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Dear ██████████,

### **Environmental Information Regulations 2004**

I refer to your request for information received by the Department on 28 January 2026 that sought the following information:

Lake quality monitoring data for all of Northern Ireland from, and including, 1990-2025 for:

Soluble phosphorus or SRP (mg/l)

Total phosphorus (mg/l)

Nitrates/NO<sub>3</sub> (mg/l)

Nitrites/NO<sub>2</sub> (mg/l)

Total oxidised nitrogen/TON (mg/l)

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

The information held which can be disclosed is attached at **Annex A**.

If you are deaf or have a hearing difficulty you can contact the Department via the Next Generation Text Relay Service by dialling 18001 + telephone number.

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The Department has decided not to disclose some of the information you requested as it considers Regulation 12(4)(d) to be engaged. The data after 2024 has not yet been published as official statistics and cannot be released. In these instances, the Department is legislatively required to consider the public interest in disclosure. An associated Public Interest Test has been conducted and is attached for your information at **Annex B**.

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,

[Redacted signature]

[Redacted name]

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