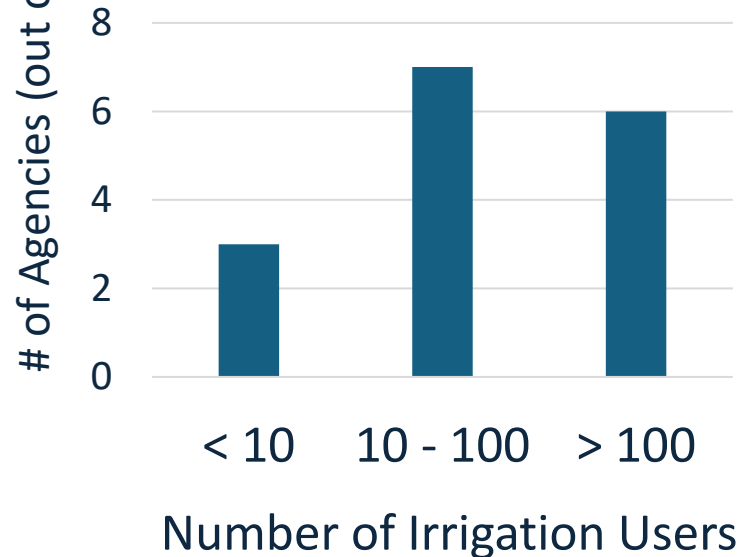


15. What inspection frequency does **your agency** use for each of these user types?

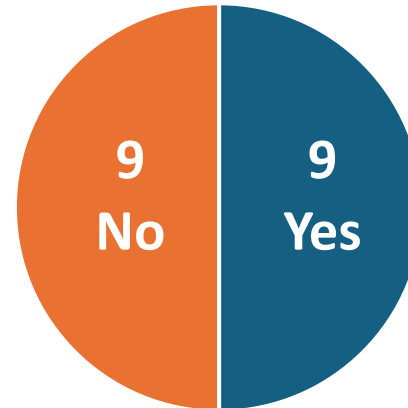


Irrigation Users (18 Respondents)

