

**Northern Ireland Environment Agency  
Resource Efficiency Division**



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**Agriculture, Environment  
and Rural Affairs**

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agus Gnóthaí Tuaithe**

Department of

**Fairmin, Environment  
an' Kintra Matthers**

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07 June 2024

Dear [REDACTED]

**Environmental Information Regulations 2004**

I refer to your request for information received by the Department on 23 April 2024 that sought information on:

- (i) the amount of untreated sewage which is spilled into the River Lagan; and
- (ii) to specify how much of that spillage is due to WwTw facilities at New Holland and Drumbeg where NI Water has identified capacity issues for many years.

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

The Northern Ireland Environment Agency (NIEA) does not hold information on the volume of untreated sewage that spills to the River Lagan. NI Water have however ***Sustainability at the heart of a living, working, active landscape valued by everyone.***

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recently published information on Combined sewer overflows across Northern Ireland (including their locations) and you can access this information on [www.niwater.com/storm/overflow/](http://www.niwater.com/storm/overflow/)

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](mailto: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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