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Welsh quarries: 'No immediate health hazard'

By John Hunt.

THERE IS no immediate health hazard from chemical waste escaping from two quarries, Maendy and Brofiscun, Glamorgan, Mr. Peter Thomas, Welsh Secretary, assured the Commons yesterday.

Nevertheless, the matter was being kept under continuous scrutiny. It had been under review for some years and there was a continuing programme of investigation and monitoring.

"On the basis of an extensive series of tests, the best advice available to me is that there is no evidence to suggest any immediate public health hazard from the situation in these quarries," he said.

There was no danger of contamination of public water supplies and the evidence did not indicate any immediate hazard to food. He had just received a report of tests taken from four local farms and these showed that milk samples were free from poly-chlorinated biphenyls.

"I recognise that there is public concern in this matter and investigations will continue into all aspects of it," he promised.

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