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Official Information Request No. 8140005571
(Please quote this in any correspondence)

Iain Rea

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Dear Iain

Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987

Re: Risks of legacy PFAS

Thank you for your email requesting information about per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS).

Please see our response below under each of your questions.

1. Please could you detail the status of any ongoing assessment of the risk to both human and wildlife from legacy PFAS containing firefighting foam used by the NZDF at Ngataranga Bay?

NZDF has completed its site-based investigations in Ngataranga Bay and provided these assessments to Auckland Council. Auckland Council are now working through the Ministry for the Environment - PFAS Investigation, Response and Funding Guidance (April 2019), to ascertain if any further actions should be undertaken by Auckland Council. No further action has been taken by the council at this time.

2. What assessment has been done or is being done to remediate any contamination?

Auckland Council is unaware of any remediation assessment that has been undertaken by NZDF, this is a question for NZDF. Auckland Council would not be responsible for undertaking or commissioning any remediation works should they be required.

3. Please could you detail the status of any ongoing assessment of the risk to both human and wildlife of legacy PFAS chemical dumping at the former closed Ngataranga Bay landfill?

Auckland Council is not aware of any historic disposal of PFAS products at the Ngataranga Bay landfill.

4. What action is being taken or has been taken to ensure that PFAS levels in industrial waste water, disposed as permitted by the NZDF into Council's wastewater system, is within permitted levels?

NZDF have a Trade Waste Agreement with controls in place to meet the Bylaw mass limits for PFOS and PFOA. NZDF discharge the wastewater at the appropriate rate to ensure the mass limit per day is not exceeded, or at their discretion they may have the wastewater tankered off-site to an appropriate waste treatment facility for further treatment.

If you have any further queries about your fourth query, please contact Leanne McKenzie at Watercare. She can be contacted at Leanne.Mckenzie@water.co.nz .

Should you believe Auckland Council has not responded appropriately to your request, you have the right by way of complaint, under section 27(3) of the LGOIMA, to apply to the Ombudsman to seek an investigation and review of the decision.

If you have any further queries please contact me on 09 301 0101 quoting Official Information Request No. 8140005571.

Yours sincerely

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