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Request Details:

Northern Ireland Environment Agency's practice in notifying local authorities following environmental incidents or regulatory enforcement at permitted installations.

Industrial Pollution and Radiochemical Inspectorate.

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Dear J [REDACTED]

Environmental Information Regulation 2004

I refer to your request for information received by the Department on 13 March 2026 as detailed below.

"I seek recorded information describing the Northern Ireland Environment Agency's practice in notifying local authorities following environmental incidents or regulatory enforcement at permitted installations. Specifically, please provide:

1. Any policies, procedures, guidance notes, or operational instructions describing when NIEA notifies local authorities of:

- substantiated pollution incidents;
- breaches of environmental permits; or
- Enforcement Notices issued under the Pollution Prevention and Control (Industrial Emissions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013.

2. Any guidance indicating whether notification may occur where potential environmental impacts may extend beyond the boundary of the district in which a

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permitted installation is located.

3. Any template notifications, standard operating procedures, or internal communications used by NIEA when informing local authorities about enforcement action or pollution incidents.

If any information is withheld, please specify the relevant exception relied upon and provide the public-interest reasoning as required by the Regulations.

I would prefer to receive the information in electronic form.”

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.

- This is not a statutory responsibility of DAERA under The Pollution Prevention and Control (Industrial Emissions) Regulations Northern Ireland 2013
- Following a search of all relevant systems we have not found the information sought. Searches were carried out across all branches of Northern Ireland Environment Agency. None of the branches within the Agency hold this 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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