

OISC pesticide complaint intake, investigation & enforcement

-IPRB Meeting-
July 10, 2024





Complaint intake

- Not every complaint call becomes a case
 - About half of all reported incidents become assigned cases
 - Why?
 - It may be something we don't regulate (odor)
 - The problem may not be caused by fertilizer or pesticides
 - Ammonia in pool
 - Disease or insects (refer to extension)
 - Anonymous complaint won't work (drift to people or their property)
 - Complainant not willing to testify (drift to people)
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Complaint intake

- We explain their options (PPP-110 Options for Drift Incident)
 - Work it out with the applicator (no OISC involvement)
 - Documentary only (OISC involved)
 - Full investigation (OISC involved)
 - Resolving a case can be a lengthy process (6 months to a year)
 - We are fact (evidence) finders and law enforcers
 - We may or may not determine what caused the problem/injury
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What are some of the highest volume tips & complaints investigated by OISC ?

Off-target pesticide drift

- Agriculture
- Right-of-way weed control
- Lawn care applications

Improper manure staging

Unlicensed applicators or businesses

Fish kills

Pesticide runoff

Inadequate storage

Below label rate pre-construction termite control

How are Tips & Complaints Filed with OISC ??

- **Pesticide & Manure Incident Complaints?**

Contact **Joe Becovitz**

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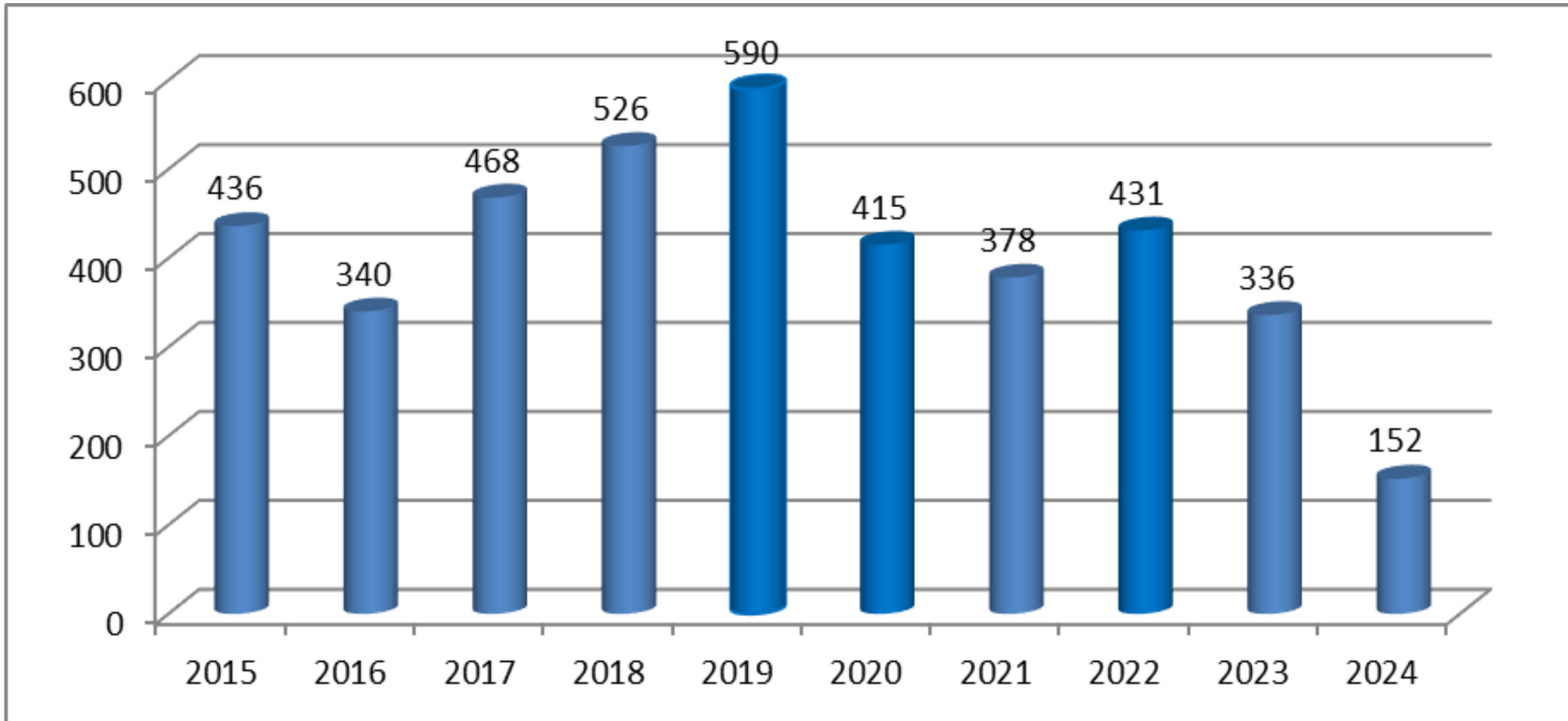
E-mail: becovitz@purdue.edu

