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Dear Sir/Madam,

Environmental Information Regulations 2004

Thank you for your environmental information request received by the Department on 2 June 2026 seeking information and the incident report relating to the inspection undertaken by NIEA Water Quality personnel in respect of lands at and around Bonds Glen Road, Co. Londonderry, for the period 24 September 2025 to 30 April 2026.

In respect of your query Section 1 – Water Quality Inspection Records

I can advise that the Department has completed its search and can confirm that it holds the information you requested.

The incident reference is as follows:

Incident	Outcome
WR 1/25/0097	No Pollution Found

A redacted copy of the incident report has been attached as **Annex A**.

The Department considers the following exception to be engaged: **Regulation 12(3) and 13(1)**



Some information within the report constitutes personal data of which you are not the data subject. Regulation 12(3) requires that personal data is not disclosed, and Regulation 13 prohibits the disclosure of third-party personal data that would contravene UK GDPR or the DPA 2018. In this instance, releasing the data would be in contravention of principal (1) “personal data should be processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner in relation to a data subject”. This is an absolute exemption; therefore, no public interest test applies. The Department has, however, carried out the appropriate Lawfulness, Fairness & Transparency Test which is attached as **Annex C**.

In respect of your query Section 2 – Water Sampling

I can advise that the Department has completed its search and can confirm that it holds no records in addition to the Incident report above. No pollution was found during the inspection and no samples were taken as a result. Refer to **Annex A** for report

In respect of your query Section 3 – Watercourse Assessment

I can advise that the Department has completed its search and can confirm that it holds no records. The inspection above was done based on water quality alone. Refer to **Annex A** for the incident report.

In respect of your query Section 4 – Photographs Maps and Other Evidence.

I can advise that the Department has completed its search and can confirm that it holds the information you requested.

See Annex B - a redacted binder of photos taken during the Water Quality Inspector's site visit.

In respect of your query Section 5 – Internal Communications.

I can advise that the Department has completed its search and can confirm that it holds no relevant records in respect of the Water Quality Inspector's site visit.

In respect of your query Section 5 – Decision Making Records.

I can advise that the Department has completed its search and can confirm that it holds no records in respect of the Water Quality Inspector's site visit.

In respect of your query Section 5 – Post-Enforcement Notice Review.

I can advise that the Department has completed its search and can confirm that it holds no records. The inspection above was done based on water quality alone. Refer to **Annex A** for report. No pollution was identified, therefore, no enforcement action was deemed necessary.



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.

Yours sincerely,



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