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## Results from targeted sheep dip pollution monitoring

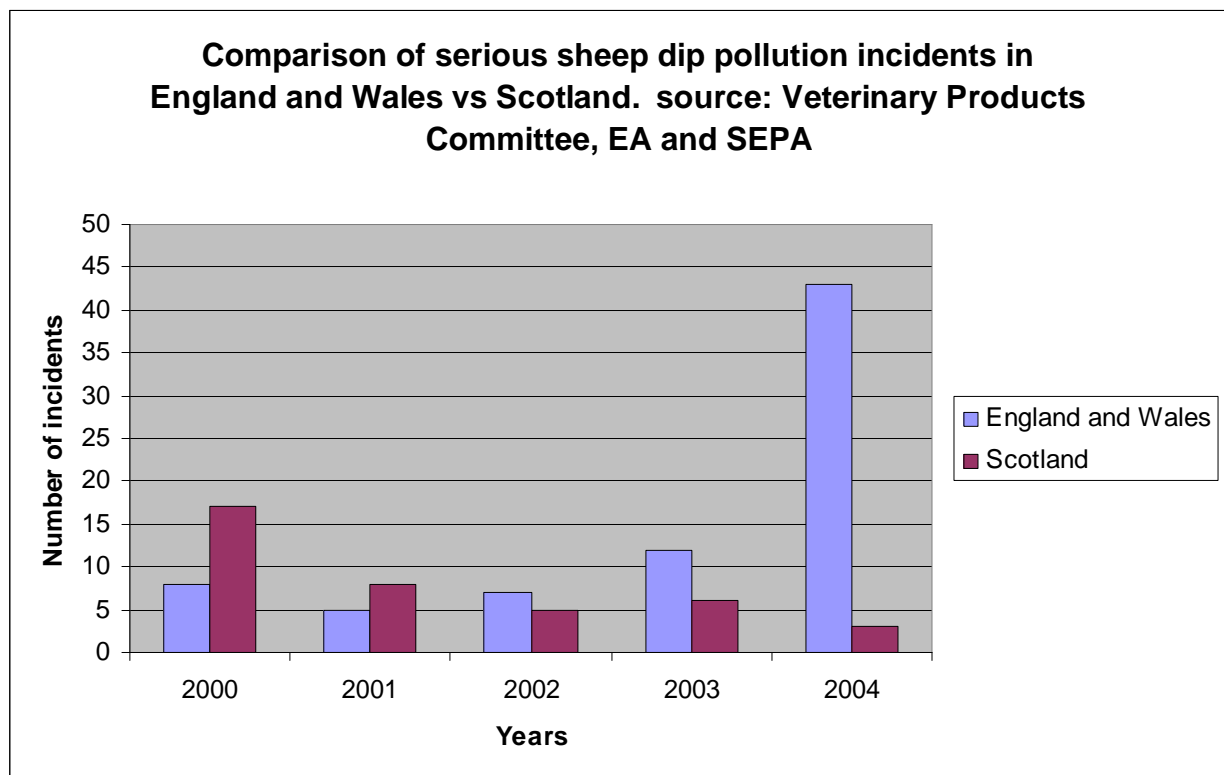
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The chart below shows the reported sheep dip pollution incidents in England and Wales versus Scotland for the years 2000 to 2004.<sup>1</sup>

In July 2003, targeted sheep dip pollution monitoring was introduced in the Teifi catchment in Wales. In 2004, the EA Wales extended this monitoring programme. The monitoring resulted in a large increase in the number of sheep dip pollution incidents compared with earlier years. Even ADAS, the Government advisor on how to best use sheep dip, was fined £5000 in a court of law for seriously damaging two rivers in December 2005.

Scotland does not yet have a targeted sheep dip monitoring programme. The results from Wales suggest that when pollution monitoring targets sheep dip chemicals, pollution is found.

Minute amounts of sheep dip chemicals are lethal to invertebrates and harmful to fish reproduction and survival. A sugar cube size of Synthetic Pyrethroid sheep dip diluted in 5 million cubic metres of water just meets the amount of toxicity, 0.0002 micrograms per litre, currently considered acceptable to be present in the environment over a year.



<sup>1</sup> Data from 2005 was not publicly available.