- On-line written complaint form

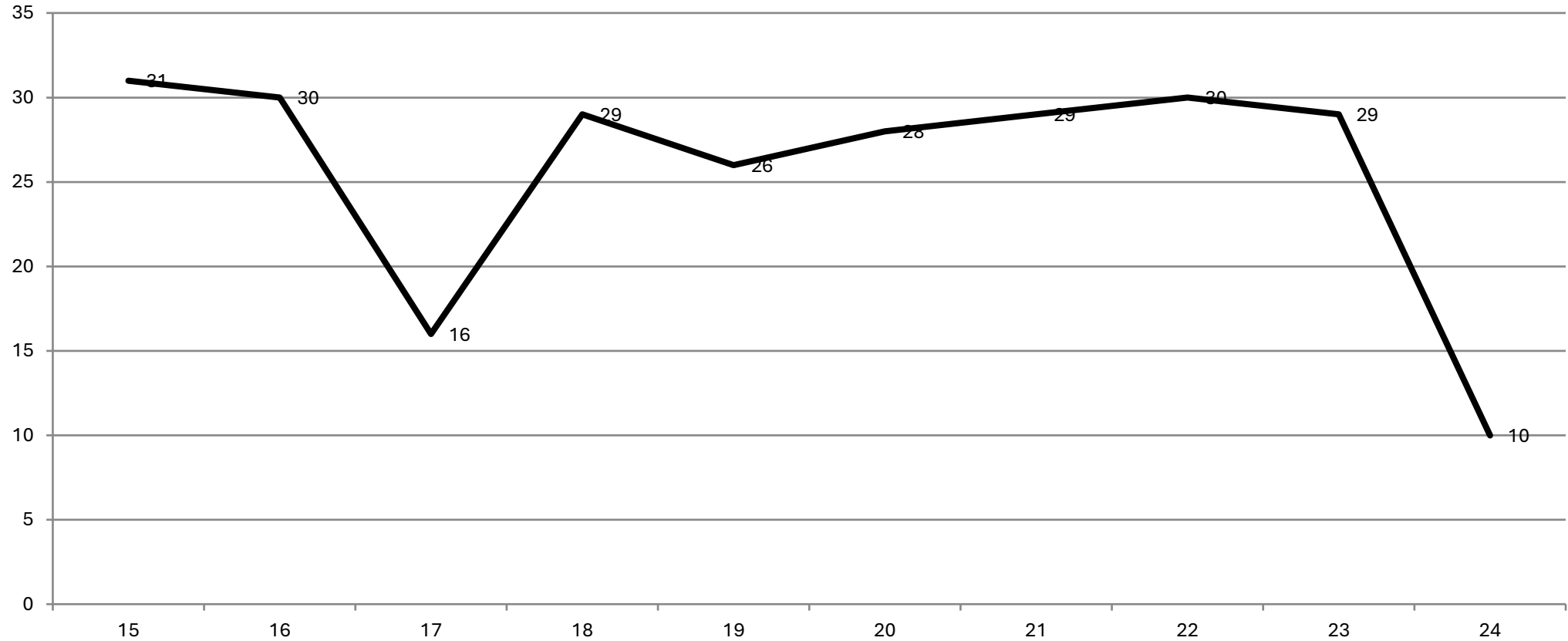
- <https://www.oisc.purdue.edu/>

- Routed directly to Joe Becovitz for assignment to field staff

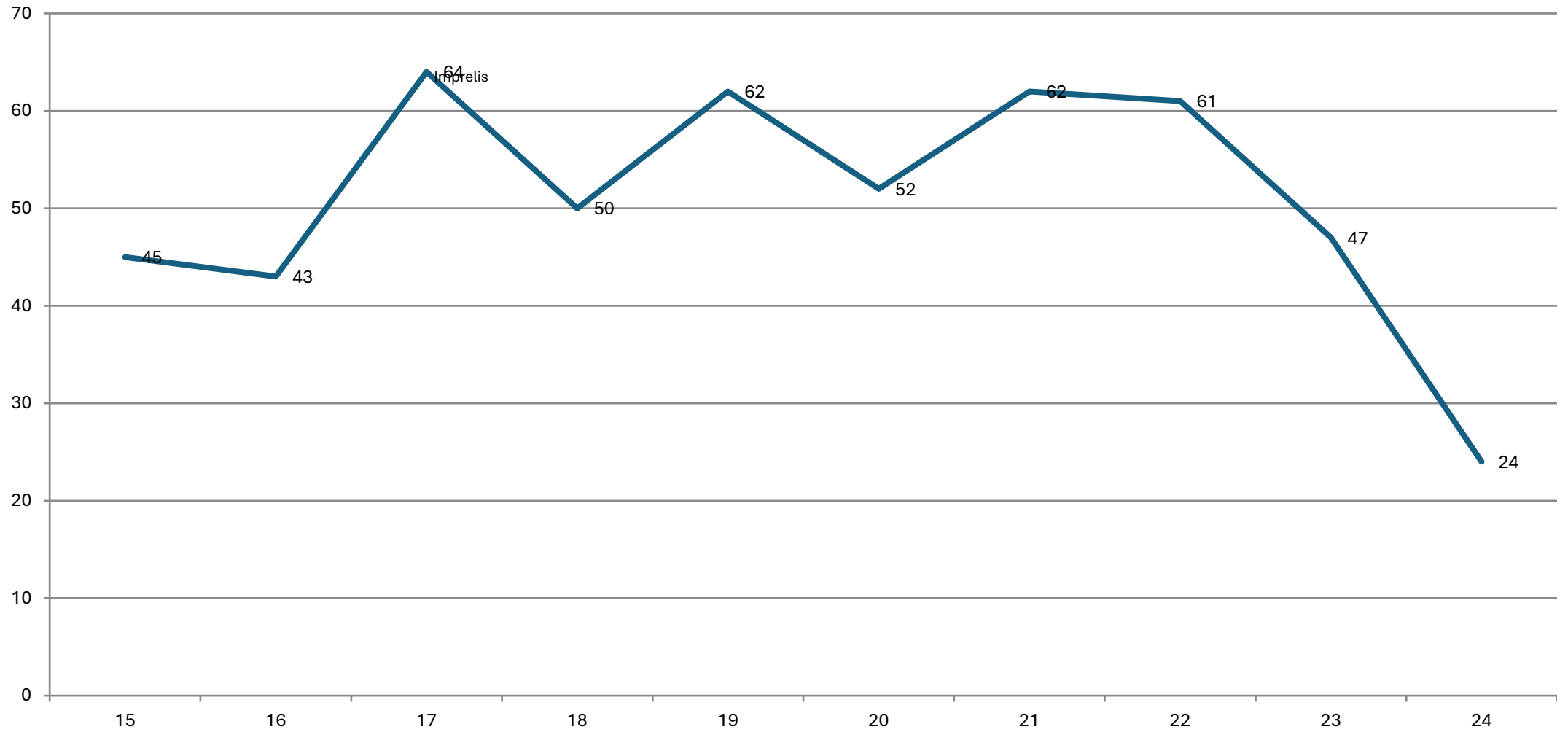
