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Dear [REDACTED]

Environmental Information Regulations 2004

Thank you for your request for information received by the Department on 19 August 2026 in relation to the Seaview Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) in Killyleagh about which you seek the following information covering the last 5 years:

(1) The total number of public complaints, pollution incident reports logged by NIEA/DAERA regarding: The Seaview CSO / discharge point in Killyleagh.

I can advise the department has concluded its search and can advise you that the department holds information on twelve reported pollution incidents, including WR 5/26/0089, in relation to Seaview CSO discharge point in Killyleagh. Of these five were substantiated, all being assessed as Low severity. Please see table below for further details.

Incident Reference	Date of Complaint	Incident Description	Severity / Outcome
WR 5/21/0130	06/10/2021	Green discharge to shore at Seaview	No pollution found
WR 5/22/0066	28/06/2023	Sewage on shore at Seaview	No pollution found
WR 5/23/0079	28/06/2023	Sewage at Killyleagh Harbour	No pollution found
WR 5/24/0069	21/05/2024	Sewage at Seaview, Killyleagh	No pollution found
WR 5/25/0076	06/06/2025	Sewage at Seaview	LOW severity
WR 5/25/0095	21/07/2025	Seaview CSO discharge	LOW severity
WR 5/25/0102	07/08/2025	Oil discharge at Seaview	LOW severity
WR 5/25/0132	08/10/2025	Sullage water at Seaview, Killyleagh	No pollution found
WR 5/25/0154	04/12/2025	Seaview CSO discharge	No pollution found

WR 5/25/0705	01/08/2025	Sewage Related Debris (SRD) on shore at Seaview	LOW severity
WR 5/26/0089	10/06/2026	Sullage water from Strangford View to shore at Seaview	LOW severity
WR 5/26/0910	30/08/2026	SRD at Seaview CSO inspection chamber	No active pollution found

(2) Compliance & Sampling Records:

All compliance monitoring records, water quality sample results, and site inspection reports held by NIEA relating to discharges from or around the Seaview asset over the 5-year period.

I can further advise that the Department has completed searches of all compliance monitoring records, water quality sampling data, and site inspection reports held by NIEA. Regarding the substantiated pollution incidents outlined in the table above, each incident was assessed and recorded as being of low severity. Accordingly, and in line with the applicable procedures, no samples was taken for low severity incidents.

(3) Formal Enforcement Actions Issued to NI Water:

The total number of all formal enforcement actions, statutory notices, warning letters, or legal directives issued by NIEA/DAERA to Northern Ireland Water (NI Water) regarding non-compliance, unconsented discharges, or structural containment failures at the Seaview location.

Following a search of NIEA records, no formal enforcement actions, statutory notices, warning letters, or legal directions were issued to Northern Ireland Water (NI Water) in relation to Seaview location during the period requested.

(4) Compelled Remedial Actions:

Details of any specific corrective or engineering actions that NIEA/DAERA has formally directed or compelled NI Water to undertake to fix, upgrade, or contain discharges at the Seaview asset, along with the statutory deadlines set and current completion status.

NIEA regulates Combined Sewer Overflows (CSOs) and Emergency Overflows (EOs) through Water Order Discharge Consents. These assets are designed to operate during periods of heavy rainfall to reduce flood risk and protect public health. Seaview CSO is consented by the Department as part of the Water Order Discharge Consent for Killyleagh Collection System. NIEA/DAERA has not formally directed or compelled NI Water to undertake to fix, upgrade, or contain discharges at the Seaview asset.

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.



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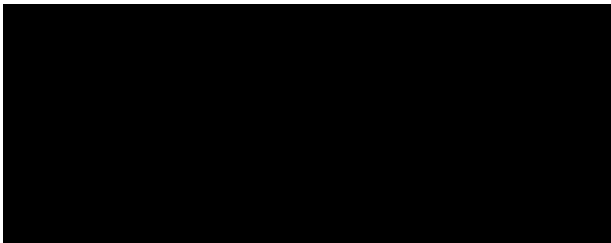
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If you are unhappy with the manner in which your request for information has been handled or the decision to release/withhold information, you have the right to request a formal review by the Department.

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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