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Dear [redacted]

Environmental Information Regulations 2004

Regarding your request for information received by the Department on 14th May 2026 in which you sought the following information regarding the disposal of vaping products (including disposable vapes, refillable devices, and e-liquids) within Northern Ireland for the period 1st June 2025 to the present:

1. The volume or estimated tonnage of vaping products recorded in waste streams managed or monitored by NIEA, including:
2. Any internal reports, assessments, or audits relating to the presence of vaping products in landfill or residual waste stream

Please see answers to your questions below:

1. NIEA has received waste returns covering an estimated 1.5 tonnes of segregated or separately collected waste vaping products for the period 1st June 2025 to the present.

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2. NIEA has produced no internal reports, assessments, or audits relating to the presence of vaping products in landfill or residual waste streams for the period 1st June 2025 to the present.

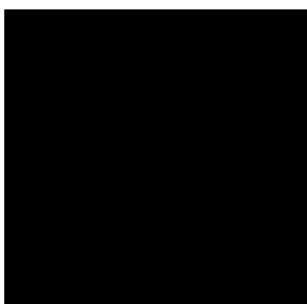
If you require any clarification, believe that any part of your request has been overlooked, misunderstood or misinterpreted, please contact me in the first instance to see if it is a matter that can be resolved.

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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