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Enquiries to: Information Compliance Officer

### **Environmental Information Regulations 2004**

Dear [REDACTED]

We are writing in respect of your application for the release of information held by the Service, which we received on 15 August 2022. We can confirm that we have now completed our search for the information requested.

#### **You asked:**

We would therefore like to request any records you have of major fires in your service area dating back to the 1950 when PFAS-based foams were first used.

#### **Our answer:**

Having completed a search of our records we have determined that there were no major incidents in which PFAS foam was used since 1 January 2008. We can confirm that there were 30 non major incidents in the period in which some foam was used but none of these specifically relate PFAS foam.

Records prior to this are not held by the Service and so we are technically refusing to provide them based on Regulation 12(4)(a) of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004. For us to rely on this we would ordinarily have to carry out a public interest test which would undoubtedly lead to being in favour of us providing the information. However, as we don't hold the information, we cannot perform a meaningful public interest test.

We can confirm that your request has been handled under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

Any future correspondence with Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service in relation to this matter should be sent to the Information Compliance Officer at the above address.

If for whatever reason you are unhappy with our response you may request an internal review by contacting [DP@hantsfire.gov.uk](mailto:DP@hantsfire.gov.uk) or by writing to the Information Compliance Team at the above address.

Should you remain dissatisfied you can appeal against the internal review decision by contacting the Information Commissioner, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

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