

From: EIR Compliance

To:

Subject: 20250714 – EIR – Data Supplied

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Dear

We refer to your request for information submitted to Yorkshire Water dated 4 June 2025:

“Do you routinely check for asbestos fibres in water that flows through your water pipes?”

After an asbestos cement water main ruptures or breaks, are any tests conducted to ensure the water is free of asbestos fibres?”

Please find attached the data which you have requested. Included with this email is our response to your questions.

Do you routinely check for asbestos fibres in water that flows through your water pipes?

We do not carry out any testing for asbestos fibres in water. This is because the health risk for asbestos is through inhalation not ingestion. Drinking water that has been transported through an asbestos cement main is not a health concern. Our approach on this matter is based upon guidance from World Health Organisation (WHO), and entirely consistent with the expectations of our regulatory in England and Wales – the Drinking Water Inspectorate.

After an asbestos cement water main ruptures or breaks, are any tests conducted to ensure the water is free of asbestos fibres?

The risk with this material is through breathing in fibres and so we do take precautions for the safety of our teams when carrying out repairs, WHO guidance is that the inhalation risk is negligible.

We trust that the provision of this data satisfies your request. In accordance with the Environmental Information Regulations 2004, if you are not satisfied with this reply to your request you can ask for an internal review. A request for an internal review must be submitted within 40 working days by contacting the Data Protection Team.

Thank you for contacting Yorkshire Water.

Yours sincerely,

Data Protection Team

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