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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for reaching out with 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

Report on the findings from tests (soil and air monitoring, water sampling if available also) carried out by yourselves in Spodden Valley and areas around Turner Brothers former asbestos factory (Rochdale), in (or close to) January 2013.

- *Any tests carried out subsequently.*
- *Any risk assessment reports pertaining to this site.*
- *Any information on future test dates.*

Our response

I have spoken with a number of teams within the wider business; however, none of them have been able to locate the findings of the testing that you refer to being carried out in 2013.

For context, by law companies are only required to hold documents such as these for 6 years. As we are outside of this retention period, and unable to locate the information that you have asked for, I'm afraid that we are unable to provide you with a copy of the sample results.

In terms of any subsequent tests, risk assessment reports and information on future test dates, I have also checked our Operations Management System (OMS), which we use to track sample results; however, I cannot locate any other sample results, or other references, for the area mentioned in your request.

For clarity this approach is in line with Regulation 12(4)(a) of the EIR which states that a public authority may refuse to disclose information to the extent that it does not hold the information when an applicant's request is received.

We are disappointed that we are unable to provide this information, although we hope that this response explains why this is the case. However, if you are not satisfied with how we have handled your request, 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

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We'd love to hear your feedback on how we handled your request! If you have a moment, please complete our short survey [here](#) – your input helps us improve our service.