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Request Details:
NIEA records, history and enforcement action that have or is taking place at lands at 324 Drum Road, Cookstown and the process for requesting information on such lands



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Dear [REDACTED]

Environmental Information Regulation 2004

With regard to your request for information received by the Department on 29 July 2026 which sought the following information in respect to 324 Drum Road, Cookstown:

- 1. Whether NIEA holds any records, enforcement notices, or complaints relating to illegal dumping or waste activity at or near this site.*
- 2. Whether any site investigations, monitoring, or remediation works have been carried out or recommended in relation to this location.*
- 3. Whether the site or surrounding land is subject to any ongoing environmental investigation or enforcement action.*
- 4. The appropriate process for requesting an environmental search or historical land use report for this address, should one be required as part of my due diligence.*

I can advise that the Department has completed its search and can confirm that it holds the information you requested which is attached as **Annex A, Annex C and Annex D**.

Annex A is a copy of two internal Pollution Incident Reports

Annex C is a copy of a Waste Management License and associated map

Annex D is a copy of a Discharge Consent

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You will note that within the material supplied, there is redacted information. This is due to the fact that the Department has enacted Exemptions 12(3) of The Environmental Information Regulations 2004 which means that the information cannot be released as it would contravene Data Protection legislation and also 13(1) which means that the data includes personal data of which you are not the subject. The details of the test conducted by the Department regarding this can be seen in **Annex B**.

The Northern Ireland Environment Agency does not hold any further information relating to this site. In accordance with the Northern Ireland Environment Agency's Data Retention Policy, inactive records are retained for a period of seven years. Once this retention period has expired, records may be securely destroyed.

At present, there is no ongoing environmental investigation or enforcement action taking place at the site. The appropriate process for requesting an environmental search or historical land use report for this address, should one be required may be completed by using the following freely available sources:

- The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) maintains a Historic Land Use dataset that is available to access and search. It is available from OpenDataNI at: <https://www.opendatani.gov.uk/@department-of-agriculture-environment-and-rural-affairs/historical-landuse-dataset3>,

The information is also available from the Ordnance Survey of Northern Ireland Spatial NI service at: <https://www.spatialni.gov.uk/index.html> (map viewer).

The Historic Land Use dataset includes information on industrial land uses including known landfilling and waste management activities. The dataset is not fully comprehensive but does provide an indication of historic land uses across Northern Ireland that may have caused land to be affected by contamination.

Other datasets are available to download from the DAERA Digital Datasets site at: <https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/articles/digital-datasets> . This includes information on water abstraction licence application sites and protected sites.

- Additional relevant information is available from the DAERA Public Registers at: <https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/articles/introduction-public-registers>

This includes information on PPC Permitted Processes and licensed waste management sites. Further information on registered private water supplies in Northern Ireland is available at: <https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/publications/spatial-ni-app-private-water-supplies-registered-drinking-water-inspectorate>

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- Specific information on Waste Licences, Permits and Exemptions is available from:
Waste Management Licences

<https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/services/waste-management-licensing-public-register>

PPC Waste Permits

<https://public-registers.daera-ni.gov.uk/pollution-prevention-control>

Waste Management Exemptions

<https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/services/exemptions-waste-management-licensing-public-register>

- Additional water-related information including on abstractions, groundwater monitoring and pollution incidents can be found at: <https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/articles/information-requests#toc-0>. This includes the searchable water information request map viewer that allows the user to select the search radius.
- Information on development planning activity in Northern Ireland is available from the Northern Ireland Planning Portal at: Northern Ireland Public Register (planningsystemni.gov.uk). The site requires registration. This will include details on any site investigations and risk assessment / remediation work completed in support of planning applications and can be searched using address, post code etc.
- Historical maps of Northern Ireland are available to view at: <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/services/search-proni-historical-maps-viewer>. These maps should provide information on historical activity at the site and in the surrounding area.

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.

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Yours sincerely,



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