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**Ref.                      Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2022/1989**

Dear Ms Izuzquiza,

We refer to your e-mail of 4 April 2022 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 4 April 2022 under the above mentioned reference number.

You request ‘all documents regarding the European Commission’s Consultation Strategy for the Impact Assessment on the revision of the lists of pollutants affecting surface and groundwaters and the corresponding regulatory standards in the Environmental Quality Standards, Groundwater and Water Framework Directives’.

The requested documents can be found in the [public library available on the circabc website](#), (the dedicated section on "*Implementing the Water Framework Directive and the Floods Directive*") in the subfolders for the relevant working groups under the Common Implementation Strategy. The meeting minutes include the lists of attendees. For the two stakeholder workshops that have been held, the required information can be found [here](#). For what concerns documents regarding other relevant consultation activities conducted (in particular the Fitness Check of the water legislation), you may find them [here](#). I also attach the detailed results of the public and targeted consultations on the possible revision of the legislation. Please note that our consultants are in the process of gathering and assessing any additional individual inputs, which will be published on the above website.

With regard to the documents containing personal data, a complete disclosure of the identified documents is prevented by the exception concerning the protection of privacy and the integrity of the individual outlined in Article 4(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, because they contain the names/initials and contact details of natural persons.

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Consequently, I conclude that, pursuant to Article 4(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, access cannot be granted to the personal data contained in the requested documents, as the need to obtain access thereto for a purpose in the public interest has not been substantiated and there is no reason to think that the legitimate interests of the individuals concerned would not be prejudiced by disclosure of the personal data concerned.

In case you would disagree with this position, you are entitled, in accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, to submit a confirmatory application requesting the Commission to review this position.

Such a confirmatory application should be addressed within 15 working days upon receipt of this letter to the Secretariat-General of the Commission at the following address:

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Unit C.1. 'Transparency, Document Management and Access to Documents'  
BERL 7/076  
B-1049 Brussels, or by email to: sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu

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Yours sincerely,

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Annexes (2)