



Dear allotment holder,

In October we wrote to you to confirm that shallow soil sampling undertaken at Occupation Road Allotments by the Environment Agency had confirmed the presence of the chemical Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA).

The sampling forms part of an investigation launched by Wyre Council under Part 2A of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 to consider historic contamination to air from the former ICI site - now AGC Chemicals Europe Ltd at Hillhouse Technology Enterprise Zone - between the 1950s and 2012.

A questionnaire which seeks information about how you use your allotment and the type of produce you grow is available here:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=VUIjPQ_iBUKlpZZYpAKZmww7yS9XnxBPnOXyt7CeatFUOFVMWVdLRldMQ0xWRDQzUkVGMIgwMzI2RC4u

We would be grateful if you could complete this and return it to us no later than **10am on Monday, December 16**. You can also request a printed copy of the questionnaire by emailing multi.agency@wyre.gov.uk

Your response will be used to help inform a detailed assessment on the extent of contamination and the level of risk that this could pose to allotment holders.

Our thanks go to those who volunteered to provide produce for sampling following our earlier letter. We can confirm that the investigation team proposes to collect some produce from the site in the week commencing December 9. Please let us know what produce you have available and your plot number if you remain happy for this to be used. Of particular interest are root vegetables and leafy

green vegetables. In addition, if you wish to be present when produce is collected, please let us know and we will contact you when we have a date and time.

Further soil samples are likely to be taken from the site early in the New Year. This will provide more detailed information to the investigation team as part of its risk assessment.

Please accept our thanks again for your help with this process.

Yours sincerely,

Rebecca Huddleston

Chief Executive

Wyre Borough Council