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Dear [REDACTED]

Environmental Information Regulations 2004

Regarding your request for information received by the Department on 23 March 2026 which sought the following information:

Please provide, for the three water sampling locations identified in the NIEA CAR2 Compliance Assessment Report relating to ReGen Waste Ltd (Report ID 240806101904, samples described using What3Words references

“arts.supposing.witty”,
“nature.screaming.plums”
“layover.cocoons.called”

All water-testing information you hold from 1 January 2023 to the present date. This should include:

1. All laboratory results and field measurements for each sample taken at these three locations, including but not limited to: all chemicals and parameters tested for (e.g. cypremethrin, hydrocarbons, metals, nutrients, organic pollutants), the units of measurement, detection limits, and whether results were below or above any relevant standards.

Please see Annex 1

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2. The dates and times of sampling, sampling locations, and any associated chain-of-custody or sampling sheets.

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3. Any interpretive reports, internal emails, briefing notes, or correspondence (including with Warrenpoint Harbour Authority, Taggarts, ReGen Waste, TMet, DAERA, the Public Health Agency, or elected representatives) that analyse or comment on these water test results, particularly in relation to potential contamination of Carlingford Lough.

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4. Any risk assessments or conclusions drawn by your officers about the levels of pollutants/toxins (including substances such as cypremethrin and hydrogen sulphide or similar contaminants) entering Carlingford Lough from or near these sampling points.

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In addition, please confirm:

5. Whether each of the three sampling locations has an outfall, drain, culvert or discharge pathway that enters Carlingford Lough, and if so, provide any maps, drawings or descriptions that show this.

No information held

6. Whether, based on your records, any discharges from within the ReGen site and the adjacent TMet area ultimately outfall into Carlingford Lough, and the locations of any such outfalls.

No information held

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. The department does not hold some of the information relevant to your request.

For the information that is held, some of the information constitutes personal data of which you are not the data subject. In these instances, the Department considers Regulations 12(3) 13(1) of the EIR to be engaged and is required to consider if disclosure would breach the first Data Protection Principle, which states that processing must be lawful, fair and transparent.

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The Department has considered this element within the Lawfulness test attached as **Annex 2** and has determined that no lawful basis for disclosure under EIR exists. Please bear in mind that any disclosure must be considered in terms of disclosure to the “world at large” and not just to you, the requester. Consequently, third party personal data falling within the scope of this request has been withheld.

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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