

**Freshwater Monitoring and Assessment**  
Water Regulation and Enforcement Division



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Dear [Redacted],

**Environmental Information Regulations 2004**

I refer to your request for information received by the Department on 31 March 2026 that sought the following information:

1. Information on water quality in each of the LMAs for the River Foyle including the 3 coastal transitional waterbodies and the 4 coastal inter-basins? I am particularly interested in the level & trends of potentially toxic elements from industrial & urban sources.
2. Can you provide a copy of the most recent LMA reports rather than aggregated data as in [Annex - Summary of water quality and pressures in each Local Management Area.PDF?](#)
3. I am also looking for the ground and surface water monitoring reports for WML 13/16, 13/19, 13/12 & 33/22 including reports of breaches in WML conditions.

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4. Regarding historic landfills in DCSD, I am interested in finding out if you have undertaken monitoring of sites now known as:
- Bay Road Nature Reserve Derry
  - Prehen Linear Park Derry
  - Daisyfield Foyle Road Derry

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

### **Water Quality Data for Rive Foyle LMAs**

The information held which can be disclosed is referenced below or is attached.

River water quality monitoring data for the period 1990 to 2018 is available via Open Data at the link below:

<https://www.opendatani.gov.uk/@department-of-agriculture-environment-and-rural-affairs/river-water-quality-monitoring-1990-to-20181>

River water quality monitoring data for the period 2018 to 2024 covering the area of interest is attached as Annex A 1-3

### **Copy of the most recent LMA reports**

The Department does not hold LMA reports since the second cycle River Basin Management Plan commenced in 2016.

### **Ground and surface water monitoring reports for WML**

The Department holds no monitoring information or reports in relation to the WMLs of referenced.

### **Monitoring of historic landfills in DCSD**

The Department holds monitoring information within the area of interest attached as Appendix B 1 - 14

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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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