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Dear [REDACTED],

Environmental Information Regulations 2004

I refer to your request for information received by the Department on 18 February 2026 that sought the following information held by NIEA/DAERA relating to anaerobic digestion / biogas / biodigester facilities in Northern Ireland for the period 01 Jan 2019 to present date:

(1) A list of AD/biogas facilities regulated by NIEA/DAERA during the period, including:

- site name, operator name, site address/townland, council area
- relevant permit/licence references (e.g. PPC permit / waste management licence / discharge consent references, where held)

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Annex 1 contains a list of authorised anaerobic digesters with the facility name, address and discharge consent reference, where held. A copy of each authorisation is available to download from the public registers [Waste Management Licensing | Public registers | DAERA](#) and [Pollution Prevention and Control permitted processes | Public registers | DAERA](#)

(2) For each recorded pollution incident where the source was identified or suspected to be an AD/biogas facility (including spills of digestate, slurry, silage effluent, leachate, dirty water), please provide:

- NIEA incident reference number
- date and time reported
- location
- receiving water / waterbody name (where recorded)
- incident type/category and suspected material
- severity/impact rating/classification (where recorded)
- investigation outcome and enforcement outcome (e.g. advice, warning, notice, referral, prosecution)

Annex 2 and Annex 3 contain summary of information held on pollution incidents, on land or water, involving AD facilities.

(3) A summary table of formal enforcement action taken against AD/biogas operators during the period, including:

- operator/site
- date of action
- type of action
- court outcome / fine (where recorded)

Formal enforcement action is interpreted to be the issue of a fixed penalty notice or prosecution by NIEA.

Annex 4 contains information held on formal enforcement action taken by NIEA Waste & Industrial Pollution Regulation & Enforcement Division against AD operators from 2019 to February 2026.

Annex 5 contains information held on formal enforcement action taken by NIEA Water Regulation Division within 250m Radius of Regulated AD Plants, where the source was identified to be an AD Plant/ Biogas Facility from 2019 to February 2026.

The requested list of sites and operators relates to information obtained through statutory regulatory processes and is not otherwise publicly available. The information is therefore confidential by law and releasing it would adversely affect that confidentiality.

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Under Regulation 12(5)(e) the Department is excepted from the duty to disclose the information on the grounds that the information sought is commercially sensitive. In these instances, the Department is required to consider the public interest in complying with the request. A Public Interest Test has been conducted and is attached as Annex 6.

If you are unhappy with the way 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,




NIEA Head of Waste Licensing

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ANNEX 1 – Anaerobic digestion plants authorised by NIEA (February 2026)

Waste Authorisation Number	Licence/Permit Holder	Site address	Discharge Consent Reference Number
WML 01/40 LN/14/20	Assured Energy LLP	Assured Energy LLP, 22 Gobrana Road, Glenavy, Crumlin, Antrim, BT29 4LQ	NIL
WML 05/18 LN/15/25	Alastair Taylor	Alastair Taylor, 21 Drumlee Road, Finvoy, Ballymoney, Antrim, BT53 7LE	NIL
WML 06/26 LN/14/07	Progress Energy (NI) Ltd	Progress Energy (NI) Ltd, 33 GREENOGUE ROAD, DROMORE, Down, BT25 1RG	NIL
WML 06/27 LN/14/21	Assured Energy LLP	Assured Energy LLP, 156 BALLYGOWAN ROAD, BANBRIDGE, Down, BT32 3QS	NIL
WML 09/26 LN/12/10	Blakiston Houston Estates Company	Blakiston Houston Estates Company, 28 CARROWREAGH ROAD, Dundonald, Belfast, Down, BT16 1TS	NIL
WML 19/49 LN/12/35	Agri-Food & Biosciences Institute	Agri-Food & Biosciences Institute, Large Park, Hillsborough, Down, BT26 6DR	NIL
WML 20/34 LN/13/13	GTG Biogas Limited	GTG Biogas (Toomebridge) Limited, Land 20m W of 61 Creagh Road, Castledawson, Magherafelt, Londonderry, BT45 8EY	NIL
WML 22/61 LN/19/09	Narrow Water Assured Energy Ltd	Assured Energy LLP, Narrow Water Castle, Newry Road, Warrenpoint, Down, BT34 3LE	NIL
WML 29/04 LN/17/22	Clandeboyne Estate Company Ltd	Clandeboyne Estate Company Limited, Rear of Dairy Unit, Clandeboyne Estate Company, Crawfordsburn, Bangor, Down, BT23 4EA	NIL
WML 29/05 LN/22/13	Dunleith Estates Ltd	Dunleith Estates Ltd, 250m SE of The Estate Office, Ballywalter Park, Newtownards, Down, BT22 2PA	NIL
WML 29/06 LN/21/11	RGWP Ltd	RGWP Ltd Lands adj to 90 Bowtown Road, Newtownards, Down, BT23 8SL	NIL
WML 30/02 LN/16/28	Bridge Energy (NI) Ltd	Bridge Energy (NI) Ltd, 31 Reservoir Road, Banbridge, Down, BT32 4LD	NIL
WML 30/05 LN/17/07	Gilfresh Produce	Gilfresh Produce t/a Gilfresh Produce, 56 Greenagh Road, Loughgall, Armagh, BT61 8PZ	CN 008/14/1 CN 043/19/1 CN 133/01/2
WML 30/06 LN/17/14/V2	Edenmore Biogas Ltd	Edenmore Biogas Ltd, 36 Taughlumny Road, Donaghcloney, Craigavon, Down, BT66 7NX	NIL
WML 30/14 LN/17/53	Assured Energy LLP	Assured Energy LLP, 85 Drumnagoon Road, Portadown Road, Craigavon,	NIL

