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Dear [REDACTED]

Environmental Information Regulations 2004

I refer to your request for information received by the Department on 09 April 2024 that sought the following information:

A list of all contaminated lands sites that have been recorded (either as suspected or confirmed) by the NIEA or DAERA in Northern Ireland.

If possible, please note which recorded sites are suspected and which are confirmed.

Under Regulation 12(4)(a) the Department is excepted from the duty to disclose the information on the grounds that the information sought is not held.

Under Part III of the Waste and Contaminated Land (Northern Ireland) Order 1997 Local Councils in Northern Ireland are required to identify contaminated sites within

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their council areas. Part III of the Order has been enacted but is however not yet in force and no contaminated land sites have been identified under the order.

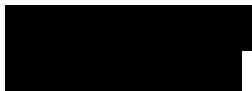
DAERA has produced a Historic Land Use Dataset that provides information on activities that may have caused land to be affected by contamination. The database, developed in 1997, contains details on approximately 12,000 sites within Northern Ireland. The information has not been fully validated and details are provided on a 'without prejudice' basis. A listing on the database does not necessarily mean that the site is affected by contamination. The dataset is freely available from OpenDataNI (Historical Land Use Dataset) at: www.opendatani.gov.uk or from OSNI Spatial NI (Historic Industrial Land Use) at: www.spatialni.gov.uk.

If you require any clarification, believe that any part of your request has been overlooked, misunderstood or misinterpreted, please contact me in the first instance to see if it is a matter that can be resolved.

If you are unhappy with the manner in which your request for information has been handled or the decision to release/withhold information, you have the right to request a formal review by the Department. If you wish to do so, please contact The Review Section either by e-mailing daera.informationmanager@daera-ni.gov.uk or by post at The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Data Protection & Information Management Branch, Floor 2, Jubilee House, 111 Ballykelly Road, Ballykelly, Limavady BT49 9HP, within two months from the date of this letter.

If after such an internal review you are still unhappy with the response, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, CHESHIRE SK9 5AF, who will undertake an independent review of the Department's decision.

Yours sincerely,



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