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Dear ██████,

Environmental Information Regulations 2004

Thank you for your request for information received by the Department on 8 October 2025, which sought the following information:

Part 1. A breakdown of the number of water pollution incidents in Northern Ireland between 2020 to 2025 (to date) using the following column headings:

- Date incident reported
- Location of incident by council
- Name of river/lough etc
- Type of pollution incident e.g. farm waste, illegal dumping of fuel etc

Part 2. A breakdown of the number of waste dumping incidents in Northern Ireland between 2020 to 2025 (to date) using the following column headings:

- Date incident reported
- Location of incident by council
- Name of town/address of where waste dumping occurred
- Type of pollution incident e.g. asbestos, scrap metal etc

I can advise that the Department has completed its search and can confirm that it holds the information that you requested.



Water Pollution Response and Enforcement Team

For Part 1 of your request on water pollution incidents in Northern Ireland between 2020 to 2025 (to date), please see information provided as **Annex A**. Please note that figures for 2025 are provided up to 31 August 2025 and relate to statistics NIEA update annually, forming part of the Northern Ireland Environmental Statistics Report next scheduled for publication in May 2026. It is, therefore, possible that figures could be subject to some change during the auditing process prior to becoming Official Statistics.

In respect of water pollution incidents that did not fall within a 'river water body', as defined in the Water Framework Regulations, the word 'null' appears where appropriate.

Environmental Crime Unit

For Part 2 of your request on waste dumping incidents in Northern Ireland between 2020 to 2025 (to date), please see information provided as **Annex B**.

Further Information

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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