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Waste Authorisation Number	Licence/Permit Holder	Site address	Discharge Consent Reference Number
		Armagh, BT63 5RF	
WML 30/20 LN/18/22	Slade Developments Ltd	Slade Developments Ltd Stramore AD Ltd, 200m W of 85 Stramore Road, Gilford, Armagh, BT63 6HN	NIL
WML 30/34 LN/20/05	Hunniford Energy Limited	Hunniford Energy Limited, 76 MOY ROAD, PORTADOWN, Armagh, BT62 1QW	NIL
WML 30/40 LN/18/32/T	Biogas 74 (NI) Ltd	Biogas 74 (NI) Ltd, 74 CORNAKINNEGAR ROAD, LURGAN, Armagh, BT67 9JN	NIL
WML 30/44 LN/23/11	Ramgen Ltd	Ramgen Ltd, 16 CROSSNENAGH ROAD, KEADY, Armagh, BT60 3HW	NIL
WML 32/08 LN/17/36	LacPatrick Dairies NI (Ltd)	LacPatrick Dairies NI (Ltd), 60m S of 75 Creamery Road, Cloyfin, Coleraine, Londonderry, BT52 2NE	CN 11009/13/2
WML 32/09 LN/20/22	Kilmoyle AD Ltd	Kilmoyle AD Ltd 7 Kilmoyle Road, Ballymoney, Antrim, BT53 6NR	NIL
WML 32/13 LN/20/20	JustFarm Energy Limited	JustFarmEnergy Limited, 84 CARHILL ROAD, GARVAGH, Londonderry, BT51 5PQ	NIL
WML 32/14 LN/23/01	Assured Energy LLP	Assured Energy LLP 133 BARANAILT ROAD, Limavady, Londonderry, BT49 9LT	NIL
WML 33/07 LN/16/22	ALG Biogas Ltd	ALG Biogas Ltd, 42 Deerpark Road, Newtownstewart, Tyrone, BT78 4LB	CN 431/16/1 CLOSED CN 503/16/1
WML 33/09 LN/16/49	Greenville Energy Ltd	Greenville Energy Ltd, 40 Greenville Road, Ardstraw, Newtownstewart, Tyrone, BT78 4LU	NIL
WML 33/12 LN/18/17	WH Energy Ltd	WH Energy Ltd, 160m S of 38 Baronscourt Road, Laragh, Newtownstewart, Omagh, Tyrone, BT78 4EY	NIL
WML 33/13 LN/18/03	ALG Biogas Ltd	ALG Biogas Ltd, 2 Strahans Road, Strabane, Tyrone, BT82 9SF	NIL
WML 33/14 LN/22/02	Gorthill AD Ltd	Gorthill AD Ltd 19a Backhill Road, Eglinton, Londonderry, BT47 3JR	NIL
WML 33/15 LN/21/21	Willsborough Ltd	Willsborough Ltd, 75 Donnybrewer Road , Eglinton, Derry, Londonderry, BT47 3PD	NIL
WML 33/17 LN/20/07	Hillside Combined Renewable Systems Ltd	Hillside Combined Renewable Systems Ltd 29 ERGANAGH ROAD, CASTLEDERG, Tyrone, BT81 7JQ	NIL

