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Right to Know
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11th October 2024

Ref: OEE AIE 2024 30 Decision & Acknowledgement Letter

Dear Sirs,

I refer to your request dated 11th September 2024, and received on 12th September 2024, made under the European Communities (Access to Information on the Environment) Regulations 2007 to 2018 (AIE) for records held by the Environmental Protection Agency.

Your request sought as follows:

“...any correspondence between EPA and Bord na Mona and/or Bord na Mona related companies such as Bord na Mona Biomass, Bord na Mona Energy etc in relation to peat extraction on the Bord na Mona landbank...”

To reduce the scope of this request, please consider the years 2020 to date. 2020 is selected as it is the year that Bord na Mona claimed that peat extraction on Bord na Mona lands ceased”

I Breege Rooney wish to acknowledge receipt of your request and simultaneously I wish to advise you that I have made a final decision to **grant** your request on 11th October 2024.

SUMMARY OF DECISION

I have identified 7 records relevant to your request, I have decided that you should be granted access to all of the records.

SCHEDULE OF RECORDS

I have completed a Schedule of Records which provides a brief description of the records and my decision in relation to each record and where applicable, the link to the record on the LEAP system.

Fees

Article 15 of the regulations allow a public body to charge a reasonable fee for the cost of supplying (search and retrieval) the environmental information. In this instance the fee is being waver as the estimated cost for Search & Retrieval is less than €100.

Rights of appeal

Under Article 11 of the AIE Regulations you have a right to request an internal review of this decision. An internal review will involve a complete reconsideration of the matter by a more senior member of the staff of the Environmental Protection Agency unconnected with the original decision.

If you wish to request an internal review, you can do so by writing to Ms Ana Bolger, AIE Officer, EPA, P.O. Box 3000, Johnstown Castle Estate, Co. Wexford or by sending an email to aie@epa.ie. You should make this request within one month from the date of this notification.

Yours sincerely,



Breege Rooney
AIE Decision Maker,
Office of Environmental Enforcement.

Access to Information on the Environment (AIE) Schedule of Records

Summary of Decision Making

AIE Request Ref: OEE AIE 2024 30

Record No	Date of Record	Brief Description of Record	Decision – Grant/Part-Grant/Refuse	Basis for refusal – Article of Regulations	Public Interest Yes/No	Reason for Decision
1	10/10/2023	MTG000618	Grant	N/A	N/A	N/A
2	01/02/2024	MTG000644	Grant	N/A	N/A	N/A
3	28/04/2023	https://leap.epa.ie/licence-profile/P0503/compliance/sitevisit/e7155b62-11e4-ed11-a34e-0050568a2d1a	Grant	N/A	N/A	N/A
4	07/06/2023	https://leap.epa.ie/licence-profile/P0503/compliance/sitevisit/ac52fcdd-76ee-ed11-a34f-0050568a2d1a	Grant	N/A	N/A	N/A
5	07/06/2023	https://leap.epa.ie/licence-profile/P0503/compliance/sitevisit/875a033e-edf3-ed11-a34f-0050568a2d1a	Grant	N/A	N/A	N/A
6	15/08/2023	https://leap.epa.ie/licence-profile/P0503/compliance/sitevisit/b74a6fed-793a-ee11-a350-0050568a2d1a	Grant	N/A	N/A	N/A
7	25/09/2023	https://leap.epa.ie/licence-profile/P0503/compliance/sitevisit/87d4f8d5-224b-ee11-a351-0050568a2d1a	Grant	N/A	N/A	N/A