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Dear (Redacted),

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Defra – Continuous Water Quality Programme - Interim technical Standard V1.0 Issue 1.0 August 2024**

Thank you for your request for information of 18 February 2026 about the following Defra report: Continuous Water Quality Programme - Interim technical Standard V1.0 Issue 1.0 August 2024. We have handled your request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIRs).

The EIRs apply to requests for environmental information, which is a broad category of information defined in regulation 2 of the EIRs. Public authorities are required to handle requests for environmental information under the EIRs. They give similar access rights to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Your information request and our response are set out below.

*Whilst searching the web we cannot find the updated; “**DEFRA – Continuous Water Quality Programme - Interim technical Standard V1.0 Issue 1.0 August 2024**”*

*What we have found available online is the attached “**DEFRA – Continuous Water Quality Monitoring Programme – Provisional technical guidance for sewerage undertakers on implementing s.82 of the environment Act 2021**”.*

*As we understand that the attached report from 2021 is outdated, we kindly ask you to share with us the latest version of the **DEFRA – Continuous Water Quality Programme - Interim technical Standard**”.*

We enclose a copy of the information you requested:

Annex C      Continuous Water Quality Monitoring Programme - Interim Technical Standard, dated: August 2024

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If you have any queries about this letter, please contact us.

Yours sincerely

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## **Annex A**

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