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Via e-mail



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Dear 

Environmental Information Regulations 2004

With regards to your request for information received by the Department on 4th December 2023 that sought the following information:

The final reports relating to each project:

- 1. Bryne Looby, Guildford, Surrey – Mobuoy Road waste soil mix groundwater remediation**
- 2. Queen’s University Belfast – Bio-electrical systems and technology**
- 3. SiRiUS Geotechnical and Environmental Ltd, Durham, County Durham – Combined active hydrological and biological capping systems**
- 4. Agri-Foods and Biosciences Institute (AFBI) – Sustainable leachate management solutions using energy crop**
- 5. AFBI – Evaluation of filter materials for treatment of leachate**

Outcome/Final Report from AFBI on environmental site capping trials funded by the DARA E&I fund commenced in July 2020.

I can advise that the reports requested were published on <https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/publications/successful-applicant-reports>. We have reviewed the published documents and have been able to reduce the amount of information redacted. However, the Department has decided to maintain the redaction for some of the information for the following reasons:

The Department has decided not to disclose some of the information you requested as it considers:

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- Regulation 12(5)(e) - the confidentiality of commercial or industrial information where such confidentiality is provided by law to protect a legitimate economic interest.

The second part of request, *Outcome/Final Report from AFBI on environmental site capping trials funded by the DARA E&I fund commenced in July 2020*, can not be supplied at this time as it has not been completed.

- Regulation 12(4)(a) – the Department does not hold the information when an applicant’s request is received.

An associated Public Interest Test has been conducted and is attached.

In addition, Regulation 12(3) and 13(1) is engaged as some of the information held constitutes personal data of which you are not the data subject. In these instances, the Department is required to consider if disclosure would breach the first Data Protection Principle which states that processing must be lawful, fair and transparent.

The Department has considered this element within the Lawfulness test which is attached and it has determined that no lawful basis for disclosure under EIR exists, bearing in mind that any such disclosure must be considered in terms of disclosure to the “world at large”, and not just you the requester. Consequently, the personal data falling within the scope of this request has been withheld.

A copy of the reports are attached.

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,



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