

Our Reference: DAERA/26-542

via email

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Water Pollution Response &
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Dear [REDACTED],

Environmental Information Regulations 2004

Thank you for your environmental information request received by the Department on 6 August 2026 seeking information, including enforcement actions, taken against a farm property alleged to have discharged slurry to the River Roe on 26 March 2026.

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

NIEA Water Pollution Incident Number WR 1/26/0803 applies.

On 27 March 2026, an officer of the Department investigated an alleged discharge of farm slurry to a waterway which flowed through Roe Valley Country Park, Co Londonderry.

Following investigations, which traced the source upstream, an active discharge was found, statutory samples were taken and a file is being prepared for submission to the Public Prosecution Service, for an offence under the Water (NI) Order 1999.



Regulation 12(5)(b)

NIEA consider that Regulation 12(5)(b) applies in this case. As incident WR 1/26/0803 is currently subject to ongoing enforcement action, further details cannot be disclosed, at this time, as NIEA treats all aspects of an ongoing 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.

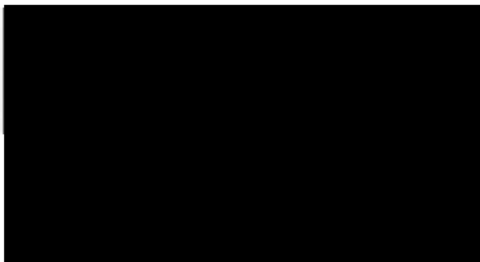
If you require any clarification, believe that any part of your request has been overlooked, misunderstood or misinterpreted, please contact me in the first instance to see if it is a matter that can be resolved.

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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