



**An Roinn Talmhaíochta,
Bia agus Mara**
Department of Agriculture,
Food and the Marine

Right to Know

By e-mail: requests@righttoknow.ie

1st November 2023

Our Ref: AIE/23/500

To whom it may concern,

I refer to your request dated 9th October 2023, , made under the European Communities (Access to Information on the Environment) regulations 20017 to 2018 (S.I. 133/2007 , S.I. 662 of 2011, S.I. 615 of 2014 and S.I. 309 of 2018) (hereinafter referred to as the AIE Regulations) for access to records held by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine. Your request sought:

“Under the AIE Regs to request the locations of the 3000 farms affected by the lower nitrates derogation amount on the basis that they are causing emissions into the environment”

As previously indicated to you I am the nominated Decision Maker for your request. I, Mandy Murphy, Assistant Principal Officer, have now made a final decision. Having considered your request, my decision is to refuse you access to the information sought as this information does not exist/is not held by this Department.

To explain this further, as at the date of your request, , DAFM has not yet identified the holdings concerned. Work is ongoing within DAFM to definitively identify the holdings concerned. Therefore, for the purposes of this request, the records do not exist. Also for your information, the number of 3000 farms is at this stage an estimate.

Right to Appeal

If for any reason you wish to appeal this decision you may do so by writing to the Freedom of Information Unit at the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Pavilion A, Grattan Business Centre, Dublin Road, Portlaoise, Co. Laois, R32 K857. You may also submit your appeal by e-mail to: foi@agriculture.gov.ie. You must make your appeal within one month of this notification.

Yours sincerely,



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