

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

In relation to PFAS compounds in drinking water (both source water and final treated tap water), please can you send me all sampling results gained over the last six years (2020-present), whether the sampling was undertaken by a water company, a consultant, a government agency or other.

In a spreadsheet, please could you tell me the location of the sample (ideally lat long), date of sample, PFAS results, unit of measurement, whether the water was surface water or groundwater, the name of the water body, the org that undertook the sampling, the water company or other organisation that manages the water that was sampled.

Our response

Please note that PFAS data for years 2021-2025 is publicly available on our [Environmental Information Disclosure Log | United Utilities - Corporate](#) under reference EIR-578. As such, I have provided you with the additional data to fulfil your request in Appendix 1, which covers the period 18 November 2025 to 30 July 2026. This is split into three tabs, which are as follows:

- First tab – raw water monitoring data, including the sample date and time, type of PFAS compound, qualifier, result and unit, the monitoring point ID (MPID) and whether the source water is surface or ground water.
- Second tab – final water monitoring points including the sample date and time, type of PFAS compound, qualifier, result and unit, and the monitoring point ID (MPID).
- Third tab – a copy of the site type for the data published as part of the response to EIR-578.

For awareness, we do not hold any PFAS data prior to 2021 and as such are therefore unable to provide this, in line with Regulation 12(4)(a) of the EIR.

For information, from April 2023 onwards, all PFAS samples have been taken by a United Utilities Water Quality Officer and analysis undertaken by our internal UKAS accredited laboratory in line with the requirements of the Drinking Water Inspectorate. This included the analysis of 47 PFAS determinands during 2023 and 2024 and extending to the 48 PFAS determinands from 1 January 2025. Prior to April 2023, PFAS analysis was outsourced to a third-party laboratory.



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Whilst you have requested the sample location and name of the water body, this information is considered sensitive and falls under Critical National Infrastructure (CNI). Having reviewed the guidance from DEFRA and sought views from the Drinking Water Inspectorate (DWI) we are unfortunately unable to provide the sample locations and water body names, in line with Regulation 12(5)(a) of the EIR.

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

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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.