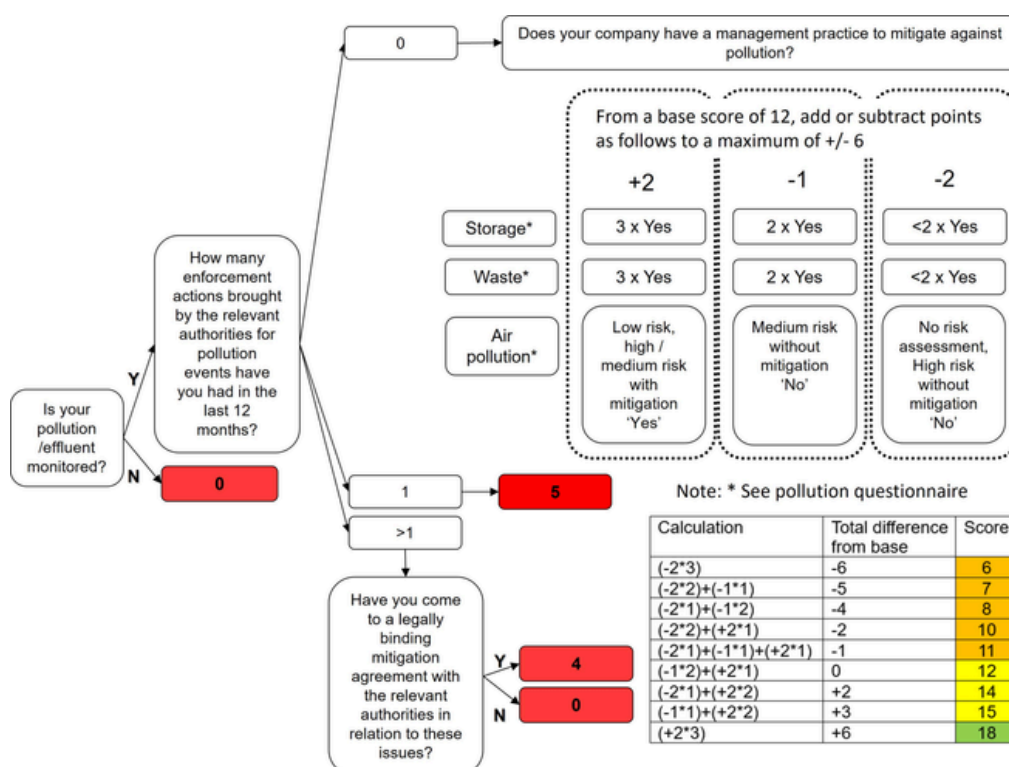


WHAT'S COVERED

- Local pollutants (air, water, soil) arising from extraction or processing (e.g., dust, run-off, spills, chemical usage).
- Excludes greenhouse gases (those are partly addressed under Energy Use).
- Looks at whether companies have identified and controlled pollution risks, comply with permits, and address incidents.



EVIDENCE NEEDED

- Supply chain map identifying possible “pollution hotspots” (quarries, factories, compost sites, etc.).
- Environmental permits, inspection reports, or compliance certificates.
- Any pollution incidents/fines plus corrective actions taken.
- Completed RSS pollution questionnaire or equivalent audit evidence showing controls are in place (dust suppression, spill containment, wastewater treatment).

WAYS TO IMPROVE

- Implement or upgrade pollution controls: dust filters, odour management, effluent treatment, bunded storage.
- Train staff on correct handling of chemicals, spill response, and maintenance routines.
- Monitor emissions/discharges regularly (water tests, air quality checks) to stay ahead of potential violations.
- Aim for best practice rather than bare legal minimums—stronger controls yield higher scores.