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Dear Natalie,

**MISSED STATUTORY DEADLINE FOR PUBLISHING NORTHERN IRELAND'S  
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN – INVESTIGATION REPORT**

Thank you for your letter of 21 October enclosing the final draft of the report concluding the OEP's investigation into this matter. I commend the OEP for its professional, pragmatic and transparent approach to this investigation.

Now that the Environmental Improvement Plan has been published, my focus, like yours, is very much on delivery. I look forward to working with my Executive colleagues, key stakeholders and the OEP as we seek to realise a wide range of positive environmental outcomes for Northern Ireland.

Yours sincerely,

**ANDREW MUIR MLA**  
**Minister of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs**

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