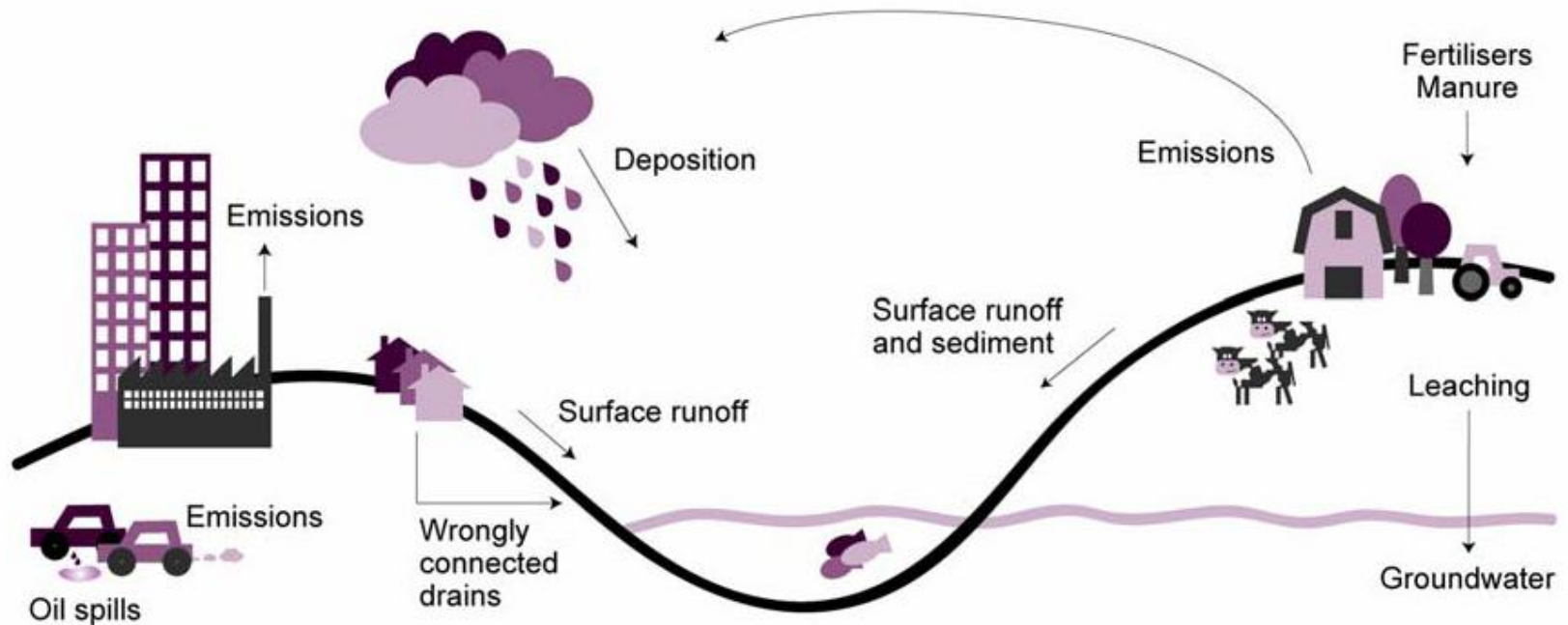




# WPZ's

Tackling Diffuse Pollution with  
Water Protection Zones

# Background – Diffuse Water Pollution



- The Environment Agency is responsible for water quality as part the Water Framework Directive

# What is a WPZ?

- **Water Protection Zone**
- An area which contains water bodies that are polluted by human activities
- The designated area will have regulations put in place to protect water quality from diffuse pollution



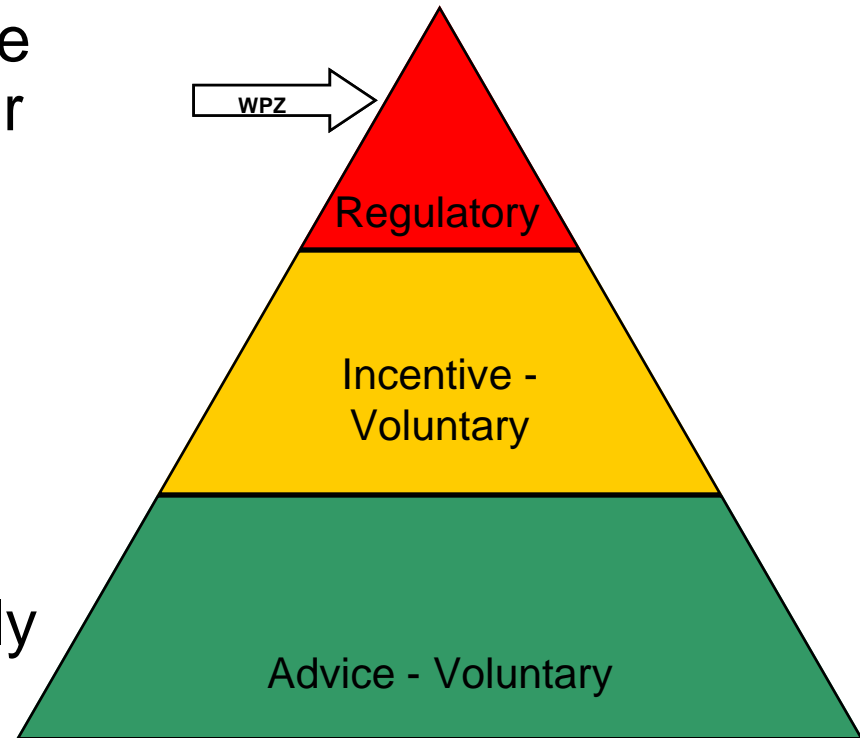
# How will we use WPZ's



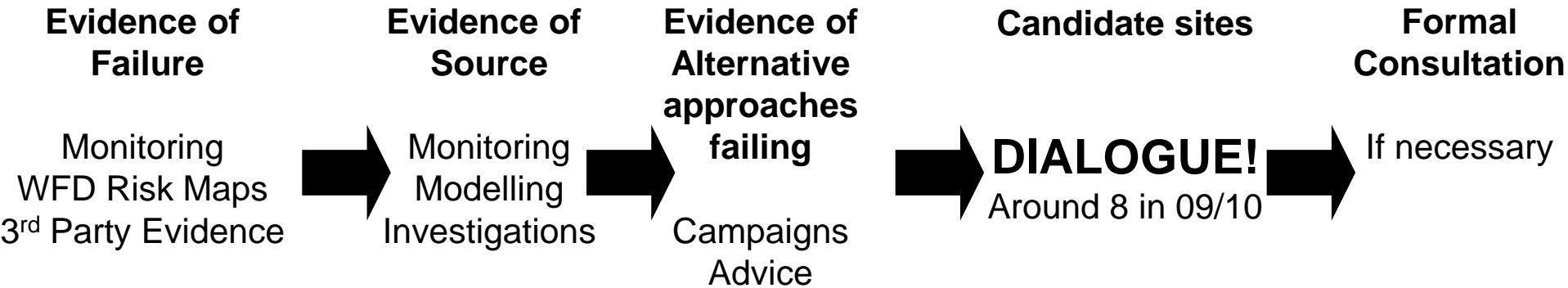
- Within each WPZ all polluting activities will be addressed, not just focussing on agriculture
- We will target WPZ's where there are the most pressing pollution problems eg: failing protected areas.

# Why do we need WPZ's?

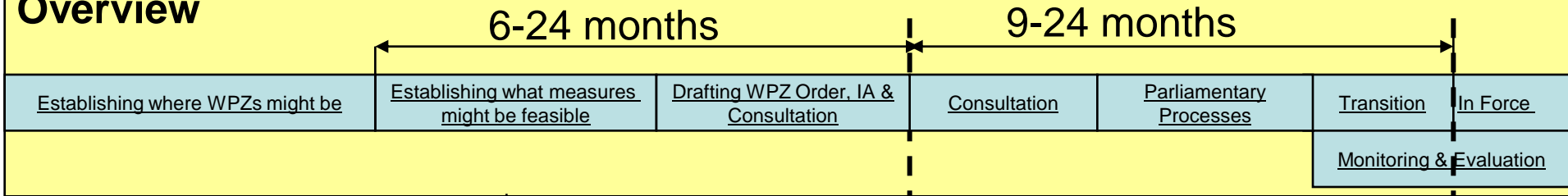
- Sometimes best practice alone will not protect our most precious water resources.
- WPZ represent regulation, but they will be used in tandem with other tools. We will apply them in a targeted, risk-based, proportionate way – they will not be used as a blunt instrument



# How will we identify?



# Establishing New WPZ: Process Overview



## WPZ Project Timeline

