Dear,

**ATISN 13894**

Thank you for your request which I received on 31 March concerning land contamination information. Specifically you requested:

1. A copy of the feedback report, provided by Wrexham CC, relating to groundwater monitoring at the Llwyneinion Complex.
2. Copies of internal correspondence relating to the assessments of the Llwyneinion Complex.
3. Information which shows the presence or not of acid tar at the Llwyneinion Complex.
4. Copies of information concerning site investigation or remediation of ‘sites where Monsanto-originated PCB is known to have been deposited’ since 2000.

I have decided that the information described in your correspondence is exempt from disclosure under regulation 12(4)(b) ‘manifestly unreasonable’, exception of the Environmental Information Regulations and is therefore withheld. The reasons for applying this exemption is outlined below;

The information requested involves a subject matter that is complex in nature. Some of the information that may be held is likely to require the analysis and interpretation of technical and scientifically complex reports in order to extract the specific information requested. For example, that relating to PCB and acid tar compounds. As well as being complex in nature this element may also contribute towards making the information requested within your correspondence excessively voluminous in nature.

Your request would require a review of 20 years of information. In order to ascertain what, if any, information we may hold we would need to search through a significant number of paper files as well as electronic files, as electronic files have only been the formal record for some of that time period. This aspect combined with the broad nature of your enquiry is

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likely to contribute significantly towards the time it will take to locate and review any information which we may hold.

On the basis of the explanation outlined above your information request is therefore considered to satisfy the description of being ‘manifestly unreasonable’, and, as such, we are not required to comply with your request.

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government’s handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government’s Freedom of Information Officer at:

Information Rights Unit,
Welsh Government,
Cathays Park,
Cardiff,
CF10 3NQ

or Email: Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner’s Office,
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow,
Cheshire,
SK9 5AF.

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely