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Dear [REDACTED],

Environmental Information Regulations (EIR)

I refer to your request for information received by the Department on 01 June 2026, in relation to Regen Waste Management Limited, which sought:

Quarterly Waste Returns, Site Inspection Reports and Correspondence (WML 22/59 LN/13/35, WML 38/10 LN/17/16, PPC permit number P0418/13A and PPC permit number P0610/23A), to include; We would be grateful if NIEA could now please provide copies of quarterly waste returns from Regen operations as follows:

- i. *relating to its Warrenpoint Harbour sites WML 22/59 LN/13/35/V3 ("Warrenpoint Harbour") for the periods covering July 2024 to March 2026;*
- ii. *relating to PPC permit number P0418/13A ("Shepherds Drive PPC") for the periods covering July 2024 to March 2026;*
- iii. *relating to Waste Management Licence 38/10 LN/17/16 ("Shepherds Drive WML") for the periods covering July 2024 to March 2026; and*
- iv. *relating to PPC permit number P0610/23A ("Derryboy Road") for the periods covering January 2025 to March 2026.*

Furthermore, we would be grateful if NIEA could please provide copies of the following:

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1. Records relating to correspondence between NIEA and Regen regarding enforcements relating to Regen's operations at Shepherds Drive, Warrenpoint Harbour and Derryboy Road, covering the period from 28 July 2023 to the date of this correspondence.
2. Copies of all site inspection reports, including sniff test reports and all correspondence relating to any non-compliances for the Warrenpoint Harbour site and sniff test results from the period of 24 July 2024 to the date of this correspondence.
3. The number of complaints received by NIEA relating to Regen's sites at Warrenpoint Harbour, Shepherds Drive and Derryboy Road in 2023, 2024, and 2025 to date, with the date of each complaint and the date of any corresponding site inspection.
4. A copy of any site inspection reports and any other correspondence, file notes, and internal memoranda between NIEA, Regen, Warrenpoint Harbour Authority and others relating to non-compliance and enforcement relating to the storage of RDF or SDF at Regen's site at Warrenpoint Harbour, covering the period from 24 July 2024 to the date of this correspondence.
5. A copy of any site inspection reports and any other correspondence, file notes, and internal memoranda between NIEA, Regen and others relating to non-compliance and enforcement at Regen's site at Derryboy Road, up to the date of this correspondence.
6. A copy of any site inspection reports and any other correspondence, file notes, and internal memoranda between NIEA, Regen, Newry Mourne and Down District Council and others relating to non-compliance and enforcement at Regen's site at Shepherds Drive, up to the date of this correspondence.
7. A copy of correspondence between NIEA and Regen regarding the approval of any changes to Regen's Working Plans, relating to Warrenpoint Harbour, Shepherds Drive and Derryboy Road, covering the period from 24 July 2024 to the date of this correspondence.

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 over **£5,550**. A breakdown of how this figure was reached is in the table below:

Number of potential records identified	Time to review each record and extract information	Time taken @ £25/hr of staff time	Total

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2664 records	2664 x 5 minutes = 13,320 minutes	13,320 / 60 = 222 Hours x £25=	£5,550
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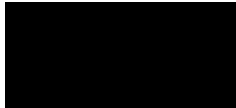
In these instances, the Department is required to consider the public interest in complying with the request. A Public Interest Test has been conducted and is attached as **Annex 1**.

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 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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