

**Northern Ireland Environment Agency
Regulation and Enforcement Division**



Department of
**Agriculture, Environment
and Rural Affairs**

An Roinn

**Talmhaíochta, Comhshaoil
agus Gnóthaí Tuaithe**

Depairtment o'

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an' Kintra Matthers**

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Dear [REDACTED],

Environmental Information Regulations 2004

I refer to your request for information received by the Department on 26 June 2026 that sought the following information:

(1) Provide a total figure for the number of AD plants in NI.

Under Regulation 12(4)(a) the Department is excepted from the duty to disclose the information on the grounds that the information sought is not held. This is because not all anaerobic digesters in Northern Ireland require an authorisation from DAERA. Facilities that solely utilise green energy crops as feedstock do not require authorisation from DAERA.

The information DAERA holds pertains to those anaerobic digesters that are authorised to utilise waste as feedstock. There are currently 46 AD plants authorised by DAERA under the Waste Management Licensing Regulations (NI) 2003 and the Pollution Prevention and Control (Industrial Emissions) Regulations (NI) 2013.

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(2) How many AD plants take animal waste?

There are currently 11 Biogas Plants that are approved by DAERA under the Animal By-Products Regulation (EU) No. 142/2011

(3) How many AD plants are fed with energy stock and silage?

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(4) How many AD plants have a waste licence?

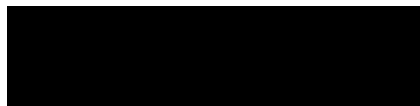
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If you require any clarification, believe that any part of your request has been overlooked, misunderstood or misinterpreted, please contact me in the first instance to see if it is a matter that can be resolved.

If you are unhappy with the way 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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