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Dear ██████████,

Environmental Information Regulations 2004

With regard to your request for information received by the Department on 20 January 2023 which sought water pollution incident and water quality sampling numbers by month since 2022:

I can advise that the Department has completed its search and can confirm that it holds all the information you requested which is attached as Annex A.

In relation to water pollution information, NIEA has a policy of investigating all reported incidents therefore the data in response to questions 1 and 2 have been consolidated into one table. The month listed refers to the date when the pollution report was received. Under current response targets, a report falling under the Low severity classification may have been received at the end of one month but investigated at the start of the following month. For clarity in this response, the number investigated has been reported against the receipt date of the incident.

The water chemistry tab presents the number of water samples received and the total number of individual determinants analysed for each month.

Finally, the data for river and lake biological elements could not be presented monthly, as the monitoring is carried out on a seasonal basis. For this reason, the yearly total for biological sampling are presented.

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You may notice some small differences in the data compared to the partial 2022 figures under DAERA /22-187. The figures previously provided were subject to minor change through the year as further analysis and reconciliation of reports were conducted. The figures provided in Annex A are deemed to be the complete results for 2022.

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, Ballykelly 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,



South and East River Basin District Manager

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