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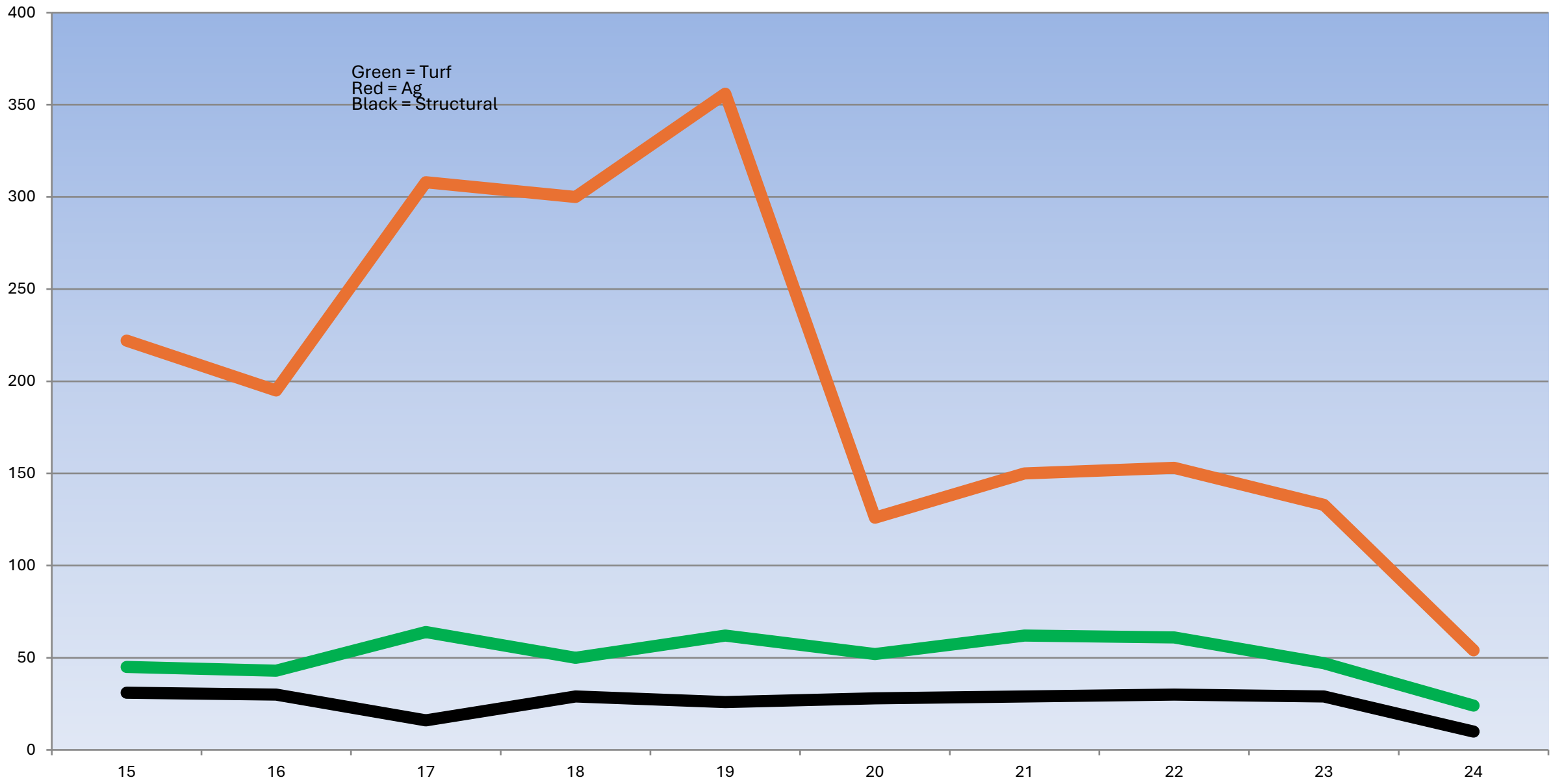


