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From: EIR
Sent: 11 February 2026 11:40
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]

Dear Requester

Thank you for your request for information about PFAS in solar panels, which we received on 18 January 2026. Your request has been considered under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR).

You requested:

1. Copies of results for PFAS in water supplied in the Anglian Water Region, particularly for Lincolnshire
2. A copy of the risk assessment for water supplies in Lincolnshire
3. Revised risk assessment for PFAS and other potential pollutants following the proposed development of Solar and BESS in Lincolnshire

EIR Response: Partial Provision and invitation to clarify

Please find attached:

- 3533 Data for Cust via EIR.xlsx

Item 1 is held by Anglian Water and has been provided as an attachment.

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Item 2 is not provided as we need clarity.

Please can you be more specific as to which part of the supply system you require information on. The request is formulated in too general a manner, Anglian Water have dozens of risk assessments for each aspect of our water production and distribution system, from source to tap, and for a long list of parameters. To compile and supply all this information for Lincolnshire would take a lot of time.

Once you provide the further information requested, Anglian Water can consider your request under the EIR. The 20 working day time limit for responding to the request will start on the next working day after we receive a refined request from you, so long as it is clear what information you are seeking. If you do not provide the requested clarification within 2 months of this email, your case will be closed.

Item 3 is held by Anglian Water and has been provided below.

Anglian Water follows guidance from external technical experts, and requirements outlined in the Drinking Water Inspectorate's (DWI) Information Letters, regarding key PFAS hazards to consider as part of our groundwater source risk assessments to comply with Regulation 27 of the Water Supply (Water Quality) Regulations 2016. We do not currently consider appropriately designed solar developments to pose a significant risk to drinking water supplies during normal operation, either from PFAS or other associated potential pollutants. These risk assessments are

dynamic, and should any substantiated evidence arise to suggest that these systems pose a risk to groundwater sources under normal operation, we will review and update our risk assessments accordingly.

Anglian Water does not currently foresee a notable quality risk to groundwater abstracted for public drinking water supplies from appropriately designed and maintained BESS and solar systems. Anglian Water would expect appropriate technical assessments to be conducted by a developer, or their agent, to ascertain potential impacts on groundwater receptors from any such developments; especially where such developments are proposed within groundwater source protection zones. These assessments should be used to determine the suitability of the location(s) for such a development, and to inform the design of the development; including any mitigation measures which may be required to mitigate any identified contamination risk. The local geology and hydrogeology of an area, and particularly the vulnerability of an aquifer to contamination – i.e. the depth to the water table, and whether any low permeability deposits, such as clays, are present beneath the surface – should be considered as part of any such assessment. This would typically take the form of a Hydrogeological Impact Assessment (HIA). There should be no leakage from appropriately designed BESS systems, and appropriate containment for firefighting runoff should be designed into any BESS development to ensure there is no residual risk to controlled waters (groundwater and surface water) during their operating life. Pollution incidents arising from a solar and/or BESS development should be reported by the operator and would be managed accordingly by the Environment Agency as part of their regulatory duties, with appropriate measures taken if required to mitigate risks to drinking water supplies. We recommend contacting the Environment Agency directly to obtain their formal position as the environmental regulator.

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General Counsel, Anglian Water Services, Lancaster House, Lancaster Way, Ermine Business Park, Huntingdon PE29 6XU

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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If you have any queries about this email, please contact us via EIR@anglianwater.co.uk .

Yours sincerely

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