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Dear ██████████

Environmental Information Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2004

With regard to your request for information received by the Department on 19th May 2026 which sought the following information:

“feedstock and operational data for all anaerobic digestion (AD) facilities in Northern Ireland that hold a NIEA environmental permit and accept waste as a feedstock.

Request

For all such facilities, please provide for the most recent reporting year for which data is held and the two preceding years:

1. Site identification:

- Site name, operator name, and NIEA permit reference number;
- Site grid reference or coordinates; and
- Permit application date and permit grant date.

2. Feedstock data:

- Waste codes accepted at each facility under the terms of its permit;
- Waste codes reported in annual returns for each year; and
- Annual tonnage received per waste code for each year.

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3. Maximum permitted annual input tonnage as specified in each facility's environmental permit.
4. Annual digestate output tonnages and disposal routes:
 - Annual tonnage of digestate produced; and
 - Disposal route for each digestate stream (land spread, export, further treatment, storage).
5. Rejected waste and returned loads — any data held on waste rejected on arrival or returned loads, including tonnage and reason for rejection where recorded.
6. Biogas flaring volumes — any data held on volumes of biogas flared rather than utilised, where reported under permit conditions.
7. Compliance and enforcement:
 - Most recent compliance assessment score or equivalent rating held by NIEA for each site; and
 - Details of any enforcement notices, warning letters, formal cautions, or permit revocations issued against each site in the last three years.
8. Full list of permitted waste codes under the terms of each permit, as distinct from waste codes reported in annual returns.
9. Details of any permit variations or amendments issued in the last three years.

I would also be grateful if NIEA could clarify:

- (a) The threshold or criteria that determine whether an AD site in Northern Ireland requires a full NIEA permit rather than operating under a simpler regulatory position or exemption — specifically whether this is determined by throughput tonnage, installed capacity, feedstock type, or some combination; and
- (b) How many NIEA-permitted AD sites exist in Northern Ireland in total, including those that may have submitted nil returns or hold permits in a non-operational status.”

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NIEA AD Permits are licenced according to The Pollution Prevention and Control (Industrial Emissions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013 (PPC Regs). NIEA PPC Regulated AD facilities along with the associated Risk Band were applicable are:

P0104/05A Lacpatrick Dairies (NI) Limited

Risk Band C

P0413/12A Granville Ecopark Limited

Risk Band C

P0106/05A JMW Farms

Risk Band Low Level

P0075/05A Foyle Food Group Limited

Risk Band D

P0469/15A Anerobic Advantage Ltd

Risk Band None listed

P0556/17A Strathroy Dairy Ltd

Risk Band C

Information on these facilities including but not limited to Waste codes, Permit number, site location, Enforcement Notices, annual emissions, permit variations over the last 3 years, permitted tonnages and so on, as requested, is freely available online:

<https://public-registers.daera-ni.gov.uk/pollution-prevention-control>

The requirements that determine the need for a facility to be Permitted under the PPC Regs are set out here:

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/nisr/2013/160/contents/made>

The total number of AD facilities regulated by NIEA under the PPC Regs is 6.

Should you require additional information please feel free to contact the Department as before.

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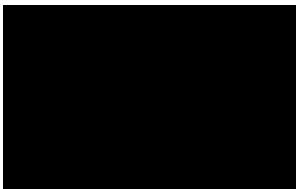
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If you are unhappy with the manner in which your request for information has been handled or the decision to release/withhold information, you have the right to request a formal review by the Department.

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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