

REFERENCE

2627424

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SUBJECT

Clarification of the availability and meaning of modelled annual storm overflow spill volumes within the Lough Neagh catchment, and whether an estimate is held for all 726 identified storm overflows.

RESPONSE

NI Water holds modelled annual spill volume results for 271 of the 726 identified storm overflows within the Lough Neagh catchment, representing approximately 37% of those assets.

The combined predicted annual spill volume for those 271 overflows is approximately 2,551,874 cubic metres. This is a subtotal of the available modelled results, not a measurement of the total volume discharged directly into Lough Neagh or an estimate for all 726 overflows.

NI Water does not hold a total annual spill volume estimate covering all 726 storm overflows. Modelled annual spill volume results are not held for the remaining 455 overflows. Regulation 12(4)(a) of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 applies to the request for a complete estimate because that information was not held when the request was received on 7 October 2026.

NI Water is continuing to develop hydraulic modelling and extend Event Duration Monitor coverage in the area. These monitors record spill occurrence and duration, but do not measure spill volume and therefore do not provide a complete measured volume for all 726 overflows.

An updated schedule is provided at Annex A, showing available predicted annual spill frequencies and volumes, together with storm overflow classifications and assessment status. An entry of "Not Modelled" must not be interpreted as a predicted spill volume of zero.