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Dear [redacted],

Thank you for your request for environmental information. We appreciate your interest, and we want to let you know that your request has been carefully considered in accordance with the Environmental Information Regulations (EIR).

Your request:

I request the following:
Copies of the most recent analytical test results held by United Utilities for PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances) in sewage sludge or biosolids produced at any of your wastewater treatment works, together with the date and location (works) of testing.
If no such test results are held, please confirm that no PFAS testing of sludge or biosolids is held by United Utilities. If the request is unclear or too burdensome, please contact me to refine it rather than refusing (regulation 9 EIR).

Our response:

United Utilities' current position on PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances) in bioresources can be found on our corporate website at the link below:
PFAS - Bioresources | United Utilities - Corporate
https://www.unitedutilities.com/corporate/responsibility/environment/pfas/bioresources/
United Utilities is currently undertaking projects to enhance our monitoring and understanding of PFAS within sewage sludge and biosolids. As this work is ongoing and the data has not yet been finalised, we are unable to disclose the associated analytical results at this time. This information is therefore being withheld under Regulation 12(4)(d) of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004, which applies to material that is still in the course of completion.
We are also participating in the Chemical Investigation Programme (CIP4), a collaborative research programme involving UK water companies and the Environment Agency. One of the areas being investigated through CIP4 is the presence of PFAS in sludge and biosolids. Information about the programme, including published studies, reports and data from completed investigations, is available at the following link:
Water Chemicals Investigation Programme (CIP)
https://ukwir.org/water-chemicals-investigation-programme

We hope that this response answers your request. However, if you're not satisfied with how we've handled it, you can request an internal review. To do this, please write to us at Environmental Information Office, Haweswater House, Lingley Mere, Warrington, WA5 3LP or email us at

EIRRequests@uuplc.co.uk, addressing your request to [redacted], and explaining why you're unhappy with our response. We'll be very happy to review your request and ensure we've done everything we can to assist you.

Any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this response, and we will reply within 40 working days from receipt of the request for internal review.

Many thanks