

— PERFORMANCE REPORT

Yorkshire Water is *failing* to stop sewage polluting rivers.

Twelve months of pollution incidents, sewage overflows and regulatory downgrades — set against rising bills and rising executive pay.

260 POLLUTION INCIDENTS, MAR 2025 - APR 2026	+72% YEAR-ON-YEAR INCREASE	5 /wk AVERAGE INCIDENTS PER WEEK
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01 ~ CONFIRMED INCIDENTS

Confirmed pollution incidents have *doubled* in three years.

Yorkshire Water was responsible for 260 pollution incidents between March 2025 and April 2026 — a 72% year-on-year increase. Over the full 2025 calendar year, 494 pollution incidents were confirmed, nearly double the 248 recorded in 2022. Thirteen of the 2025 incidents were classed as serious, placing the company among the worst performers nationally.



13 Serious pollution incidents in 2025 — one of the worst records of any water company in the country.	19 hrs Average time taken to report a pollution incident in 2025.
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02 ~ SEWAGE OVERFLOWS

51,404 overflows. *32 years* of combined spilling.

Every overflow logged was linked to rainfall — except a group of spills that happened on dry days, when no rain could explain them.

285,230

hours of total spill duration

≈ 32 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS DISCHARGE, ACROSS ALL SITES

51,404 Total sewage overflow events, all correlated with rainfall	~1,000/wk Average rate of overflow events across the year	1,204 "Dry spills" — discharges with no rainfall to explain them
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In 2025, Yorkshire Water recorded the second-highest number of dry-day spills of any water company in England.

03 ~ WATER BALANCE

Leaking more than double what it's *permitted to take*.

In 2025, Yorkshire Water was granted a drought permit to extract additional water from the environment — while its own network was losing far more than that every day through leaks.

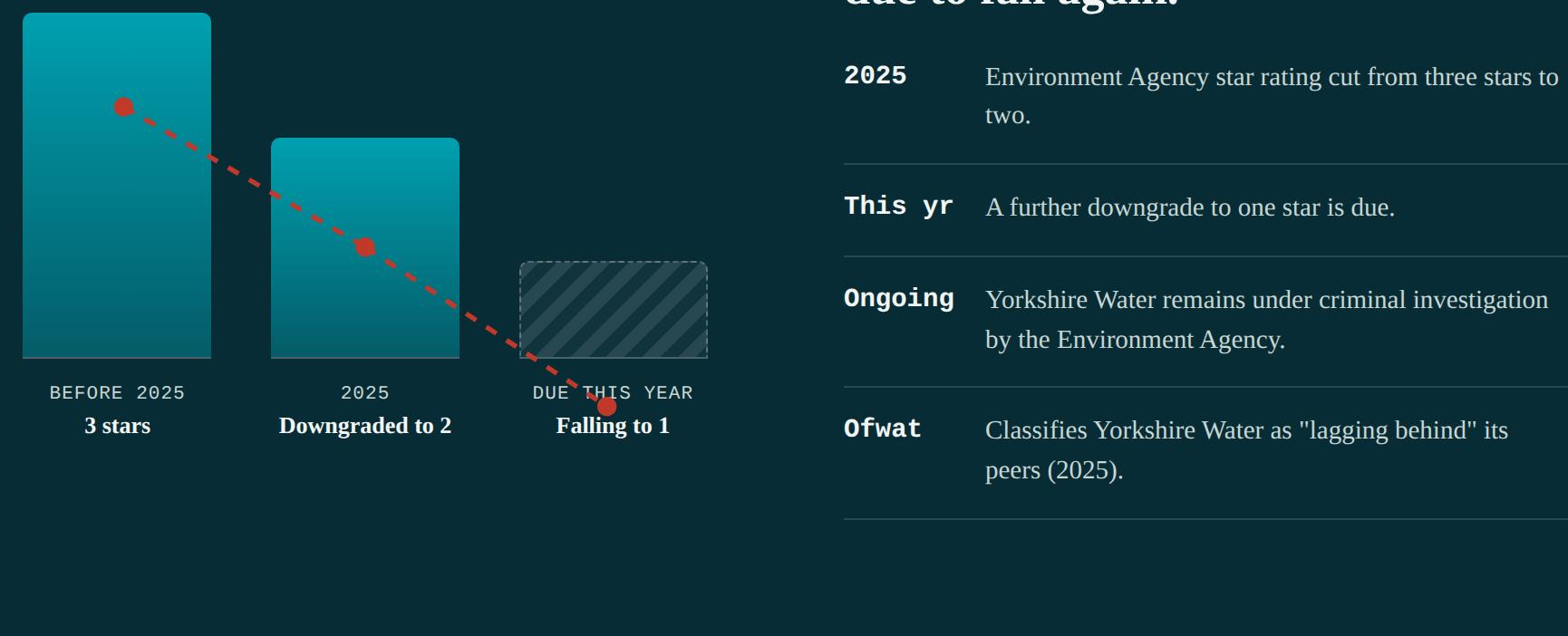
DAILY LEAKAGE		260m L
DROUGHT PERMIT		120m L

260 million litres are lost to leakage every day — more than double the 120 million litres a day the company sought permission to extract from rivers and reservoirs under its 2025 drought permit.

04 ~ REGULATORY STANDING

A rating in *freefall*.

The Environment Agency's Environmental Performance Assessment star rating is the sector's clearest scorecard. Yorkshire Water's has been sinking for two years running.



05 ~ WHY IT'S HAPPENING

Not "exceptional circumstances" — *capacity failure*.

Yorkshire Water's own Director of Finance told the EFRA Committee that the company's asset health is poor, after underspending its PR19 investment allowance while continuing to post profits.

84.4% of 2024 discharges caused by hydraulic capacity failure	31% underspend Yorkshire Water underspent its PR19 investment allowance by 31% — while recording profits year on year.
	£40m Redress package now imposed after findings of mismanaged wastewater treatment works, sewer networks and storm overflow operation.
	"Poor" Asset health, in the words of the company's own leadership before the EFRA Committee.

06 ~ BILLS & PAY

Bills up *41%*. Chief executive pay: *£1.3m*.

CUSTOMER BILLS, 2024 → 2030 +41% Planned increase in customer bills over the period, even as performance has declined.	CEO TOTAL PAY, NICOLA SHAW £1.3m Combined pay from Yorkshire Water and its parent company, this year. <table><tr><td>Yorkshire Water salary</td><td>£730,000</td></tr><tr><td>Kelda Holdings (parent co.)</td><td>£660,000</td></tr></table>	Yorkshire Water salary	£730,000	Kelda Holdings (parent co.)	£660,000
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07 ~ ACCOUNTABILITY

Record fines. The last *prosecution* was 2019.

A widening gap between the scale of the record and the enforcement that has followed it.

- 2019

The **last sewage discharge** by Yorkshire Water to be prosecuted by the Environment Agency.
- 2025

Environment Agency rating downgraded from **three stars to two**; Ofwat classifies the company as "**lagging behind**."
- 2026

Fined one of the **largest penalties of all time** issued to a UK water company — ranked among the top 30 fines ever handed down.
- Due

A further downgrade to **one star** is expected, while Yorkshire Water remains under **active criminal investigation**.