18. How many Irrigation Users does your Agency Serve?

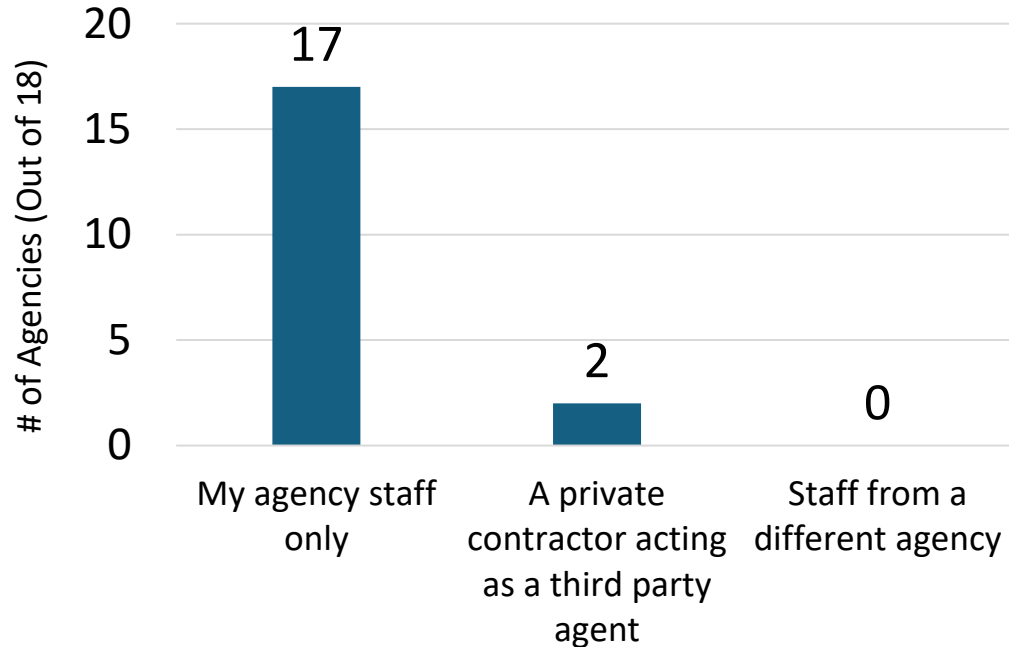


19. Do you require a user representative to be onsite during inspections of irrigation use sites?

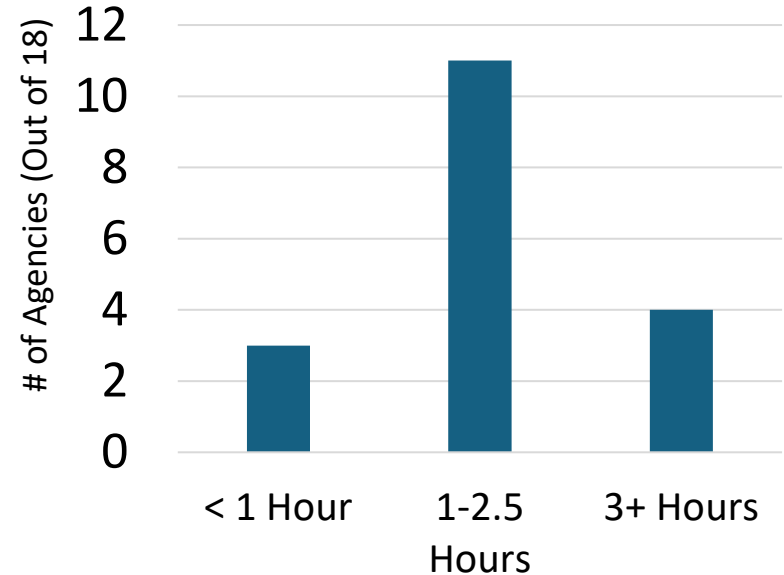


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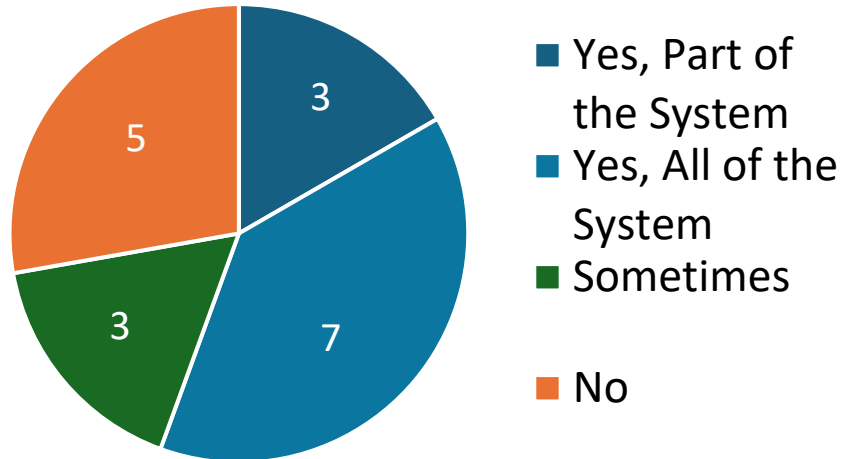
20. Who performs agency inspections of irrigation use sites?



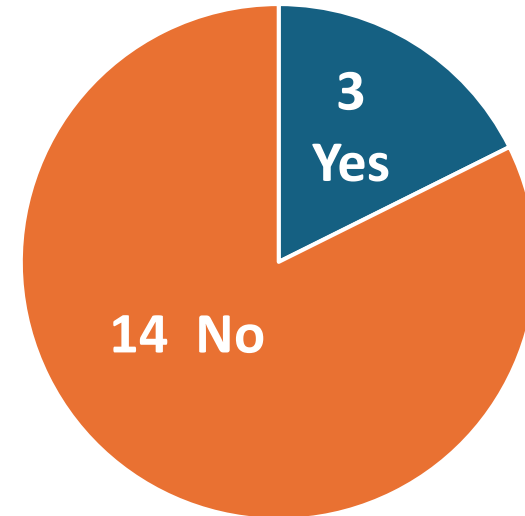
22. How long does it take to complete an inspection for each irrigation use site?



