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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your request for environmental information. We appreciate your interest, and we want to let you know that your request has been carefully considered in accordance with the Environmental Information Regulations (EIR).

**Your request:**

We would like to request information regarding water discharged from Davyhulme Wastewater Treatment Works into the Manchester Ship Canal.

We operate the Irlam Small Hydropower Plant, which is located approximately 5 km downstream of the discharge point, at Irlam Locks.

The requested information will enable us to investigate the contribution of this discharge to the natural river hydrology and to assess its impact on turbined flows and the generation of renewable (green) hydropower at the Irlam Small Hydropower Plant.

We are interested in data for the period from 2022 (inclusive) to the present, which corresponds to the operational period of the Irlam Hydropower Plant.

If possible and available, we would appreciate data in the form of daily mean discharge or daily total volume discharged into the Manchester Ship Canal.

**Our response:**

Please see the attached excel spreadsheet titled *Appendix A*. As requested, we have provided the data for Davyhulme wastewater treatment works total daily volumes in cubic metres per day from 1 January 2022 until 31 January 2026. It is important to note that this data has not been fully validated by the Environment Agency as this is done at year-end. However, upon review by our regulatory teams, we have not found any failures or certification issues in the data during these periods.

We hope that this response answers your request. However, if you're not satisfied with how we've handled it, you can request an internal review. To do this, please write to us at Environmental Information Office, Haweswater House, Lingley Mere, Warrington, WA5 3LP or email us at [EIRRequests@uuplc.co.uk](mailto:EIRRequests@uuplc.co.uk), addressing your request to [REDACTED], and explaining why you're unhappy with our response. We'll be very happy to review your request and ensure we've done everything we can to assist you.

Any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this response, and we will reply within 40 working days from receipt of the request for internal review.

Many thanks