

# WILDLIFE INCIDENT UNIT

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95/13

The Food & Environment  
Research Agency

INCIDENT NUMBER 95/13

PART OF STUDY FSGD-190

REGIONAL NUMBER W/13/22

### OTHER REFERENCES

SENDER WAG

LOCATION Capel Iwan  
Carmarthenshire

GRID REFERENCE [REDACTED]

INCIDENT DATE 10 August 2013

SUSPECTED CAUSE OF INCIDENT insufficient tissue

DATE OF REPORT 10 October 2013

REPORTING OFFICER [REDACTED]

SIGNED : ..... [REDACTED]

### NUMBERS AND SPECIES INVOLVED

4 buzzard

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Samples received		Date received	Sample identifier
96974	buzzard	22/8/13	WAG ref. - W/13/2. Spec ref. - 1

## Summary of field data

Four dead buzzards were seen over a ten day period on farmland. The last carcass was collected from next doors field, it was very decomposed with only feathers, skin and bone remaining. The wings were coming apart from the rest of the skeleton. A site visit was undertaken and nothing of note was seen in any of the fields or on adjacent fields.

There has been a previous incident in the area with the confirmation of the organophosphate fenthion in bird tissues (34/04, W/04/11 refers). There is sheep and cattle farming in the area, which is permanent grassland, with no known game keeping.

## Summary of post mortem report

No post mortems were required for this incident.

### Analysis : chloralose analysis suite

96974	no chloralose detected	detection limit	10	µg
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### Analysis : organophosphate analysis suite

96974	no organophosphate detected	detection limit	20	µg
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## Conclusion

It was suspected that this buzzard had been poisoned. Laboratory analysis for some likely pesticides has been undertaken on the carcass submitted. However, no residues from the compound groups tested for were found in a surface wash of the carcass remains, which were not complete as the head and legs were missing. The cause of death of this buzzard remains uncertain.