21. When you conduct a site inspection for an irrigation use site, do you require that the **irrigation system be turned on?**

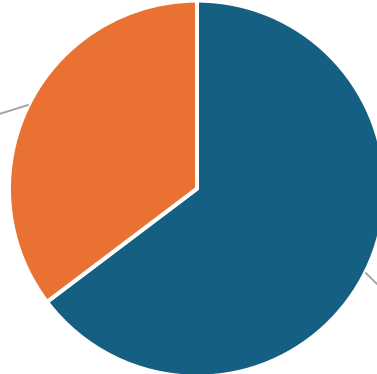


23. During site inspections, do you conduct a **one-sided cross-connection test?**



24. After the initial cross-connection test for each irrigation use site, how often do you conduct a **full cross-connection test**?

About 1x / 4 years, or answer referred to dual-plumbed regs, 6



Only if there is a need (e.g., failed inspection, renovation), 11

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25. How does your agency meet the “application rate” reporting requirement from Table 4 of the General Order?

Breakdown of 9 responses:

- 7 agencies referred to calculating the value based on the volume delivered and the acreage of each site.
 - Some agencies **estimate** the acreage
 - Other agencies **require the acreage** in the permit application drawings
- 1 agency stated “Users are instructed to water only to saturation and not run-off.”
- 1 agency stated they are unable to provide the information because they don’t have accurate site acreage data.

Table 4: Use Area Monitoring and Reporting Requirements

Parameter	Units	Sample Type	Sampling Frequency ^(a)	Reporting Frequency
Recycled Water User	--	--	--	Annually
Recycled Water Flow	gpd ^(b)	Meter ^(c)	Monthly	Annually
Acreage Applied ^(d)	Acres	Calculated	--	Annually
Application Rate	inches/acre/year	Calculated	--	Annually
Soil Saturation/Ponding	--	Observation	Quarterly	Annually
Nuisance Odors/Vectors	--	Observation	Quarterly	Annually
Discharge Off-Site	--	Observation	Quarterly	Annually
Notification Signs ^(e)	--	Observation	Quarterly	Annually

^(a) Or less frequently if approved by the Regional Water Board Executive Officer

^(b) gpd denotes gallons per day.

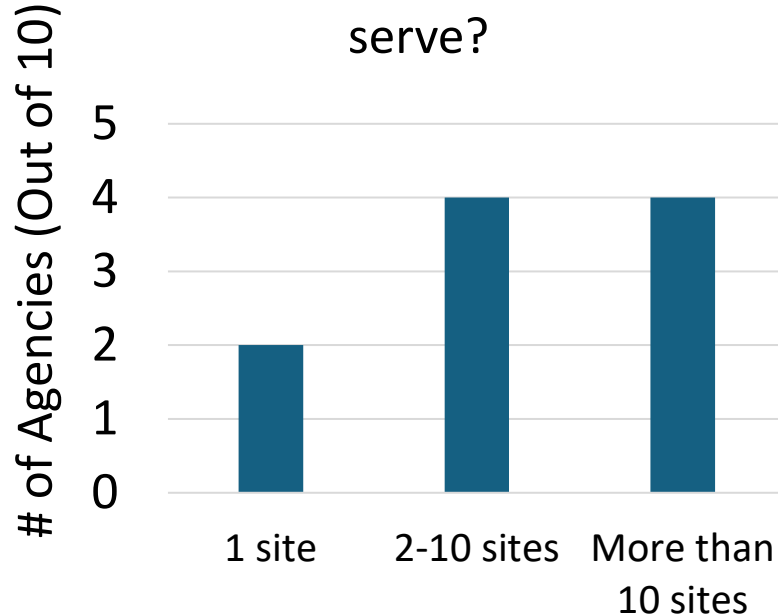
^(c) Meter denotes meter reading, a pump run time meter, or other approved method.

^(d) Acreage applied denotes the acreage to which recycled water is applied.

