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Dear [Redacted]

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: 2024 Report of the Chief Inspector of Drinking Water for England and Wales,35th Report)

Thank you for your request for information of 13 July 2025 about the 2024 Report of the Chief Inspector of Drinking Water for England and Wales,35th Report). We have handled your request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIRs).

The EIRs apply to requests for environmental information, which is a broad category of information defined in regulation 2 of the EIRs. Public authorities are required to handle requests for environmental information under the EIRs. They give similar access rights to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Your information request and our response are set out below.

Our request relates to the 2024 Report of the Chief Inspector of Drinking Water for England and Wales,35th Report. Table 35 of the report sets out the number of sites in England and Wales where PFAS was detected in Tier 2 concentrations for treated water.

1. *Can the DWI provide a similar table covering PFAS in raw water, split according to water company.*
2. *If this is not possible for the entire data set, please provide for United Utilities only.*

We have been able to provide the raw water data split according to water company for both England and Wales in the table below. The number of sites is not available on this raw water table.

Company	Count of Raw water Sample Results in Tier 2
Affinity Water Ltd	845
Anglian Water Services Ltd	462
Bristol Water Plc	42
Cambridge Water Company Plc	175
Dwr Cymru Welsh Water	6
Northumbrian Essex and Suffolk Water	5
Portsmouth Water Ltd	4
SES Water	9
Severn Trent Water Ltd	12
South East Water Ltd	43
South Staffordshire Water Plc	33
Southern Water Services Ltd	216
Thames Water Utilities Ltd	116
United Utilities Water Ltd	19
Veolia Water Projects Ltd	1
Wessex Water Services Ltd	33
Yorkshire Water Services Ltd	41

3. *Can a) the location and b) name of the affected United Utilities site in the above table [Table 35 of Drinking Water 2024 England Annual Report]*

The United Utilities site in Table 35 of the Drinking Water 2024 England Annual Report is Wickenhall WTW, Rochdale.

4. *Can DWI provide the PFAS analysis of the two samples in Tier 2 for the affected United Utilities site.*

Both samples were for perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) at 0.01 µg/l.

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We attach Annex A, explaining the copyright that applies to the information being released to you, and Annex B giving contact details should you be unhappy with the service you have received.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact us.

Yours sincerely

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Annex A

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