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Dear [REDACTED]

EIR Reference: EIR/ID/531

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

Under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004, please provide the following:

- a. Any documents (including extant permits) regulating the management, treatment, or disposal of leachate from landfill sites at Davyhulme
- b. A record of all landfill leachate received by tanker under waste code 19 07 02 or 19 07 03 at Davyhulme in the last three years. Please include details of the date of delivery, the source of the waste, the volume of waste delivered, and any authorisation documents;
- c. Of the accepted waste deliveries listed above, please indicate which of these were classified as hazardous by the landfill operator prior to delivery; and
- d. A record of any known testing (including a description of the type of testing) undertaken by either the landfill operator or STW/WWTW, at the landfill leachate source, during delivery or at Davyhulme prior to accepting product and prior to discharge to the sewerage network. If undertaken, please provide a copy of the results of that testing.

Our response

a. Regulation process

The permit which covers all leachate arriving from landfill sites is referenced "XP3233HP" and is attached. For further information, all our permits are also held on the EA website and can be accessed via this link [Search all public registers](#).

We are permitted under permit XP3233HP to accept landfill leachate categorised under both EWC codes 19 07 02 and 19 07 03. I can confirm that Davyhulme Wastewater Treatment Work does not receive any landfill leachate categorised under 19 07 02 (i.e. the hazardous leachate entry). All landfill leachate received at Davyhulme under permit XP3233HP is categorised as non-hazardous under EWC 19 07 03.

It is the waste producer's responsibility to assess its waste and assign the appropriate waste classification. For landfill leachates this is the responsibility of the landfill operator.

We have included a Waste Management Paper 3 assessment completed by the landfill operators. A copy of these has been provided for any landfill leachates that we are currently receiving at Davyhulme under permit XP3233HP. (please see Appendix A)

As part of UUW's procedures we ask for a "Waste Declaration form" to be completed that includes the process generating the waste and the EWC codes assigned to the waste. We have attached copies of these forms for each landfill leachate received at Davyhulme in the last three year period. (please see Appendix B 2022, 2023 and 2024).

b. records of landfill received

I can confirm we do not receive any volume of landfill leachate that is categorised as hazardous EWC 19 07 02.

We do receive tankered waste under EWC 19 07 03 and have provided a record of all landfill leachate received at Davyhulme for three years, covering the period April 2022 to March 2025. This includes the source of the waste and the volume of the waste broken down by financial year. We have provided this information as a summary by month and by individual landfill operator (see appendix C).

c. hazardous waste

As set out in response to point B, above, we do not receive any hazardous landfill leachate categorised under EWC 19 07 02.

d. Testing

We do not hold records of the testing that is undertaken by the landfill operators on its sites. However, the landfill operators provide details of testing they undertake at source and outline this on their Waste Declaration forms, copies of these are provided (in appendix B). Prior to transport, landfill operators notify UUW that a tanker will be arriving at Davyhulme WwTW. The testing undertaken by UUW at Davyhulme prior to accepting and prior to discharge is focused on validation testing. This is part of our procedure where we assess that the tanker load arriving at site is in line with the waste described and booked in by the customer. In the case of landfill leachates this would be a check that accompanying paperwork is in line with the waste booking and validation checks on a sample taken from the tanker delivering the waste to site. These checks include a visual check of the sample (noting the colour and any separate phases), a record of any odour associated with the waste and a measure of the pH of the sample. These checks are conducted by the Waste Controllers or other trained members of UUW's Bioprocessing team and are completed on all landfill leachate tanker deliveries, prior to the tanker offloading and discharging to Davyhulme WwTW. Tankers that fail these checks are rejected and the tankers are not allowed to discharge their load to the works. The waste controllers take physical (paper) records of the inspections that they make. In an average year this will involve approximately 2,000 tankers from landfill operators and many more equivalent forms from other operators. We have provided an example of some waste receipt notes (see Appendix D). These show that the visual check, odour and pH are recorded, with the pH values that each sample is being checked for being set out within the Excel table provided in (Appendix C). Note: this electronic receipt note has a default that states "no analysis" this is because the system does not allow information to be added into the field and so the measured parameters are actually added into the comments section instead.

We hope that this response answers the points that you have raised. 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] [REDACTED] [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.

Kind regards