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Dear [REDACTED],

Environmental Information Regulations 2004

Thank you for your environmental information request received by the Department on 2 October 2026 seeking information, specifically an update with regards to sampling taken in relation to NIEA Water Pollution Incident Reference WR 7/26/0509.

I can advise that the Department has completed its search and can confirm that it holds the information you requested. The Department has decided to withhold this information as it considers **Regulation 12(5)(b) - The course of justice and enquiries exception** engaged whereby it considers the case as if 'sub-judice', as release of information could potentially interfere with current ongoing legal proceedings. The appropriate public interest test has been completed, attached as **Annex A**.

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.

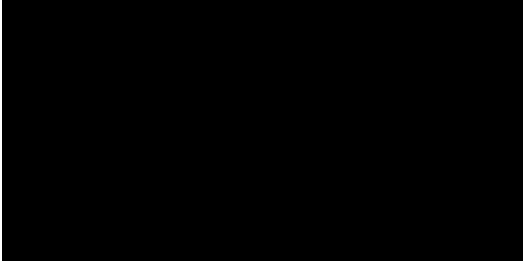
If you wish to do so, please contact The Review Section either by e-mailing daera.informationmanager@daera-ni.gov.uk or by post at The Department of



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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