

Our reference DAERA/26-591

via email

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Dear

Environmental Information Regulations 2004

Thank you for your request for information received by the Department on 4 August 2026 which sought the following information:

Request for update on the below incidents:

WR 3/25/0910 - Raw sewage discharge Ballyclare WWTP on 27 July 2025.

WR 3/25/0117 - Fish Kill on 6 October 2025 in the vicinity of Ballyclare WWTP.

I can advise that the Department has completed its search, and the information is listed below in **Table 1:**

Table 1 – Updates for Requested Pollution Incidents.

Incident Number	Incident Date	Incident Title	Incident Severity	Outcome
WR 3/25/0910	27 July 2025	Discharge Ballyclare WwTW	Medium	Ongoing Enforcement Action.
WR 3/25/0117	6 October 2025	Fish Kill near Ballyclare WwTW	High	Source not confirmed following investigation.

Please note that formal enforcement action is normally considered for incidents having a High or Medium Severity environmental impact where a polluter has been identified. In addition to formal prosecution under the Water (Northern Ireland) Order 1999, other enforcement actions available to the Department include the issuing of Warning Letters, Notices and Breaches of Cross Compliance for Agriculture related incidents.

Regulation 12(5)(b)

As incident WR 3/25/0910 is currently ongoing enforcement action, further information cannot be disclosed as NIEA treats all aspects of a case as if 'sub judice' at this stage. The Department has carried out a Public Interest Test, attached as **Annex A**, which provides further detail.

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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