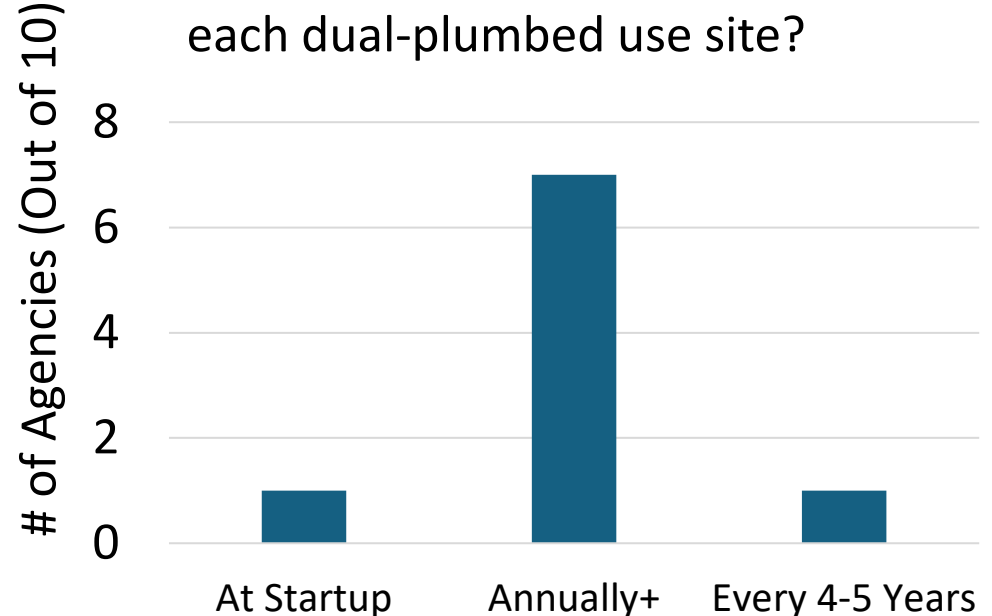
^(e) Notification signs shall be consistent with the requirements of 22 CCR section 60310(g).

Dual-Plumbed Users (10 respondents)

27. How many dual-plumbed use sites does your agency serve?



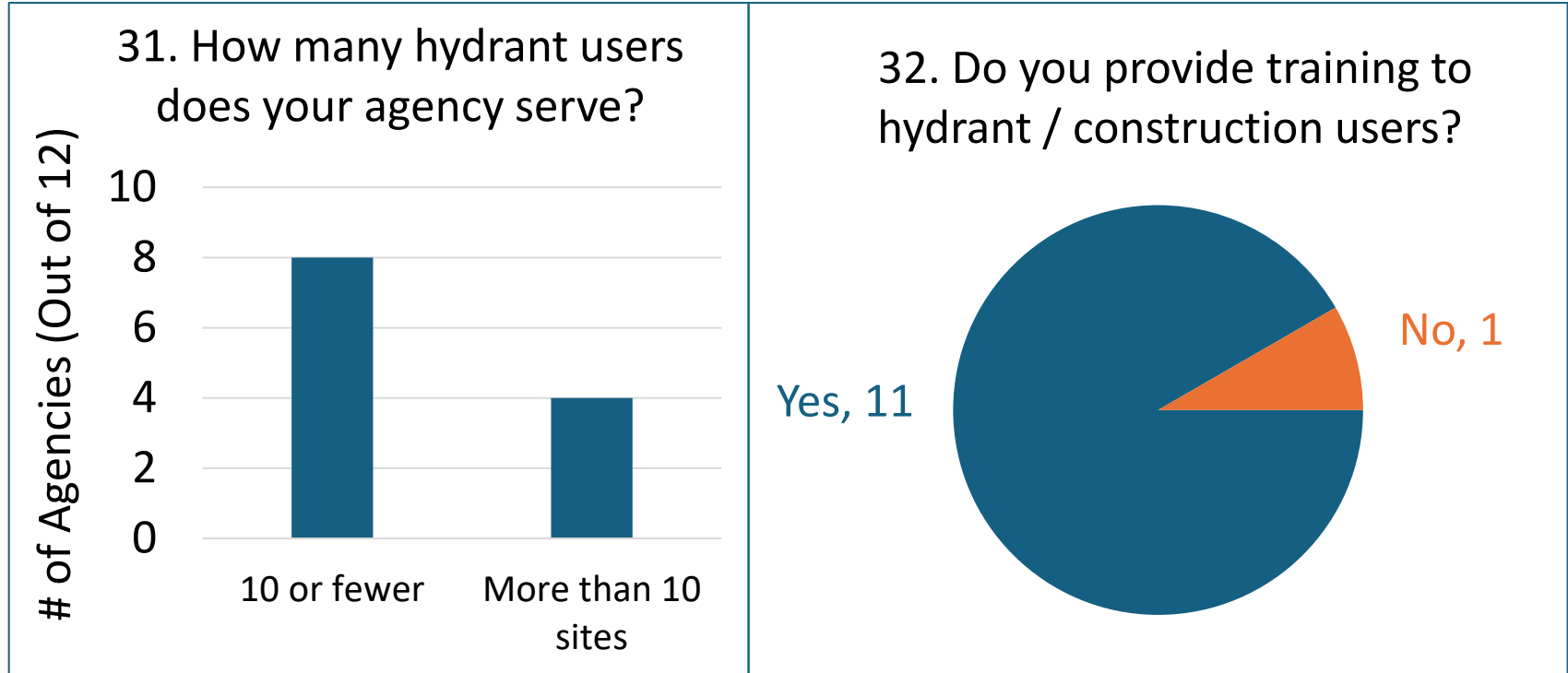
28. How often do you perform a **cross-connection inspection** for each dual-plumbed use site?



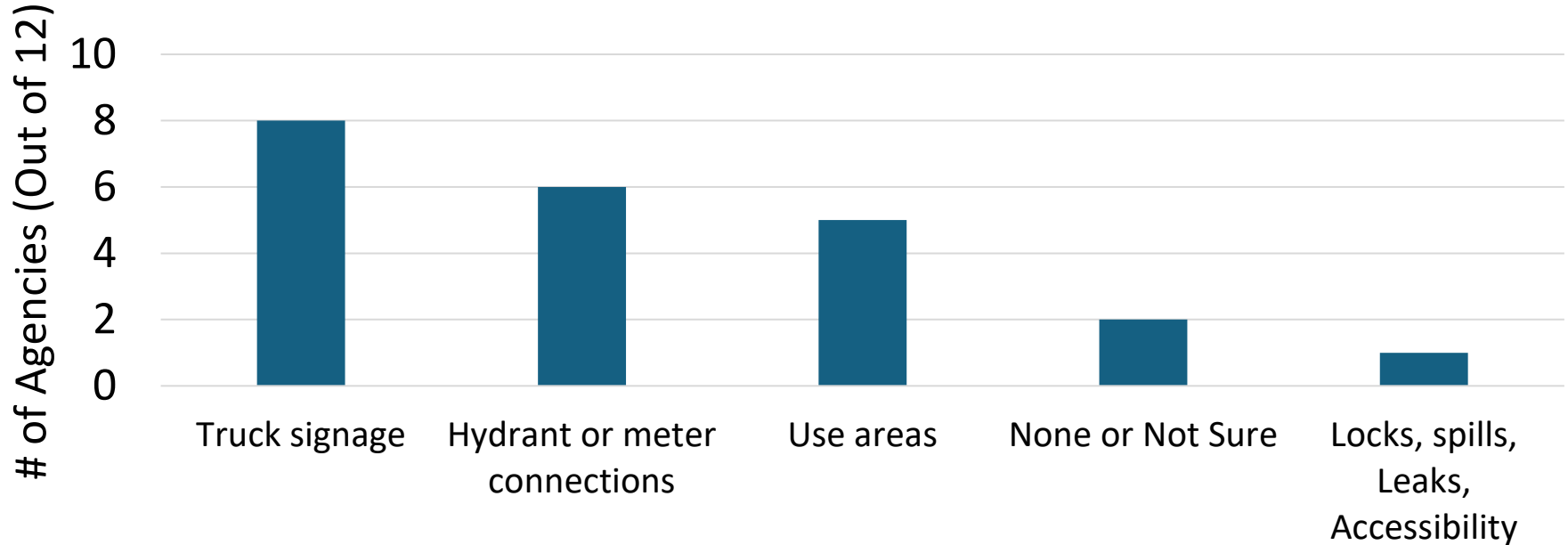
29. How often do you perform a **cross-connection test** for each dual-plumbed use site?

