

**From:** EIR Compliance

**To:**

**Subject:** 20260731- EIR – Data Supplied

**Date:** 31 July 2026 11:26:00

Reference Number: **EIR**

Dear

I refer to your request for information submitted to Yorkshire Water dated 3 July for information regarding:

*"I am requesting environmental information held by Yorkshire Water in its capacity as a sewerage undertaker concerning PFAS, PFOS or PFOA in landfill leachate and the acceptance, restriction, monitoring or refusal of landfill leachate at sewage treatment works or wastewater treatment works.*

*Please provide the following information created, received or held between 1 January 2023 and the date of this request:*

- 1. Any current policy, guidance, acceptance criteria, standard operating procedure, briefing, risk assessment or internal position concerning PFAS, PFOS or PFOA in landfill leachate.*
- 2. Any documents setting current or proposed limits, screening levels, monitoring requirements, acceptance criteria, restrictions, suspensions or refusals for landfill leachate because of PFAS, PFOS or PFOA.*
- 3. A list of landfill sites or landfill operators whose leachate acceptance arrangements have been restricted, suspended, refused, reduced, reviewed or proposed for change because of PFAS, PFOS or PFOA in leachate.*

*For each site or operator identified in response to point 3, please provide, where held:*

- site name;*
- operator name;*

- *sewage treatment works or wastewater treatment works receiving, or previously receiving, the leachate;*
  - *whether the affected route is direct discharge to sewer, tankered leachate to a sewage/wastewater treatment works, direct discharge to a sewage/wastewater treatment works, on-site treatment, or another route;*
    - *the date the issue was first recorded;*
    - *the current status of the acceptance arrangement.*
4. *Any correspondence or meeting records between [Water company] and the Environment Agency concerning restrictions, suspensions, refusals, limits, monitoring requirements or acceptance criteria for landfill leachate because of PFAS, PFOS or PFOA."*

Please find attached the data which you have requested.

**1. Any current policy, guidance, acceptance criteria, standard operating procedure, briefing, risk assessment or internal position concerning PFAS, PFOS or PFOA in landfill leachate.**

Please see the attached link that is readily available in the public domain [PFAS \(forever\) chemicals](#), this covers the wider company position for PFAS, PFOS & PFOA.

The data protection team have conversed with the business and have established there is no specific policy, guidance, acceptance criteria, SOP, or risk assessment in place at this time. As such for the purposes of paragraph 12(4) a public authority may refuse to disclose information to the extent that (a) it does not hold that information when an applicant's request is received.

**2. Any documents setting current or proposed limits, screening levels, monitoring requirements, acceptance criteria, restrictions, suspensions or refusals for landfill leachate because of PFAS, PFOS or PFOA.**

Yorkshire Water operates in accordance with the Environment Agency's Regulatory Position Statement *Waste containing POPs at wastewater treatment works* (RPS 357) and applies the limits and requirements set out within that document. The Regulatory Position Statement is publicly available at: [Waste containing POPs at wastewater treatment works: RPS 357 – GOV.UK](#). We routinely monitor landfill leachate received at its wastewater treatment works through sampling for PFOS and PFOA.

The data protection team have conversed with the business and have established we do not hold any further documents for non-household customer legally discharging trade effluent to public sewer. As such for the purposes of paragraph 12(4) a public authority may refuse to disclose information to the extent that (a) it does not hold that information when an applicant's request is received.

**3. A list of landfill sites or landfill operators whose leachate acceptance arrangements have been restricted, suspended, refused, reduced, reviewed or proposed for change because of PFAS, PFOS or PFOA in leachate.**

The data protection team have conversed with the business and have established our monitoring has not shown results which have exceeded the limits outlined in the POPS RPS to require this action. As such for the purposes of paragraph 12(4) a public authority may refuse to disclose information to the extent that (a) it does not hold that information when an applicant's request is received.

**4. Any correspondence or meeting records between [Water company] and the Environment Agency concerning restrictions, suspensions, refusals, limits, monitoring requirements or acceptance criteria for landfill leachate because of PFAS, PFOS or PFOA."**

The data protection team have conversed with the business and have established we do not hold the requested data. As such for the purposes of paragraph 12(4) a public authority may refuse to disclose information to the

extent that (a) it does not hold that information when an applicant's request is received.

I 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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