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Dear [REDACTED]

## **Environmental Information Regulations 2004**

Regarding your request for information received by the Department on 02 May 2026 please see our response under each question below:

1. *A complete copy of the waste management licence granted to Re-Gen Waste Ltd on 28 October 2013 in respect of its operations at Warrenpoint Harbour, together with all variations, modifications and current conditions in force.*

The current waste management licence can be found at [Waste Management Licensing public register | Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs](#)

Please see **Annex 1** for previous versions.

2. *Copies of any associated permits, authorisations or consents held by Re-Gen Waste Ltd in connection with the storage, handling and transfer of Refuse Derived Fuel at the site.*

The permits held by ReGen Waste Ltd can be found at [Pollution Prevention and Control permitted processes | Public registers | DAERA](#)

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3. *Confirmation as to whether an Environmental Impact Assessment was carried out in respect of the operations the subject of the licence, and if so a copy of the EIA, together with any associated screening or scoping decisions.*

No information held.

4. *Copies of all inspection reports, monitoring records and odour assessment records compiled in respect of the site for the period 1 January 2024 to date, including the 10 inspections and the 140 odour assessments referenced in your letter of 13 March 2026.*

A response to your previous EIR request (DAERA/26-156) was issued on 1 April 2026, by way of three separate emails at approximately 16:00 on that date. Based on this latest correspondence, it is not clear whether that response was received.

For convenience, I have included below a link to the redacted version of the response, which has been published on the NIEA website:

<https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/publications/daera26-156-monitoring-inspections-and-enforcement-actions-taken-last-24-months-relation-regen-daera>

5. *Copies of the methodology, protocol or guidance applied by NIEA officers when conducting (a) compliance inspections and (b) odour assessments at the site, including the criteria by reference to which “frequency or intensity” is judged to constitute or not to constitute a “significant breach” of licence conditions.*

Regarding investigating officer procedures, this request is considered internal communications and Regulation 12(4)(e) of EIR is applied. The Department has considered this element within the Lawfulness test attached at **Annex 2**.

Department policies regarding waste management are publicly available on the Departments website, please see links below.

**Enforcement Policy**

<https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/publications/daera-enforcement-policy>

**Financial Provision Policy**

<https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/publications/financial-provision-waste-management-activities-northern-ireland>

**Specified Offences Policy**

<https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/publications/policy-specified-offences-relation-applying-or-holding-waste-authorisation>

**Regulatory Charging Policy**

<https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/publications/niea-regulatory-charging-policy-2023>

**Waste Policy Tracker**

<https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/publications/waste-policy-tracker>

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6. *Particulars of the “minor non-compliance” identified during the 2025 inspection cycle, including the nature of the non-compliance, the action taken in response, and confirmation of the date upon which compliance was restored.*

Please see EIR request (DAERA/26-156).

7. *Confirmation as to whether NIEA is aware of any change to the operational practices of Re-Gen Waste Ltd at the site in or about October 2025, including any change relating to the duration for which RDF is stored at the site or the linkage of storage to the availability of vessels for export, together with copies of any correspondence with the operator on that matter.*

No information held.

8. *Copies of any conservation management plan, designation citation, departmental policy or internal guidance held by NIEA / DAERA concerning the protection or environmental sensitivity of the Carlingford Lough region (including any SPA, SAC, ASSI or Ramsar designations engaged), insofar as such material is relevant to or has been considered in the regulation of Re-Gen Waste Ltd’s activities at Warrenpoint Harbour.*

No information held.

The information held which can be disclosed is attached at **Annex 1**.

Some of the information held 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.

The Department has considered this element within the Lawfulness test attached at **Annex 3** 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](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.

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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 contact information]

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