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Dear requester

Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information which was received by NESO on 15 January 2026. Your request has been considered under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR).

Request

You asked us:

Specifically, I request information on a per month basis from January 2020 to December 2025 (or the earliest/latest available data within this period) concerning:

- 1. The amount of wind energy 'curtailed', where wind farms are told to stop producing energy, in whichever measure this is recorded.*
- 2. The amount of wind energy 'curtailed' per wind farm during this period, broken down by wind farm.*
- 3. The amount of solar energy curtailed.*
- 4. The amount of nuclear energy curtailed.*

Our response

We provided an initial response on 12 February 2026 confirming that we held information in scope of your request and providing datasets for the following parts of your request:

1. Volume of wind curtailed from January 2020 to December 2025
3. Volume of solar curtailed from January 2023 to December 2025
4. Volume of nuclear curtailed from January 2023 to December 2025

We are now able to provide the remaining data for part 2 of your request. Please find the following datasets attached with the response:

- Wind volumes by Balancing Mechanism Unit 2020 and 2021
- Wind volumes by Balancing Mechanism Unit 2022 and 2023
- Wind volumes by Balancing Mechanism Unit 2024 and 2025

Balancing Mechanism Units are used as units of trade within the Balancing Mechanism. Each BM Unit accounts for a collection of plant and/or apparatus. The Balancing Mechanism (BM) is the NESO's primary tool to balance supply and demand on GB's network: [What is the Balancing Mechanism? | National Energy System Operator](#).

We apologise for the delay in responding to this part of your request and thank you for your patience in this matter. We are dealing with a high volume of requests at the current time. We do aim to respond promptly and are expanding the Information Rights Team in order to improve capacity and response time.

This concludes our response to your request.

Next steps

If you are dissatisfied with our handling of your request, you can ask us to review our response. If you want us to carry out a review, please let us know within 40 working days and quote the reference number at the top of this letter. You can find our procedure here: [Freedom of Information and Environmental Information Regulations | National Energy System Operator](#). The ICO's website also provides guidance on the internal review process: [What to do if you are dissatisfied with the response | ICO](#).

If you are still dissatisfied after our internal review, you can complain to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). You should make complaints to the ICO within six weeks of receiving the outcome of an internal review. The easiest way to lodge a complaint is through their website: www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints. Alternatively, they can be contacted at: Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, SK9 5AF.

Thank you for your interest in the work of the National Energy System Operator (NESO).

Regards,

The Information Rights Team, National Energy System Operator (NESO)