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Industrial Pollution and Radiochemical
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18.06.2026

Dear ██████████,

Environmental Information Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2004

With regard to your request for information received by the Department via an initial query on 1st June 2026 and subsequent clarification on 3rd June 2026, you requested:

“Please could you send me a list of PFAS-related Reg 32 notices that you have issued over the last 5 years? Please send me name and address of the relevant company in a spreadsheet and the notices themselves.”

NIEA has not issued any Regulation 32 notices under the Pollution Prevention and Control (Industrial Emissions) Regulations (NI) 2013 (the NI equivalent of the Regulations in your initial request), specifically on PFAS, or that refer to PFAS in their scope.

NIEA is responsible for enforcing the Regulation EU 2019/1021 on Persistent Organic Pollutants, under the terms of the Windsor Framework, and as part of this we have been working to remove PFOA-containing firefighting foam from use and ensure its proper destruction and disposal. PFOA is both a Persistent Organic Pollutant and a PFAS compound. PFHxS has been incorporated within the same project.

As part of the PFOA campaign, NIEA has:

- Identified holders of PFOA-containing firefighting foam

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- Issued guidance directly to holders of foam, published guidance on our website, and arranged for guidance to be distributed via public and private sector organisations
- Engaged with holders of PFOA foam to bring these stockpiles out of use in line with legislative deadlines
- Provided guidance and oversight on waste disposal and decontamination processes

PFOA Project Outcomes

- No breaches requiring formal enforcement action under the DAERA Enforcement and Prosecution Policy and the Persistent Organic Pollutants Regulations 2007 were identified
- Improvements were required at some sites in relation to labelling and storage to ensure waste was clearly identifiable as POPs waste and stored within appropriately bunded areas.
- All sites are now compliant with requirements relating to the use and storage of PFOA-containing firefighting foams under Regulation (EU) 2019/1021.
- All PFOA-containing foam was removed from operational use prior to the 3 December 2025 deadline (the EU deadline).
- Across all the inspections undertaken, the most frequently observed non-conformance related to Safety Data Sheets (SDSs), with a high proportion found to be non-compliant with EU REACH regulatory requirements. All sites subsequently obtained REACH-compliant SDSs.

Please be advised we are planning to publish a report on our website in the next few weeks detailing our PFOA campaign, this may be of interest to you.

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

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.

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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,



Chemicals Regulation

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