

REFERENCE

2627418

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12 October 2026

SUBJECT

Asulam monitoring in the drinking water supply serving Tandragee from 1 January 2015 to 3 October 2026, including analytical results, monitoring decisions and any investigation records.

RESPONSE

NI Water considered the request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004. Please see the accompanying Annex A for the Asulam analytical results held for the drinking water supply serving Tandragee within the requested period.

Asulam has been routinely tested in this supply from 2017 onwards. It was not tested in 2015 or 2016 because pesticide usage data indicated that it was not used in significant quantities in Northern Ireland and earlier testing indicated a low risk to the drinking water supply. It was subsequently included in a routine pesticide analytical suite. NI Water reviews pesticide usage data annually to inform its monitoring programme and provides that programme to the Drinking Water Inspectorate annually.

The current supply zone serving Tandragee is Castor Bay Tandragee, zone identifier ZS0810. The results relate to final treated water sampled at the designated supply point associated with that supply. Results are expressed in microgrammes per litre. A result preceded by the symbol "<" means that the concentration was below the applicable laboratory detection or quantification limit, shown by the number following the symbol. The prescribed concentration or value for Asulam is 0.1 microgrammes per litre.

Asulam was detected above the laboratory detection limit on one occasion, on 3 April 2017, at 0.006 microgrammes per litre. This was below the prescribed concentration or value. NI Water confirmed that no investigation was required on the basis of that result and no investigation report, assessment or action record was produced or

held. All subsequent samples were reported below the applicable laboratory detection or quantification limit.

NI Water does not hold analytical results for 2015 or 2016, or a separate final risk assessment, monitoring assessment or other substantive record specifically considering whether Asulam should be monitored in this supply. Regulation 12(4)(a) was applied to these records and the requested investigation records because they were not held when the request was received.

NI Water considered the presumption in favour of disclosure and the public interest in transparency about drinking water monitoring and decisions. The results held were provided, but results and records that were not generated or held could not be disclosed.