

UPDATED RESPONSE TO F0201289

Request Timeline

Date	Status
22/04/2026	EIR Request received [statutory deadline 21/05/2026]
22/04/2026	Clarification requested
22/04/2026	Clarification received [statutory deadline 21/05/2026]
05/05/2026	EIR Response issued
06/05/2026	Formal review requested
09/06/2026	Updated EIR Response issued alongside Formal Review Response F0201360

Final Version of Requested Information

I write to request the 2025 Scottish Pollutant Release Inventory (SPRI) pollutant entries for all Energy from Waste incinerators in Scotland including

PPC/A/1003157: Baldovie and Dundee

PPC/A/1032878: Dunbar (Oxwellmains)

PPC/A/1157446: Earls Gate (Grangemouth)

PPC/A/1110002: Glasgow

PPC/A/1003141: Lerwick

PPC/A/1150156: Gladsmuir Resource Recovery (Levensseat)

PPC/A/1136072: Millerhill

PPC/A/1003157: NESS (Aberdeen)

PPC/A/1181922: Westfield (Fife)

This includes all fields, e.g. NIC, FACILITY_NAME, Activity code, SPRI_YEAR, MEDIUM, POLLUTANT_NAME, THRESHOLD, ART/BRT/NE, TOTAL_RELEASE, Unit, ACCIDENTAL_RELEASE, BIOMASS, MEASUREMENT, METHOD.

If there is a method description or other notes field then I would also be interested in that.

Response

SEPA has handled your request under the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (EIRs).

For full clarification history please refer to the Clarification section below.

Please refer to the 12 spreadsheets attached with this response for the Scottish Pollutant Release Inventory (SPRI) submissions from Energy from Waste incinerators in Scotland for 2025.

Details of these documents can be found in the summary table below:

Site	Permit	Document name
Oldhall Energy Recovery Facility (ERF)	PPC/A/1197167	2025 SPRI Return NIC 2875 v0.xlsx
NESS EfW Facility, Aberdeen	PPC/A/1186430	2025 SPRI Return NIC 2820 v2.xlsx
Westfield Energy Recovery Facility, Fife	PPC/A/1181922	2025 SPRI Return NIC 2784 v3.xlsx
South Clyde Energy Centre, North Cardonald	PPC/A/1168354	2025 SPRI Return NIC 2742 v0.xlsx
Earls Gate Energy Centre, Grangemouth	PPC/A/1157446	2025 SPRI Return NIC 2730 v3

Site	Permit	Document name
Millerhill Recycling & Energy Recovery Centre	PPC/A/1136072	2025 SPRI Return NIC 2651 v0
LREL - Levenseat, By Forth, Lanark	PPC/A/1150156	2025 SPRI Return NIC 2647 v2
Dunbar ERF , Dunbar	PPC/A/1032878	2025 SPRI Return NIC 2618 v0 RR
Glasgow Recycling & Renewable Energy Centre	PPC/A/1110002	2025 SPRI Return NIC 2575 v0
RWE Markinch Limited, Glenrothes	PPC/A/1096556	2025 SPRI Return NIC 2509 v0
Lerwick Energy Recovery Plant, Shetland	PPC/A/1003141	2025 SPRI Return NIC 155 v3
MVV Baldovie Incinerator, Dundee	PPC/A/1003157	2025 SPRI Return NIC 46 v2

Disclaimer: This data is currently subject to an ongoing verification and quality assurance process. While the dataset has undergone an initial stage of validation, further checks are still being carried out and, as a result, the figures may be subject to amendment. Although initial validation procedures are applied when the data is first processed, additional issues can be identified during the verification stage. In addition, SEPA may contact the operator during verification to discuss and check the reasons for any significant changes in emissions, which can lead to resubmissions by the operator. These issues may affect the interpretation of the data and may require correction prior to final publication. For this reason, the data provided at this stage should be considered provisional.

The final, fully verified dataset will be published in November, as indicated on the forthcoming Scottish Government publications schedule.

Please note:

- Personal data has been redacted in line with Regulation 11(2) of the EIRs.
- The spreadsheets contain all requested fields; additional information can be found in the Advice and assistance section below.
- The Activity Code for all sites is 5(b).

