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17 November 2025

Dear ,

Environmental Information Regulations (EIR)

I refer to your request for information received by the Department on 26 August 2025, in relation to Regen Waste Ltd, which requested, for the period from 01 January 2020 to present

1. Any applications, licences, permits or authorisations granted to ReGen Waste Ltd (and related companies) under DAERA's remit including waste, pollution prevention and control, discharge consents, or contaminated land authorisations.
2. Records of any environmental inspections or monitoring carried out by DAERA or its contractors in relation to ReGen Waste Ltd including data, measurements, and technical reports.
3. Copies of any environmental impact assessments, screening opinions, or scoping opinions prepared in relation to ReGen's operations.
4. Details of any enforcement actions, improvement notices or formal warnings issued by DAERA to ReGen Waste Ltd.

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5. Copies of all correspondence between DAERA and ReGen Waste Ltd regarding environmental regulation, licensing or complaints.
6. Any records or engagement with local councils, NIEA or Warrenpoint Harbour Authority relating to ReGen Waste Ltd.

As explained in the information sheet enclosed with the acknowledgement letter, under certain conditions, the department has the right to refuse to respond to a request for information. Under Regulation 12(4)(b) of the EIR, the department may refuse to comply with a request for information where it is considered to be manifestly unreasonable.

The department considers your request to be manifestly unreasonable on the grounds of diversion of resources. The department has always accepted a greater burden when responding to requests for environmental information than other information, however, in this instance, it considers complying with this request to be overly burdensome, in so far as it will divert the existing resources available to the department to such an extent that the delivery of its public services would be affected.

The department has determined that the cost to comply with your request to be **£2,997.50**. A breakdown of how this figure was reached is in the table below:

Potential records falling within scope.	At 3 minutes per record to review. Minutes / 60 = Hours	Total estimated cost. Hours X £25/hr
2,398 records	119.9 hours	£2,997.50

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 1.

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 Internal 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

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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 and title]

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