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Dear Mr McAnallen,

Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR)

I refer to your email received by the Department on the 28th August 2026 requesting information relating to intensive pig and poultry farms:

Please provide, for the period 1 January 2018 to the date of this request, the following records relating to permits held by a limited company rather than by a named sole individual:

- Compliance Assessment Reports;
- Breaches and exceedances;
- Enforcement action;
- Permit status history.

I can advise that the Department has completed its search and can confirm that it holds some of the information you requested. However, some of the information has been withheld for the following reasons:

- As a pollution incident at one of the regulated sites is currently subject to ongoing enforcement action, further information cannot be disclosed at this time as NIEA treats all aspects of a case as if 'sub judice' at this stage. Regulation 12 (5) (b) provides an exemption for disclosure. This decision was reached after carrying out a Public Interest Test, which is attached for your information at Annex A.
- The Compliance Assessment Reports have been summarised in a csv file (Annex B) rather than providing individual documents. The estimated cost of providing individual

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Compliance Assessment Reports is £1,275. An explanation of how this figure was calculated is shown in the table below.

Record Type	Approximate Number of Records	Estimated Cost	Total Estimated Cost
Electronic	306 records x 10 minutes per record = 51 hours	51 hours at £25 per hour	£1,275

Under Regulation 12(4)(b) of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004, the Department may refuse to provide environmental information where the request for information is manifestly unreasonable. Where a substantial amount of work is required to process a request, the Department may decline to provide a response, provided that the public interest is weighed in favour of refusing the request.

A summary of the information held which can be disclosed is detailed below.

1. 306 Site Inspection /Compliance Assessment Reports summarised in a csv file.
2. 6 Enforcement Notices.
3. 3 Warning Letters
4. 20 Permit Variations /Transfers /Surrenders

Information relating to the permitted farms including the associated Pollution Prevention and Control permits, can be found by visiting the DAERA Public Register of Pollution Prevention and Control permitted processes:

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

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 you have the right to request a formal review by the Department. If you wish to do so, please write to The Review Section, The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Information Management Branch, Room 507, Dundonald House, Upper Newtownards Road, Ballymiscaw, BELFAST, BT4 3SB, 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.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

Philip Mayes

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