Our Ref:2610 PFOA Vishay
Your Ref:

VISHAY NEWPORT LIMITED,

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Date 07/10/26

Newport Semiconductor Plant

Dear Alex Wall,

The Disposal of Class B Firefighting Foams under Persistent Organic Pollutants Regulation 2019

Who we are

We are Natural Resources Wales (NRW). We monitor and enforce controls on certain chemicals in Wales - to protect the environment and human health through exposure to the environment. We are the enforcing authority in Wales for the UK Persistent Organic Pollutants Regulation, relating to controls on chemicals known as Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs).

Why we are contacting you

We are writing to as you had previously advised us that you store Class B firefighting foams containing PFOA (C8) via a stockpile notification form, under the Persistent Organic Pollutants Regulation 2019. The deadline for ceasing all use of these foams was **4 July 2025**.

The deadline for disposing of any remaining contaminated foam was the **4 July 2026**. Any unused foam should be disposed of to a high temperature incinerator to destroy the POPs content.

You should also be aware any fire-fighting foam containing PFHxS (C6) can no longer be used since **16 November 2023,** and stocks should have been disposed of to a high temperature incinerator by **16 November 2024**.

What you need to do

Please provide us with written confirmation that you have ceased use of these prohibited products and evidence that you have disposed of any remaining product in a legally compliant manner.

You must ensure that - any contractor you employ to remove the waste is registered as a waste carrier, and - the waste transfer or consignment note clearly indicates the presence of the PFOA chemical present.

If you have been unable to meet the deadline for disposal of the product, please provide:

- reasons for the failure to meet the deadline
- arrangements for ongoing secure storage
- a plan for achieving compliance, including evidence of arrangements you have made for the disposal
- likely date for achieving compliance.

Please can provide the requested information by the 02 November 2026.

Failure to comply with the requirements of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Regulation 2019 may result in regulatory action. If you are unable to demonstrate compliance, Natural Resources Wales may need to consider what further action is appropriate.

Further help

Further information on the use, storage, and disposal of POPs, including PFOA, can be found online at:

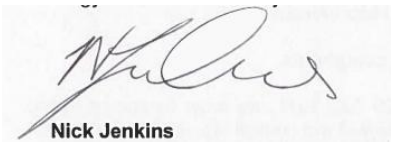
Persistent organic pollutants (POPs) - GOV.UK

Natural Resources Wales / Identify, classify and manage waste containing persistent organic pollutants (POPs)

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at chemicals@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely



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Correspondence in Welsh is welcomed, and we will respond in Welsh without it leading to a delay.