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Dear [REDACTED]

Environmental Information Regulations 2004

With regard to your request for information received by the Department on 17 July 2023 which sought the following information:

1. For the 12 month period ending 30 June 2023, how many sites did NIEA WMU staff / agency staff routinely visit to collect water samples?
2. How many of the above sites have had a risk assessment carried out for health and safety purposes?
3. Of these risk assessed sites, how many have had the risk assessment reviewed / reassessed / updated within date bands?

I can advise that the Department has completed its search and can confirm that it holds the information you requested which is attached to this letter 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.

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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,

[Redacted Signature]
Principal Scientific Officer
Water Management Unit

Annex A	Number of sample sites			Risk Assessment updated last			
	River/lake	Industrial/commercial	Large industrial	2022 - Present	2018-2021	2013-2017	Pre 2013
1	37 (37)	107 (107)		144	0	0	0
2	73 (72)	126 (53)		0	6	17	102
3	78 (77)	143 (33)		2	13	7	88
4	37 (8)	112 (83)		0	62	0	29
5	27 (3)	87 (45)		0	3	3	42
6	62 (62)	87 (81)		7	18	118	0
7	40 (40)	80 (78)		12	75	31	0
8	83 (83)	86 (86)		169	0	0	0
9	63 (63)	65 (65)		128	0	0	0
WCG	0	3 (3)	51 (51)	54	0	0	0

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