

27 August 2025

Dear

ATISN 25056 – the testing of animal carcasses for polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs)

Thank you for your request which was received on 7 August 2025. You have asked:

1. Whether data about elevated PCB levels in seal or porpoise is available for Wales. If so, you have requested its release.
2. Who made the decision not to test the fox carcass found beside the Ty Llwyd leachate stream for PAHs and PCBs, and does the Welsh Government still have the fox carcass.

The answers to your request are below, in point order.

1. Welsh Government do not hold this specific data you have requested. Welsh Government with the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs fund the Cetacean Strandings Investigation Programme, which is delivered by third parties and includes seal and porpoise autopsies where appropriate and necessary.
2. The decision and rationale taken by the Welsh Government's Wildlife Management Team for not testing the fox carcass further is already in the public domain by way of a response to a previous EIR request received under reference number [ATISN 20141](#). The carcass has been retained.

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