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Waste Authorisation Number	Licence/Permit Holder	Site address	Discharge Consent Reference Number
WML 33/22 LN/18/07	Evergreen Natural Energy Ltd	Evergreen Natural Energy Ltd, 100m NW of 26 Deerpark Road, Ardstraw, Newtownstewart, Tyrone, BT78 4LA	NIL
WML 34/02 LN/16/09/M	Stephen Bothwell	Stephen Bothwell, 80m N of 71 Creevehill Road, Fivemiletown, Fermanagh, BT75 0SX	NIL
WML 34/15 LN/14/26/T	Winters Renewables	t/a Winters Renewables 21 SHANNARAGH ROAD, DROMORE, Tyrone, BT78 3EJ	NIL
WML 35/03 LN/17/32	Assured Energy LLP	Assured Energy LLP, 121 Comber Road, Hillsborough, Down, BT26 6NA	NIL
WML 35/09 LN/19/12/V3	Alternity Biogas Energy Limited	McCulla SPV1 Ltd, Unit 5 Blaris Industrial Estate, Lisburn, Antrim, BT27 5QB	NIL
WML 37/01 LN/16/41/M	PAR Biogas Ltd	Par Biogas Ltd, Tullywiggan Road, Cookstown, Tyrone, BT80 8SD	NIL
WML 37/02 LN/17/17	Caledon Estates Company	Caledon Estates Company, Annaghroe Road, Derrykintone, Caledon, Tyrone, BT68 4UJ	NIL
WML 37/03 LN/17/18	GTG Biogas Limited	GTG Biogas (Ballymoyle) Ltd, lands 185m E of 5 Ardagh Road, Coagh, Cookstown, Londonderry, BT80 0AU	NIL
WML 37/04/T LN/19/11/T	The Paul Partnership	The Paul Partnership, 9 Curragh Road, Maghera, Londonderry, BT46 5ER	NIL
WML 37/14 LN/18/16	Springwell Renewables Ltd	Springwell Renewables Ltd, 86 DRUMFLUGH ROAD, BENBURB, Tyrone, BT71 7QF	NIL
WML 37/15 LN/20/10	Lodge Renewables Limited	Lodge Renewables Limited, 1 GORTNASKEY ROAD, DRAPERSTOWN, Londonderry, BT45 7JX	NIL
WPPC 04/04 P0469/15A/V1	Anaerobic Advantage Limited	Tully Biogas Plant, 116 Moorfields Road, Ballymena, Co Antrim BT42 3HJ	NIL
WPPC 15/06 P0413/12A/V3	Granville Ecopark Limited	Granville Biogas Facility, Granville Industrial Estate, Dungannon, Co. Tyrone, BT70 INJ	NIL
P0075/05A	The Foyle Food Group Ltd	Lisahally Campsie LONDONDERRY, Co. Londonderry BT47 6TJ	NIL
P0106/05A	JMW Farms Riverside	Tonnagh Farm 35 Tonnagh Hill Road Killylea Armagh, Co. Armagh BT60 4PZ	NIL
P0556/17A	Strathroy Dairy Ltd	41 Strathroy Road OMAGH, Co. Tyrone BT79 7JD	CN 14/10 CLOSED

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ANNEX 2 - Summary of pollution incidents recorded by NIEA Waste & Industrial Pollution Regulation & Enforcement Division against AD operators from 2019 to February 2026

