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EIR requesting NWP site Inspections



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Dear ██████████

Environmental Information Regulation 2004

I refer to your request for information received by the Department on 05 May 2026 that sought the following information:

I am writing under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) to request the following please:

- Monitoring/Inspection reports and enforcement actions taken between January 1 2023 and April 30 2026 in relation to [Natural World Products](#)

If I can refine or redirect this request, please let me know.

I can advise that the Department has completed its search and has decided not to disclose some of the information you requested as it considers Reg 12 5(e) to be engaged. In these instances, the Department is legislatively required to consider the public interest in disclosure. An associated Public Interest Test has been conducted and is attached for your information at **Annex A**.

The information held which can be disclosed is for eight authorisations operated by NWP.

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- P0341/10A
- P0479/15A
- P0603/22A
- WML 14/44
- WML 28/24
- WML 30/47
- WML35/05
- WML35/19

These can be found attached to this email and Regulation 6 (form and format) has been engaged and the documents can be found on the public register at [Pollution Prevention and Control permitted processes | Public registers | DAERA](#), and using the search terms for the sites, namely P0341/10A and P0603/2A.

Please use the link for the WML sites: <https://public-registers.daera-ni.gov.uk/waste-licenses>

Some of the information held constitutes personal data of which you are not the data subject. In these instances, the Department 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 test attached at **Annex B** 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 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 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.

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Yours sincerely,

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APPENDIX A

Public Interest Test – EIR Reference Number – DAERA/26-308 Requested Information

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Exceptions under consideration

Regulation 12(5)(e) For the purposes of paragraph (1)(a), a public authority may refuse to disclose information to the extent that its disclosure would adversely affect— the confidentiality of commercial or industrial information where such confidentiality is provided by law to protect a legitimate economic interest.

Reasons why the public interest would favour disclosure:

- DAERA is committed to conducting its business in a manner that is as open and transparent as possible.
- The requested information is part of the public register.

Reasons why the public interest would favour withholding:

- Financial information that is commercially sensitive.

Conclusion

Following consideration of the Public Interest Test the Department has decided to release information regarding the request excluding financial information. The reasons favouring disclosing this information significantly outweighs the reasons favouring withholding it.

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APPENDIX B

LAWFULNESS, FAIRNESS AND TRANSPARENCY TEST

DAERA/26-308 - Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR)

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LAWFULNESS

Please identify the lawful basis for processing

Personal data is processed when it is lawfully disclosed in response to an FOI / EIR request.

The lawful basis for processing is set out in Article 6 of the GDPR and the ICO expects at least one of two lawful bases (Consent / Legitimate Interest) to apply before the personal data held can be disclosed.

- ☐ **Consent:** This will apply when the data subject(s) clear consent exists that allows you to disclose the personal data falling within the scope of this request.
- ☐ **Legitimate interests:** the processing is necessary for the Department's legitimate interests or the legitimate interests of a third party that overrides the data subject(s) rights and freedoms, particularly their right to privacy.

Consideration of Legitimate Interests

1. PURPOSE

As the disclosure of personal data under FOIA or EIR is a disclosure to the world at large, doing so on the strength of a requester's private interests alone could constitute a disproportionate and unwarranted level of interference with the data subject(s) rights and freedoms, particularly their right to privacy and family life under the Human Rights Act 1998.

2. NECESSITY

The right of access under FOI or EIR does not in itself constitute a **pressing social need**.

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The Department has considered and not identified any such need for the data subject's right to privacy to be interfered with.

CONCLUSION

Having considered all of the information contained within this test, the Department has established that, on balance, there is no lawful basis for the disclosure of third party personal data falling within the scope of the request [of which the requester is not the data subject.]

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