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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your further email of 14 December 2017 requesting the following information:

*“Can you please confirm that either:  
- Yes, the water was safe to drink, or;  
- No, the water was not safe to drink.”*

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR).

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence (MOD) and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held. The information you have requested can be found below:

The water at St Mawgan is supplied and managed by the MOD's specialist service provider. As stated in our previous response (EIR2017/11491 dated 13 December 2017), our provider Kelda Water Services ensured that the water was safe to drink throughout the period covered in the data of the previous response.

Under EIR Regulation 9 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that the Drinking Water Legislation in the UK provides both standards for protecting public health and ensuring that water is acceptable to consumers in terms of appearance and taste. The UK standards for the parameters listed (Iron, Aluminium, Manganese, pH, Turbidity, Taste and Odour) are set at a level based on what is acceptable to consumers and therefore a breach is not necessarily unsafe to drink. The World Health Organisation provides guidance to understand what should be considered a health issue within drinking water; this guidance can be found at: [http://www.who.int/water\\_sanitation\\_health/water-quality/guidelines/en/](http://www.who.int/water_sanitation_health/water-quality/guidelines/en/).

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

If you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail [CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk](mailto:CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk)). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made in writing within 40 working days of the date of this response.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may raise your complaint directly to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Regulation 11 under the Environmental Information Regulations. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not normally investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website at <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely,

DIO Secretariat