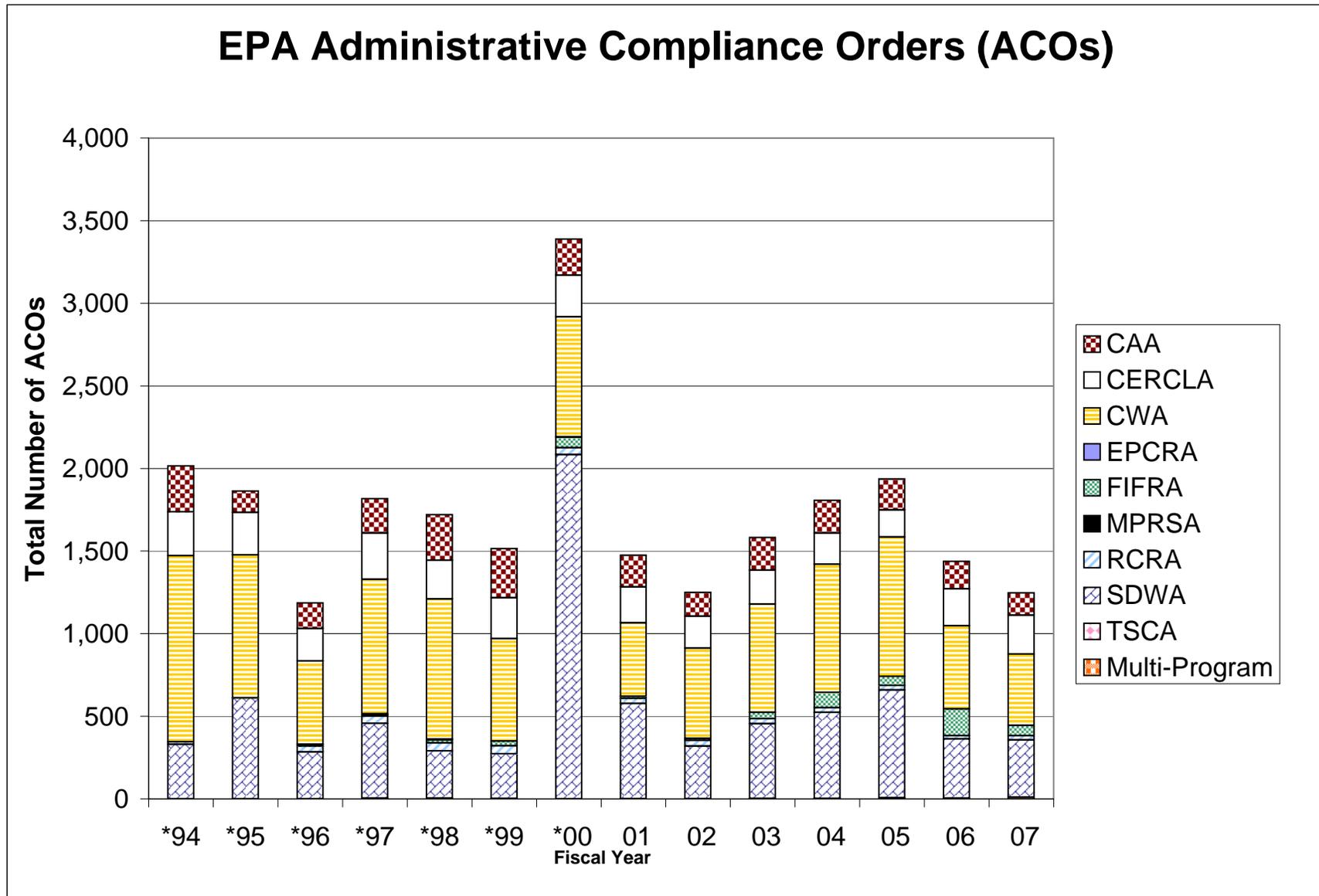




National Enforcement Trends (NETs)

EPA Administrative Compliance Orders (ACOs)



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National Enforcement Trends (NETs)

FY 1994 - FY 2007 Administrative Compliance Orders

EPA Administrative Compliance Orders														
Statute	Fiscal Year (FY)													
	*94	*95	*96	*97	*98	*99	*00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07
CAA	279	130	154	209	277	298	219	192	144	197	198	187	166	135
CERCLA	264	257	197	279	233	247	251	217	194	206	189	164	224	235
CWA	1,127	865	504	815	849	621	727	445	546	655	775	843	503	432
EPCRA	NA	NA	2	7	4	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
FIFRA	NA	NA	10	7	18	28	64	12	12	38	93	55	162	62
MPRSA	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	0	0	0	0	0
RCRA	16	1	35	44	49	50	42	30	34	31	28	28	20	26
SDWA	330	611	284	453	287	269	2,084	577	319	452	521	651	359	346
TSCA	NR	NR	0	4	4	3	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	1
Multi-Program	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	1	0	1	3	8	4	10
Total	2,016	1,864	1,186	1,818	1,721	1,516	3,388	1,476	1,250	1,582	1,807	1,936	1,438	1,247

NR - Not Reported

NA - Not Available

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Note 1	More than 1,700 administrative orders were issued to local water suppliers in FY 2000 to ensure that they provided reports to their consumers on the quality of their drinking water, a major "public right to know" requirement of the 1996 amendments to the Safe Drinking Water Act. This accounts for the unusual number of administrative compliance orders (ACOs) issued in FY 2000.
Note 2	In FY 2003, the SDWA Consumer Confidence Rule accounted for the significant increase in PWSS administrative compliance orders.
Note 3	Prior to FY 1994, an ACO count is not available.
Note 4	From FY 1991 through 2002, EPA granted "Extra Credits" to certain enforcement case initiations: administrative compliance orders, administrative penalty order complaints and referrals that involved 1) multiple significant violating facilities, 2) significant violations under multiple environmental statutes, 3) amendment of a previously referred enforcement case, and 4) enforcement of a final court order in an earlier concluded case. The "extra-credits" appeared in Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) case initiation counts as additional ACO counts. Beginning with the count of enforcement cases for FY 2003, EPA discontinued the practice of granting extra-credits. A result of the cessation of the extra-credit practice was an apparent drop in the number of enforcement actions initiated by EPA. In the National Enforcement Trends (NETs) and graphs, four years of historical data for civil judicial referrals (FY 1999 - FY 2002), and two years of historical data for administrative enforcement cases (FY 2001 - FY 2002) were changed to reflect the new counting methodology (no extra-credits added). Extra credits continue to be included in the ACO counts for FY 1994 - FY 2000, inflating the enforcement action numbers of those years. (See November 17, 2003, "New EPA Methodology for Civil Enforcement Case Initiation Counting" at: http://epa.gov/compliance/resources/reports/endofyear/eoy2003/newcasecountingmethod.pdf .)