

Public Interest Test –EIR

Reference Number – DAERA/26-501

Requested Information

- Information that contains references to Moy Park and Lough Neagh together, where Moy Park is the actor and the information relates to the following subjects: water quality, pollution, nutrients, enforcement and regulation.
- The information is DAERA information and where the department holds the information for the following agencies; NIEA, Shared Environmental Services, AFBINI, Livestock and Meat Commission NI.
- The information covers the period between January 2021 and the date for which most recent data is available for 2026.
- Key search areas are Green Growth, Going for Growth, Lough Neagh Action Plan, waste/litter management, nutrients, grower farms, soil samples, falsification, fraud, enforcement, fines, planning.

Exemption / Exception under consideration

For the purposes of paragraph 1(a), a public authority may refuse to disclose information to the extent that its disclosure would adversely affect – ...

(b) the course of justice, the ability of a person to receive a fair trial or the ability of a public authority to conduct an inquiry of a criminal or disciplinary nature;

Reasons why the public interest would favour disclosure:

- For a full disclosure of all documents and emails that contain references to Moy Park and Lough Neagh

Reasons why the public interest would favour withholding:

- To maintain legal privilege
- To prevent potential adverse effect on ongoing enforcement and potential prosecution cases.

Conclusion

Following consideration of the Public Interest Test the Department has decided to withhold the documents that reference our departmental solicitors' office.

Industrial Pollution and Radiochemical Inspectorate