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Dear [REDACTED]

Environmental Information Regulations 2004

Thank you for your request for information as received by the Department on 30 May 2022.

The Department has completed its search and can confirm that it holds some of the information you requested. A copy of the information that can be disclosed is provided below.

Details of landfill sites in the Derry/Londonderry area since 1950

Since 2003, the Department is the Competent Authority for the regulation of Landfills authorised under the PPC Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003 and The Waste and Contaminated Land (Northern Ireland) Order 2003. Prior to 2003, waste regulation was undertaken by local councils. Therefore the information provided by the Department in this response is for the period 2003 to present.

I have detailed the Department's information sequentially as per your original request.

- **I would request that you supply a list of all landfill sites registered in the Derry/Londonderry area from 1950-2021.**

Landfill sites in Northern Ireland are classified either as; hazardous, non-hazardous or inert waste as required under Article 4 of the Landfill Directive. I can advise that there are four currently authorised landfills in the Derry City and Strabane Council Area. Details of each are listed below:

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Closed Landfill Licences

WML 13/16 Derry City and Strabane City Council, Coney Road, Derry
WML 13/19 DuPont (UK) Industrial Limited, Maydown Works, Derry
WML 13/12 Robert Lynch, Carmoney Road, Derry

Inert Landfill Licences

WML 33/20 Brickkiln Civil Engineering Limited, Woodside Road, Londonderry

There are no hazardous or Non-hazardous landfills currently active within the Derry City and Strabane Council area. Further details can be found at: <https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/articles/regulation-landfills-northern-ireland>

- **What are the capacity of those sites?**

The closed landfills listed above are no longer authorised to accept waste and only restoration and aftercare activities are authorised by the waste management licences.

WML 33/20 Brickkiln Civil Engineering Limited, Woodside Road, Londonderry is permitted to accept a maximum of 10,000 tonnes of inert waste annually.

- **How long have these sites been filled?**

All of the sites listed above have historically been filled from periods prior to the Department's regulation beginning in 2003 and were previously authorised by Waste Disposal Licences issued by Derry City and Strabane District Council (or Derry City Council at the time).

- **Have these sites an up-to-date performance licence?**

NIEA are responsible for granting licences, setting conditions on licensing activities and monitoring site to ensure compliance with licence conditions. All four of the sites listed above have current waste management licences.

- **Please verify that there is no leachate coming into the water table.**

NIEA operates a regulatory system that employs an integrated approach to control the environmental impacts of certain industrial activities including landfills. These sites are regulated under the conditions of their permits, one of the main conditions being that there is no harm to the surrounding environment including water (groundwater and surface water). Ground and surface monitoring is carried out regularly so that any identified breaches can be addressed quickly.

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, and I can further advise.

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

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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.

I trust this response is helpful.

Yours sincerely

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