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Afonydd Cymru has been made aware of potential concerns regarding PCB levels across Wales. These PCBs are associated with operating landfill and historic quarry sites at a number of locations. These discharges could impact the Usk, the Taff, the Ely and the Severn.

Afonydd Cymru is a small charitable organisation with limited resources. We do not have anyone within our organisation that has any expertise in PCBs. Similarly, the regional rivers trusts operating on these rivers also do not have this expertise. We are therefore unable to support any queries which arise in relation to PCBs by stakeholders.

Whilst we have no knowledge on PCBs, we are concerned by several discharges from these sites into our rivers, particularly at the Maendy, Ty Llywd and Brofiscin sites. There is clear evidence of discharge, particularly during the recent heavy rainfall events. One of our rivers trusts, South East Wales Rivers Trust, has historically reported concerns on these discharges to the NRW Pollution Incident Line. Our trusts will continue to report concerns with all suspected pollutions to NRW as and when we see them whilst undertaking our daily work.

Afonydd Cymru would like to see Welsh Government, Local Authorities and NRW applying greater focus and resources to these contaminated land sites in order to minimise any potential harm to human health or to the terrestrial and aquatic environments.

With kind regards,



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