NIEA reference number	Date pollution incident reported	Location	Waterway involved	Pollution material	Severity	Outcome
SIR 11261	05/03/2020	Assured Energy PLC, 21 Shannaragh Road, Dromore BT78 3EJ	None recorded	Digestate spillage	Non compliance score 2	Notice issued under the Waste and Contaminated Land (NI) Order 1997. Spillage cleaned up.
SIR 11480	08/10/2021	ALG Biogas Ltd 42 Deerpark Road, Newtownstewart BT78 4LB	None recorded	Digestate spillage	Non compliance score 2	2 x fixed penalty notices issued under the Waste and Contaminated Land (NI) Order 1997. Spillage cleaned up.
IPRI-348-2021	30/09/2021	Granville Ecopark, Dungannon	None recorded	Discharge noted from SW1. Split sample taken (B9/ IPRI). Initial B9 results reporting COD 673mg/l (ELV 250mg/l), ammonia 97.4mg/l (ELV 5mg/l) and pH 7.09 (ELV 6 - 9)	Impact high	Case review - operator has installed a pump in the sump prior to SW1 to prevent any overflows from leaving the site (pump specification recived by email). SW1 pump linked to SCADA. Viewed status of SW1 pump on SACDA and manhole where the pump is situated viewed during site inspection on 8/6/23. Maintenance schedule and records requested as follow up action from inspection. Closed as operator has taken preventative action
Schedule 1 – 1 - 2020	03/11/2020	Strathroy Dairy Ltd, 41 STRATHROY ROAD OMAGH Co. TYRONE BT79 7JD	River Strule	S1 surface water emission point High Suspended solid (86 v ELV 50mg/l)	Intermediate	Schedule 1 part B submitted - resample
Schedule 1 – 2 - 2020	03/11/2020	Strathroy Dairy Ltd, 41 STRATHROY ROAD OMAGH Co. TYRONE BT79 7JD	River Strule	S1 surface water emission point High BOD (15 v ELV 10mg/l)	Intermediate	Schedule 1 part B submitted - resample
Schedule 1 – 1 - 2024	14/03/2024	Strathroy Dairy Ltd, 41 STRATHROY ROAD OMAGH Co. TYRONE BT79 7JD	River Strule	S1 surface water emission point High BOD (29 v ELV 10mg/l) and High SS (84 v ELV 50mg/l)	2 x Minor	Schedule 1 part B submitted - resample

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Schedule 1 – 2 – 2024	25/03/2024	Strathroy Dairy Ltd, 41 STRATHROY ROAD OMAGH Co. TYRONE BT79 7JD	River Strule	S1 surface water emission point High BOD (24 v ELV 10mg/l)	Minor	Schedule 1 part B submitted - resample
Schedule 1 – 3 - 2024	04/12/2024	Strathroy Dairy Ltd, 41 STRATHROY ROAD OMAGH Co. TYRONE BT79 7JD	River Strule	S1 and S2 surface water emission point High BOD at S1 (13mg/l) and S2 (33mg/l) and High SS at S1 (150mg/l) and S2 (253mg/l)	1 x Intermediate and 1 x Substantial	Related to wet weather after a long dry spell, re-sampled and found to be within limits
Schedule 1 – 1 - 2025	05/09/2025	Strathroy Dairy Ltd, 41 STRATHROY ROAD OMAGH Co. TYRONE BT79 7JD	Unknown if any discharge occurred	Blocked channel in silage pit No analysis available, photo of drain taken by Council EHO	Minor	Regular cleaning and checking schedule for silage pit
Schedule 1 – 2 - 2025	11/11/2025	Strathroy Dairy Ltd, 41 STRATHROY ROAD OMAGH Co. TYRONE BT79 7JD	River Strule	S1 surface water emission point High BOD (20 v ELV 10mg/l)	Intermediate	Schedule 1 part B completed
Schedule 1 – 1 - 2026	22/01/2026	Strathroy Dairy Ltd, 41 STRATHROY ROAD OMAGH Co. TYRONE BT79 7JD	River Strule	S1 and S2 surface water emission point High BOD (27 v ELV 10mg/l) S2 and High SS (74 v ELV 50mg/l) S1	Intermediate	Schedule 1 part B completed – resample after area cleaned

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ANNEX 3 - Summary of Water Pollution Incidents recorded by NIEA Water Regulation Division within 250m Radius of Regulated AD Plants Where the source was identified to be an AD Plant/ Biogas Facility from 2019 to February 2026

Incident Number	Date & Time Reported	Location	Receiving Water Body	Incident Severity
WR 5/19/0100	29/10/2019 12:35	Strangford	Strangford Lough	Medium
WR 2/21/0009	11/01/2021 16:20	Moyola	Altaoan Burn	Medium
WR 6/21/0087	25/05/2021 16:20	Upper Bann	River Bann	Low
WR 1/22/0107	11/11/2022 14:00	Roe	Lough Foyle	Low
WR 6/23/0089	20/06/2023 12:00	Upper Bann	River Bann	Low
WR 7/25/0029	18/03/2025 09:27	River Blackwater	Tall River	Low
WR 5/25/0085	01/07/2025 09:00	Strangford	Strangford Lough	Low
WR 9/25/0071	15/08/2025 11:00	Strule	River Strule	Low
WR 6/25/0162	23/12/2025 13:10	Carlingford & Mourne	Newry River Tributary	Low

The incidents listed above are those identified within a 250m radius of the AD Plants/Biogas facilities listed in respect of Question 1.

