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05 November 2026

Dear [redacted]

Environmental Information Regulation 2004

With regard to your request for information received by the Department on 08 October 2026 which sought the following information:

Material used in preparing, approving, authorising, supporting or delivering Mr McAllister's Cs-137 oral explanation to the Curraghinalt Inquiry on 8 October 2026.

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 1:

1) Speaking notes from Curraghinalt Public Inquiry.

2) Email advice from UKHSA regarding radiological protection in the Sperrins

3) SEPA report on radioactivity and wind farm developments on peatland, July 2025

Other queries have been addressed in the following correspondence from the Department, attached in Annex 2:

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1) DAERA/26-725 - Scope of IPRI assessment and request for reasoned technical position on anthropogenic Cs-137 at Curraghinalt – 8th October 2026

2) DAERA/25-339 - Radiological Risk Oversight in Dalradian Gold and SPD/2025/0011/F Applications – 29th July 2025

3) Business as usual response from IPRI - Failure to Regulate Radiological Hazards – Dalradian and RES Wind Farm Planning Sites – 30th June 2025

I can advise that Mr McAllister's speaking notes for *'Cs-137 oral explanation to the Curraghinalt Inquiry on 8 October 2026'* were endorsed by the Chief Inspector and represent the agreed position of the Industrial Pollution and Radiochemical Inspectorate.

For your information, copies of the Radioactivity in food and the environment reports (RIFE) from 1995 – 2025 can be found here - https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/radioactivity-in-food-and-the-environment-rife-reports;

and the Tellus report can be found here - https://gsi.geodata.gov.ie/downloads/Geophysics/Reports/GSI_TELLUS_Cs137_MERGE_2022_Final.pdf

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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Annex 2

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