- 1 agency responded **Annually**
- 6 agencies responded **Every 4 years** (or more frequently if needed)
- 1 agency responded **Every 5 years**
- 1 agency responded: “When activated, after construction, or when they fail an annual tag inspection”

Hydrant Users (12 respondents)



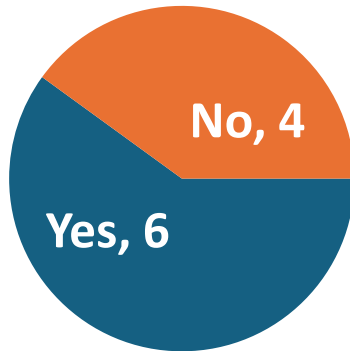
33. Which inspections, if any, do you conduct for hydrant / construction users?



Commercial Fill Station Users (10 respondents)

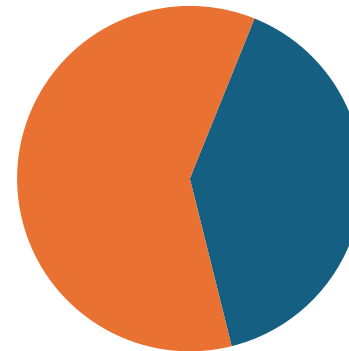
35. Do you issue permits to commercial fill station users? **Yes: 9 agencies** **No: 1 agency**

36. Is fill station located with a secure area (such as a treatment facility), requiring gate access?



37. When can commercial fill stations users access the fill station?

**Business
hours
only , 6**



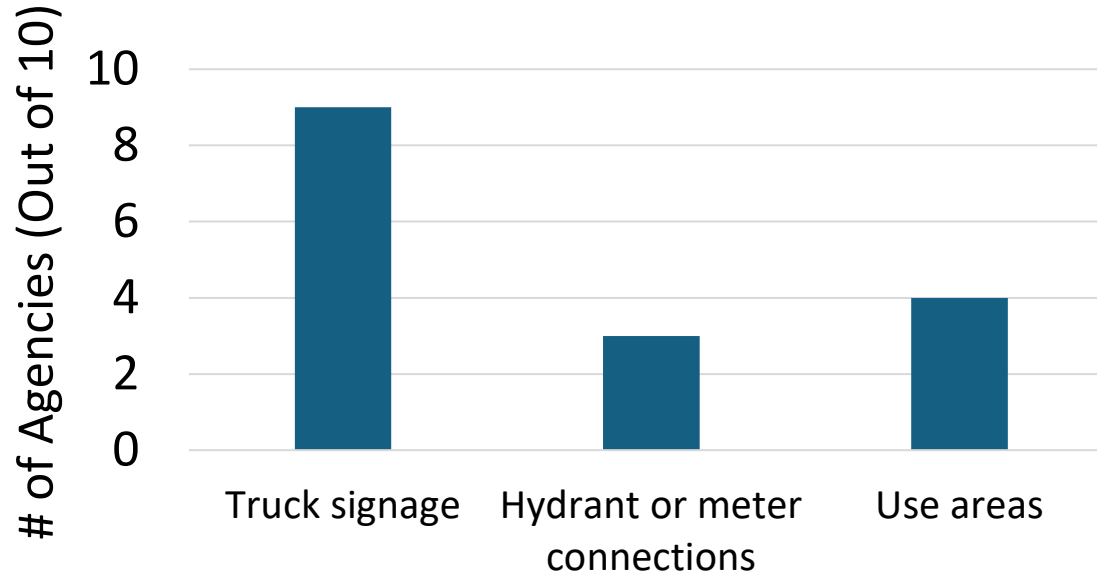
**24-hour
access, 4**

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38. Do you provide training to commercial fill station users? **Yes: 10 agencies** **No: 0**

39. Which inspections, if any, do you conduct for fill station users?



"Other" Responses:

- Locks, spills, leaks, accessibility
- Tank connection / air gap
- Inspect during first visit to fill station for new users

SUMMARY

Commonalities:

- Training offered as-needed for new site supervisors, including hydrant users, often in individual sessions
- Frequency of many agency inspections is 1/year, including cross-connection inspections for dual plumbed sites
- Similar approach to calculating the “application rate” for use areas

Diverse Approaches to:

- User Self-monitoring Frequencies and Format
- Enforcement of training requirements
- Requirements for inspecting irrigation sites
- Requirements for inspecting hydrant users and commercial fill station users