Structural Complaints (NFU + 12+7a+7b)

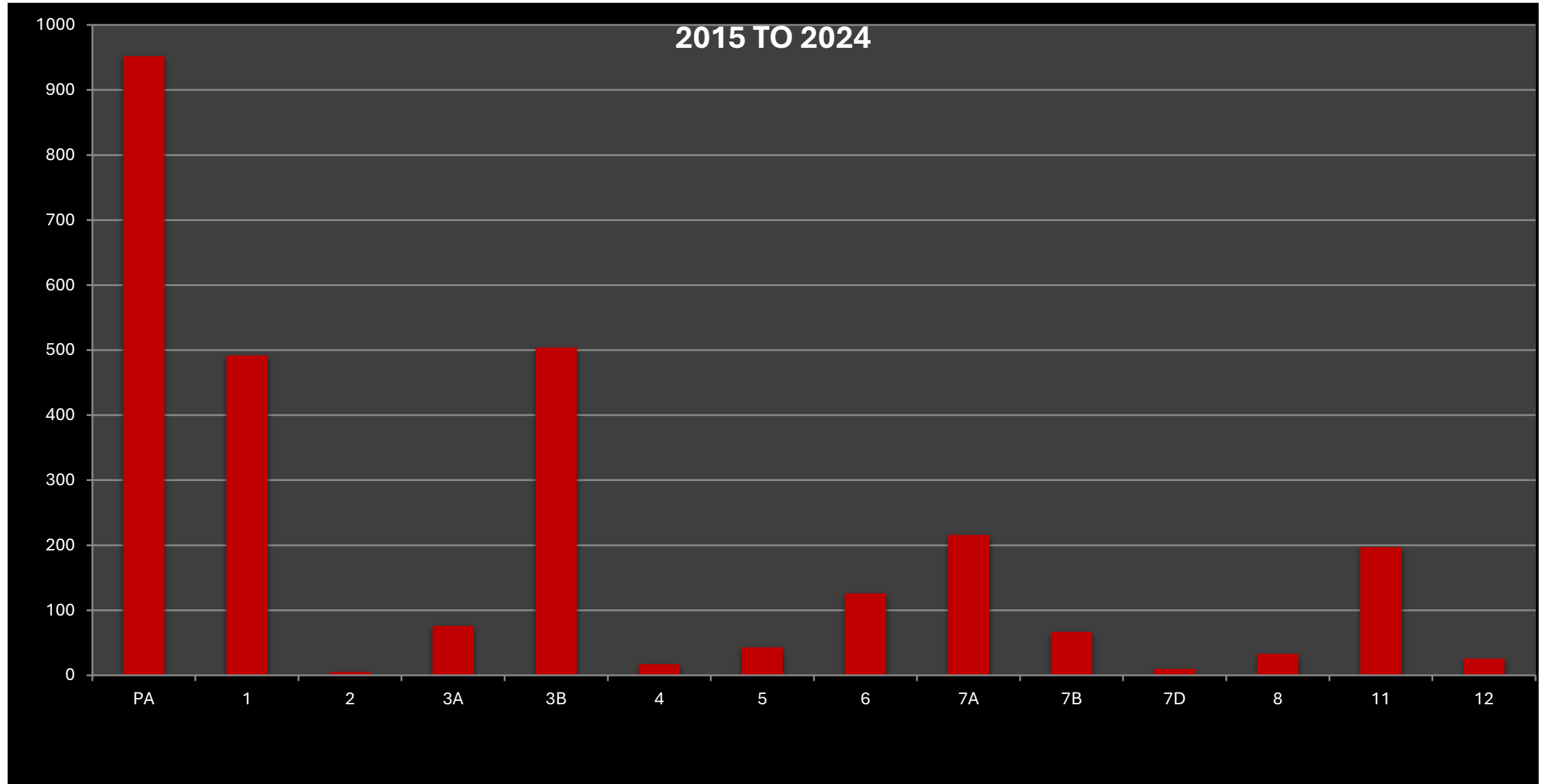


3a & 3b





10 Year - All Category Complaints



FY23 – FY24 Enforcement

<u>FY</u>	<u>Warnings</u>	<u>Citations</u>	<u>Civil Penalties</u>	<u>No Violation</u>
• 2023	114	57	136	269
• 2024	52	19	46	104

Most Common Violations (FY-23)

1. Label violations I.C. 15-16-5-65(2)
2. Unlicensed applicators I.C. 15-16-5-65(9)
3. Product registration I.C. 15-16-4-57(1)