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Dear Leana,

CAS-243810-Z0G6

I am writing in respect of your request, received 30 November 2023, for information under the provisions of the Environmental Information Regulation (EIR) (2004).

You requested NRW to provide you with;

We would like to submit an FOI/EIR to Natural Resources Wales on the topic of use, pollution, regulation, and restriction of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), including F2 or fluorine gases, such as HFC's.

– all documents related to physical, telephone or video communications and meetings (including diary entries, notes, minutes, correspondence produced before and after the communications and meetings) between Natural Resources Wales (including Senior Board, Executive and Leadership team, and senior officials) and the organisations listed since January 2023 to the present date.

<i>Major companies:</i>	<i>National trade associations</i>
<i>AGC</i>	<i>Chemical Industries Association</i>
<i>F2</i>	<i>British Coatings Federation</i>
<i>Koura</i>	<i>European Fluorocarbons Technical Committee /</i>
<i>Dupont</i>	<i>Cefic Sector Group</i>
<i>3M</i>	<i>Plastics Europe</i>
<i>Chemours</i>	<i>FluoroCouncil</i>
<i>Honeywell</i>	<i>Chemical Business Association</i>
<i>Solvay</i>	<i>Fire Industry Association</i>

Our response;

- We attend the Chemical Industry Liaison Group meeting which is attended by the CIA, BCF and CBA alongside other regulators. At the last meeting held in March 2023 the disposal of firefighting foam was raised by SEPA, see attached minutes 'Minutes of the CILG Meeting 14 March 23'.
- We also had some direct contact with the CIA on this topic area.
 - There's some information related to FGas in the presentation attached '220623 NRW CIA meeting'.

- We followed up with some general FGas information email attached ' FGas information' attachment '180328f-gas operator annex_qus (002)'.
- Notes for the Spring CIA cell meeting attached and there is some reference to firefighting foams 'NRW update notes for your South Wales responsible care cell meeting in Newport'.

Please note we have redacted third party personal data. It is the view of Natural Resources Wales that disclosure of personal data would contravene the General Data Protection Regulation (2018) and is exempt from disclosure under regulation 13 of the Environmental Information Regulation (2004).

I hope you find this information useful, however, if you are dissatisfied with our response you are entitled to pursue this matter through our appeals procedure, a copy of which is below

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sera Jones', written in a cursive style.

Sera Jones
Senior Access to Information Officer

Rights of appeal

If you are not satisfied with our response to your request, you can contact us to ask for our decision to be reviewed, please write to:

Miriam Jones
Team Leader, Customer Hub
Natural Resources Wales,
Ty Cambria, 29 Newport Road, Cardiff CF24 0TP
[REDACTED]@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk

If you wish to exercise your right to an internal review you should contact us within 40 working days from the date of our response to your request.

We will acknowledge the complaint and notify you of the date by which we will be in touch, with the outcome.

If you are still not satisfied following this, you can make an appeal to the Information Commissioner, who is the statutory regulator for Freedom of Information. The address is:
Office of the Information Commissioner,
Wycliffe House, Water Lane,
Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF
Tel: 0303 123 113
Fax: 01625 524 510
E-mail: [REDACTED]@ico.org.uk
Website: <http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk>