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Dear [Redacted]

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Drinking water at Brockworth, Gloucestershire

Thank you for your request for information of 3 November 2025 about drinking water at Brockworth, Gloucestershire. 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.

I am requesting information under the Environmental Information Regulations regarding the INVISTA (formerly DuPont) site in Brockworth, Gloucestershire, and any possible impact on local drinking-water sources.

Please provide copies of, or access to:

- 1. Any PFAS, PFOA, PFOS or other per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances monitoring results (raw or treated water) from drinking-water sources serving Brockworth and adjacent communities (within approximately 5 km of the site), submitted to or held by the DWI, from January 2020 to present.*

Brockworth is supplied by Strensham and Mythe treatment works. The data below is from operational samples taken by the water company, Severn Trent Water, between Jan 2020 and September 2025: Please note that the results for individual PFAS sample results show only Tier 1 levels in the treated water. There are no results that fall into Tiers 2 or 3, with only 4 sum of PFAS results in Tier 2 for that whole time period. Information on the tiering can be found in the PFAS guidance note on our website at:

https://dwi-production-files.s3.eu-west-2.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/24141825/DWI_PFAS-Guidance_Mar_2025.pdf

Treated water samples:

Parameter Name_Tier1	Tier2	Total
6:2 FTAB	13	13
PFBA	28	28
PFBS	28	28
PFecHS	1	1
PFHpA	3	3
PFHxA	29	29
PFMOPrA	1	1
PFOA	19	19
PFOS	6	6
PFPA	4	4
Sum_of_PFAS	10	4
		14

Raw water samples:

Parameter Name_Tier1	Tier2	Total
6:2 FTAB	15	1
PFBA	26	26
PFBS	34	34
PFecHS	1	1
PFHxA	27	27
PFOA	24	24
PFOS	10	10
PFPA	3	3
PFUnDS	1	1
PHFhxS	1	1
Sum_of_PFAS	8	10
		18

2. Any DWI correspondence, reports, or internal assessments referring specifically to PFAS or “forever chemicals” connected to Brockworth or the former INVISTA/DuPont site, within the same timeframe.

The DWI has issued the following AMP8 PFAS Strategy undertaking to Severn Trent Water which relates to water supply sites across the whole company, including Strensham and Mythe water treatment works which supply the Brockworth area:

<https://dwi.gov.uk/water-companies/improvement-programmes/severn-trent-water-improvement-programmes/svt-2023-00014/>

Please note regarding the links provided, as the information you have requested is already publicly available and easily accessible to you in another form or format, regulation 6(1)(b) of the EIRs exempts Defra from providing a copy of the information with this response to your request.

We do not hold any information relating to the former INVISTA/DuPont site.

The information is therefore exempt under regulation 12(4)(a) of the EIRs, which relates to information which is not held at the time when an applicant's request is received. Regulation 12(4)(a) is a qualified exception, which usually means that a public authority is required to conduct a public interest test to determine whether or not information should be disclosed or withheld. However, the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO), which is the independent regulator for requests made under the EIRs, takes the view that a public interest test in cases where the information is not held would serve no useful purpose. Therefore, in line with the ICO's view, Defra has not conducted a public interest test in this case.

However, under our duty to advise and assist applicants in pursuance of regulation 9, we can confirm that information relating to licencing of the Du Pont site may be held by the Environment Agency, which can be contacted at enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk

Information disclosed in response to this EIRs request is releasable to the public. In keeping with the spirit and effect of the EIRs and the government's Transparency Agenda, this letter and the information disclosed to you may be placed on [GOV.UK](#), together with any related information that will provide a key to its wider context. No information identifying you will be placed on the GOV.UK website.

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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If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, section 50 of the FOIA and regulation 18 of the EIRs gives you the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision. Please note that generally the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have first exhausted Defra's own complaints procedure.

The ICO can be contacted using the following link:

<https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/official-information-concerns-report/official-information-concern/>