

From: EIR Compliance

To:

Subject: 20250704 - EIR - Data Supplied

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Reference Number: **EIR**

Dear

We refer to your request for information submitted to Yorkshire Water dated 7 June 2025:

"I would be very grateful if you could provide the following information with regard to Event Duration Monitors now installed on storm overflows whether at your STW Inlets, storm tanks or on your sewerage network:

1. Manufacturer Details:

- *A list of all manufacturers/suppliers of the spill monitors being installed.*
- *The model names/numbers of the monitoring devices.*

2. Technical Specifications:

- *The type of monitors (e.g., Event Duration Monitors, flow sensors) and their key features (e.g., real-time data transmission, cellular connectivity).*
- *Whether the monitors measure only spill frequency/duration or also water quality parameters (e.g., turbidity, E. coli).*

3. Deployment Data:

- *The total number of monitors installed to date and locations (if possible).*
- *The timeline for installing the remaining monitors.*
- *Criteria for selecting which CSOs are prioritized for monitoring.*

4. Costs & Contracts:

- *The total budget allocated for the monitor rollout.*
- *Whether the procurement process was open tender or framework agreement.*

5. Data Accessibility:

- *How the public can access the spill data (e.g., via your overflow map or API).*
- *Whether raw data will be shared with the Environment Agency or other regulators."*

Included with this email is our response to your questions.

1. Manufacturer Details

2. Technical specifications:

There are a small number of gaps in the data relating to transmitter devices and measurement device details which is something we are continuing to address. As such for the purpose of EIR we applied exemption 12(4)(a), a public authority may refuse to disclose information to the extent that it does not hold that information when an applicant's request is received.

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3. Deployment Data:

We are 100% installed for our 2183 EDM sites, and have 2378 devices used to deliver reporting. Information on the location of the monitors can be found in our published Event Duration Monitoring (EDM) data <https://www.yorkshirewater.com/environment/storm-overflows/event-duration-monitoring/>.

4. Costs & Contracts:

The procurement process was open tender.

In regard to your request for costs and contracts we are writing to inform you that your request for environmental information has been refused in accordance with the Environmental Information Regulations (EIR) 2004. Regulation 12(5)(e) provides that environmental information does not have to be disclosed where disclosure would adversely affect the confidentiality of commercial or industrial information where such confidentiality is provided by law to protect a legitimate economic interest. We have confirmed that the information is commercial as this relates to information included as part of a commercial contract. The information is not publicly available and that confidentiality is provided in the contract, disclosure of this information would be in breach of the confidentiality clauses within the relevant agreement(s). The confidentiality protects the legitimate economic interest, disclosure would prejudice current or future commercial negotiations, weaken bargaining position and allow competitors to gain insight into commercial strategies (pricing, cost structure) which would potentially impact the competitive tendering processes. It would also deter suppliers from engaging in future due to concerns over the handling of this information.

Regulation 12(5)(e) enables us to withhold information provided the public interest in withholding it outweighs the public interest in it being disclosed. There is also a presumption in favour of disclosure. We have considered the public interest in withholding and disclosing the information. We recognise that there is a public interest in transparency and accountability and also promoting understanding of environmental issues. Against this we have weighed the public interest in protecting the effectiveness of commercial procurement and negotiation processes. Inappropriate disclosure of commercial information would risk undermining fair competition. We have concluded that on balance the public interest in this information being withheld is greater than in it being disclosed. As such, we will not be disclosing information to you in relation to cost and contracts.

5. Data Accessibility:

Information in relation to our EDM data is available via our website at <https://www.yorkshirewater.com/environment/storm-overflows/event-duration-monitoring/>.

From here members of the public can access our:

- Our [interactive map](#) that shows in near real-time whether our storm overflows are operating
- Our storm overflow annual returns
- Our individual start / stop data for the year 2024
- Our individual start / stop data for 2025 is being published on our website one month in arrears
- Via our EIR disclosure log for any EDM information requested that is not already in the public domain

With regard to the information shared with the Environment Agency and other regulators:

- Our storm overflow annual returns as part of annual reporting
- In cases where regulators exercise their statutory powers to request information

We trust that the provision of this data satisfies your request. In accordance with the Environmental Information Regulations 2004, if you are not satisfied with this reply to your request you can ask for an internal review. A request for an internal review must be submitted within 40 working days by contacting the Data Protection Team.

Thank you for contacting Yorkshire Water.

Yours sincerely,

Data Protection Team

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