Data Reuse: This data is licenced under the current Open Government Licence:
www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/doc/open-government-licence/version/3/

Advice and assistance

Word/ Acronym	Meaning
NIC	National Identity Code: the unique identifier for SPRI facilities
Facility Name	SPRI Facility Name
Activity Code	This identifies the main activity carried out at the facility
SPRI Year	Dataset year: 2025
Pollutant Name	Name used in SPRI for the pollutant. See SPRI Schedule for more detail.
Medium	Medium the pollutant was released to (air, water or wastewater)
Measurement Type	How was the data derived? Measured, calculated or estimated.
Method Description	Standard text which explains the method used to derive the data
Total Release	Total amount of pollutant released to the specified medium in the specified year.

Word/ Acronym	Meaning
Threshold	SPRI reporting threshold for the pollutant. See SPRI Schedule for more detail.
Qualification	Explain differences between 2025 and 2024 data
ART	Above Reporting Threshold
BRT	Below Reporting Threshold
NE	Not Emitted
M	Measured
C	Calculated
E	Estimated

The Scottish Pollutant Release Inventory (SPRI) for 2025 is due for publication later in 2026. It will be linked to on our SPRI Publication webpage here:

beta.sepa.scot/topics/environmental-data-and-reporting/spri/spri-publications/

Further information regarding the regulations and any exceptions applied to this information can be found below.

Application of Regulations and Exceptions

Section 39(2)

The information you are requesting is environmental information. We have applied Section 39(2) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA). We are therefore handling your request under the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (EIRs).

Regulation 9 – Advice and assistance

As we have issued additional information, advice, or assistance we have applied Regulation 9(1) of the EIRs, the text of which is reproduced below.

9(1) A Scottish public authority shall provide advice and assistance, so far as it would be reasonable to expect the authority to do so, to applicants and prospective applicants.

Regulation 11(2) – Personal data

Personal data relating to SEPA staff and private individuals has been redacted from the released documents in accordance with Regulation 11(2) of the EIRs and Data Protection Principles.

We have not withheld complete documents which contain such personal data and have released all other information within the document.

Clarification

Requested Information

I write to request the 2025 Scottish Pollutant Release Inventory (SPRI) pollutant entries for all Energy from Waste incinerators in Scotland, e.g. for:

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Clarification Requested

Please can you clarify if you wish to receive data for all Energy from Waste incinerators in Scotland or only for the 9 examples listed

Clarification Received

I am asking for all Scottish incinerators, including any that are not listed in my original request

What to expect when making a Request for Information

Each request for information, under The Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 or the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, is formally logged by the authority. The request falls within a process that has two internal stages carried out by the authority; a right of appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner followed by an appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

- Stage 1 – Request for information
- Stage 2 – Formal Review
- Stage 3 – Appeal for decision by Scottish Information Commissioner (OSIC)
- Stage 4 – Appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

Each enquiry will have a unique Reference Number which should be quoted when you contact us.

How you will be kept informed

You will receive an acknowledgement for your request and Formal Review. We aim to reply to all enquiries promptly, within 20 working days. You will receive a response along with the requested information and/or an explanation regarding any withheld information. We may also contact you if we require clarification or if we are issuing a fees notice.

What happens once your enquiry has been responded to?

If you are not happy with the response or have failed to receive a response, you have the right to request a Formal Review from SEPA.

Guidance on your rights and how to ask for a review is on the Scottish Information Commissioner's website; www.foi.scot/asking-for-a-review

We will ensure that all personal data is processed, recorded and retained in accordance with the requirements of the Data Protection Act 2018 throughout the handling of each request. You have a right to see information about yourself via submitting a Subject Access Request under the Data Protection Act 2018.

What to do if you are not happy with how your enquiry and review were handled

If you are unsatisfied with our Formal Review response or have failed to receive a response, you can then appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner via the links below.

www.foi.scot/appeal

www.foi.scot/contact-us

Should you wish to appeal against the Scottish Information Commissioner's decision, you have the right to appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only. Any such appeal must be made within 42 days after the date of intimation of the decision.