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Dear Ms Drysdale,

FOI Request - Gaul Enquiry

I refer to the Department's e-mail dated 17 July 2008 advising you of receipt of your Freedom of Information request concerning the FV Gaul Re-opened Formal Investigation.

You requested the technical justification behind the DfT's latest decision, and the identities of the in-house experts who provided that justification.

That decision fully sets out the Secretary of State's reasoning in relation to the re-opening of the investigation, and we hold no specific technical justification recorded in any form. Given that the Department does not hold information pertaining to the technical justification of the Secretary of State's decision, no information is held in relation to the second part of your request regarding the identities of the in-house experts that were consulted.

If you are unhappy with the way the Department has handled your request or with the decisions made in relation to your request you may complain within two calendar months of the date of this letter by writing to me at the above address. Please see attached details of DfT's complaints procedure and your right to complain to the Information Commissioner.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely,



THERESA CROSSLEY
Head of Shipping Policy Division

Your right to complain to [DfT/Agency] and the Information Commissioner

You have the right to complain within two calendar months of the date of this letter about the way in which your request for information was handled and/or about the decision not to disclose all or part of the information requested. In addition a complaint can be made that DfT has not complied with its FOI publication scheme.

Your complaint will be acknowledged and you will be advised of a target date by which to expect a response. Initially your complaint will be re-considered by the official who dealt with your request for information. If, after careful consideration, that official decides that his/her decision was correct, your complaint will automatically be referred to a senior independent official who will conduct a further review. You will be advised of the outcome of your complaint and if a decision is taken to disclose information originally withheld this will be done as soon as possible.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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