

REFERENCE

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SUBJECT

River Faughan Water Quality

REQUEST

Information about water quality monitoring for the number of days NI Water recorded “hazing” in the River Faughan between April and October in both 2019 and 2020.

RESPONSE

Having consulted with colleagues, NI Water is unfamiliar with the term “hazing” in this context. However, we are replying on the understanding that “hazen” is the intended term, a term referring to monitoring “Colour” in raw water at intake points. NI Water does monitor for Colour at the raw water inlet of Faughan River at the intake of Carmoney Water Treatment Works. It is monitored for once a week throughout the year, i.e. 52 days a year in general.

During the timeframes requested, the numbers of days it was recorded were:

- 26 times in 2019 between April and October
- 27 times in 2020 between April and October.

The Northern Ireland Environment Agency (NIEA) also monitors river water quality for multiple parameters in all Water Framework Directive (WFD) designated rivers, including Faughan, and would be the best agency to approach for wider water quality data. They do not monitor for Colour but do for many other things. You may have this data already but if not, the best contact address for this is WaterInfo@daera-ni.gov.uk.