



A schedule is enclosed with this letter, it shows the documents that the EPA considers relevant to your request. It describes each document and refers to the sections of the FOI Act which apply to prevent release. The schedule also refers you to sections of the detailed explanation given under heading 2 below, which are relevant to the document in question. It also gives you a summary and overview of the decision as a whole.

## **2. Findings, particulars and reasons for decisions to deny access**

The sections of the Act which can apply to deny access to documents are known as its exemption provisions.

*The records you have requested are due to be published shortly. As such, your request has been refused as they will be in the public domain once they are published by the EPA.*

*Section 15.1.f of the FOI Act sets out the basis for an administrative refusal of an FOI request on this basis:*

- *[15.1.f](#): A head to whom an FOI request is made may refuse to grant the request where the FOI body intends to publish the record and such publication is intended to be effected not later than 6 weeks after the receipt of the request by the head.*

*For your information, there are no minutes or agendas for the NWRM working group for 2020/21 as this group was working on a report outlining their findings on NRWM in Ireland. While this report falls outside the scope of your request, it is also due to be published shortly.*

## **3. Rights of appeal**

If you are unhappy with this decision you may appeal it. In the event that you need to make such an appeal, you can do so by writing to the Freedom of Information Unit, EPA, Johnstown Castle Estate, County Wexford or by e-mail to [foi@epa.ie](mailto:foi@epa.ie). Your correspondence should include a fee of €30 for processing the appeal. Payment should be made by way of bank draft, money order, postal order or personal cheque made payable to *Environmental Protection Agency*. if you wish to make payment by electronic means please contact [foi@epa.ie](mailto:foi@epa.ie)

You should make your appeal within 4 weeks from the date of this notification, where a day is defined as a working day excluding, the weekend and public holidays. However, the making of a late appeal may be permitted in appropriate circumstances. The appeal will involve a complete reconsideration of the matter by a more senior member of the staff of this body.

## **4. Publication**

All non-personal FOI requests will be recorded on an FOI disclosure log which will be published on the EPA website in due course.

Should you wish to discuss the above, please contact me at 053 9160600 or [p.morris@epa.ie](mailto:p.morris@epa.ie)

Yours sincerely,



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### Schedule of Records

<b>NTIG WG Records</b>	<b>Decision</b>	<b>Legislative basis</b>
1. NTIG ToR	Refuse	<i>15.1.f: A head to whom an FOI request is made may refuse to grant the request where the FOI body intends to publish the record and such publication is intended to be effected not later than 6 weeks after the receipt of the request by the head</i>
2. NTIG Agenda February 2020	Refuse	
3. NTIG Agenda May 2020		
4. NTIG Agenda September 2020		
5. NTIG Agenda November 2020		
6. NTIG Agenda March 2021		
7. NTIG Agenda November 2021		
8. NTIG Minutes February 2020	Refuse	
9. NTIG Minutes May 2020		
10. NTIG Minutes September 2020		
11. NTIG Minutes November 2020		
12. NTIG Minutes March 2021		

  

<b>NWRM WG Records</b>	<b>Decision</b>	<b>Legislative basis</b>
1. NWRM WG ToR	Refuse	<i>15.1.f: A head to whom an FOI request is made may refuse to grant the request where the FOI body intends to publish the record and such publication is intended to be effected not later than 6 weeks after the receipt of the request by the head</i>
2. NWRM WG Attendees and Members	Refuse	