

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:

Under the Environmental Information Regulations (EIR) 2004, I am requesting the following information regarding the water supply for Penwortham, Lancashire (postcode area PR1):

- The most recent sampling results (from the last 12-24 months) for PFOS (perfluorooctanesulfonic acid) and PFOA (perfluorooctanoic acid) for the water supply zone serving this area.
- The specific "Tier" classification (Tier 1, 2, or 3) assigned to the water treatment works supplying this zone, as per current DWI guidance.
- Any recorded instances within the last two years where PFAS levels in this zone exceeded the 0.01 µg/l (10 ng/l) reporting threshold.

Our response:

We publish detailed information about PFAS and our monitoring practices on our website [PFAS - Drinking Water | United Utilities - Corporate](#).

With specific regard to the requested data, we have enclosed a copy of our final water PFAS data in Appendix 1. This dataset covers the last 24 months, and contains the following information:

- The date a sample was taken
- Monitoring point ID
- PFAS parameter code
- Qualifier (whether a result is greater than or less than the limit of detection)
- Sample result

We can confirm that we have had no detections of PFAS above Tier 1 in drinking water supplied to your area. Tier 1 is the lowest tier set by the Drinking Water Inspectorate, and this is where results are less than 0.01 micrograms per litre. As such, this means that the three water treatment works which supply your home with water are in Tier 1.

Should we receive any elevated PFAS results; we carry out investigations and increase monitoring. We keep the DWI and the relevant health authorities up to date on the results and there are options available to us for example, removing a source from supply, additional treatment using granular



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activated carbon, or carrying out controlled blending to minimise any concentration.

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



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.