NIEA seeks to undertake enforcement action that is proportionate to the significance of the offence. This includes consideration of the level of environmental harm, the impact on communities, the level of financial benefit arising from the offence(s), or the regulatory costs avoided. Formal enforcement action is normally considered for incidents having a Medium or High Severity environmental impact where a polluter has been identified. In such cases, where it is suspected that a criminal offence has occurred; there is sufficient evidence and it is warranted in line with DAERA's Enforcement Policy, a file may be submitted to the Public Prosecution Service (PPS), who review the file and decide whether to direct a prosecution. Other enforcement actions available to the Department include the issuing of Warning Letters, Notices and breaches of Cross-Compliance for agricultural incidents.

Most cases of water pollution reported to NIEA are, following investigation, found to be of Low Severity which would not reach the environmental impact threshold for taking formal enforcement action. In these cases, NIEA ensures that the pollution is stopped and provides advice to minimize the risk of recurrence. Note that breaches of Cross-Compliance may be applied for Low Severity agricultural incidents where a polluter has been identified.

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ANNEX 4 - Summary of formal enforcement action by NIEA Waste & Industrial Pollution Regulation & Enforcement Division against AD operators from 2019 to February 2026

Operator/Site	Date of Action	Type of Action	Court outcome / fine
ALG Biogas Ltd, 42 Deerpark Road, Newtownstewart, Tyrone, BT78 4LB	13/10/21	2 x fixed penalty notices issued	2 x £400 fine

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ANNEX 5 - Summary of formal enforcement action by NIEA Water Regulation Division within 250m Radius of Regulated AD Plants, where the source was identified to be an AD Plant/ Biogas Facility from 2019 to February 2026

Incident	Date of Court Outcome	Type of Action	Court Outcome
WR 5/19/0100	27/04/2022	Prosecution (Water Order)	Withdrawn
WR 2/21/0009	27/03/2024	Prosecution (Water Order)	Fine (Conviction) - £500

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Annex 6 – Public Interest Test – DAERA/26-121

Requested Information

3. A summary table of formal enforcement action taken against AD/biogas operators during the period, including:

- operator/site
- date of action
- type of action
- court outcome / fine (where recorded)

Exception / Exception under consideration

Regulation 12(5)(e) – Commercial or Industrial Information.

Reasons why the public interest would favour disclosure:

- Regulation 12(2) establishes a presumption in favour of disclosure, and the Department is committed to openness and transparency.
- Transparency of ministerial engagements: there is legitimate public interest in understanding when and why the Minister meets stakeholders on environmental governance. Releasing sensitive operational or financial information could distort the competitive landscape by unfairly exposing one operator's internal processes to its competitors. This risk of economic harm strengthens the public interest in maintaining confidentiality.
- Limited incremental transparency: The sentence is process advice rather than policy substance or final costs. The public interest in transparency is met by releasing the factual meeting particulars (date/time, attendees, venue, and purpose).
- Although there is no contract, operators provide detailed information under statutory powers or inspection requirements with an expectation of confidentiality where appropriate. Releasing such information may erode trust and affect future engagement.

Reasons why the public interest would favour maintaining the exception:

- The regulatory framework relies on operators providing full, accurate, and timely information to the Department. If sensitive information were routinely disclosed, operators may become more guarded or less cooperative during inspections, hindering effective regulation.
- If operators fear public disclosure of proprietary methods or operational details, this could undermine the Department's ability to gather necessary information in future. This would negatively impact environmental oversight and compliance monitoring.
- Although there is no contract, operators provide detailed information under statutory powers or inspection requirements with an expectation of confidentiality where appropriate. Releasing such information may erode trust and affect future engagement.

Conclusion

Having taken account of the presumption in favour of disclosure (Regulation 12(2)), on balance the public interest in maintaining the exception outweighs the public interest in disclosure for this specific wording. The Department will disclose the incidents that meet the criteria but will not disclose the operator or site related to the request.

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Water Pollution Response and Enforcement Team

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