

Access to Information on the Environment

European Communities (Access to Information on the Environment) Regulations 2007 to 2011 (S.I. No. 133 of 2007 and S.I. No. 662 of 2011) (hereafter referred to as the AIE Regulations), give legal rights to those seeking to access information on the environment from public authorities. Under these regulations, information relating to the environment held by, or for, a public authority must be made available on request, subject to certain exceptions. The AIE Regulations provide a definition of environmental information; outlines the way requests for information may be submitted to public authorities and the way public authorities are required to deal with requests.

When making a request for information under the AIE Regulations, you are required to: state that the application is being made under the AIE Regulations and submit it in writing or electronic form; provide your contact details; state, in terms that are as specific as possible, the environmental information required, and if you require the information in a specific format or manner of access, you should specify this in your request.

(i) Send your request by email to **foi@lgma.ie**Or

(ii) Send your request in writing to **FOI Officer**,

LGMA, Local Government House, 35/39 Ushers Quay, Dublin 8, D08 XKP7

Click **here** to download the online application form or see below. A response will be given no later than four weeks upon receipt of request.

If you require any help the staff in the FOI Unit will be happy to assist you in the formulation of your request. You can contact the FOI office at 01 6332200.

What are the fees?

There is no initial fee for making an application under the AIE Regulations. However, the Department may charge a reasonable fee for supplying the information requested. This may include the costs of compiling, copying, printing, or posting of information. There is no charge for applying for an internal review

It costs €50 euro to take an appeal to the Commissioner for Environmental Information, or €15 euro if you are the holder, or dependent of a holder of a medical card, or a third party appealing the decision to release certain information.