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Dear Mr Montford

Request for Information under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004

Your correspondence dated 16 December 2011 has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

You requested:

"I refer you to the Information Commissioner's recent advice that information held on private email accounts is subject to freedom of information legislation.

I am interested in correspondence relating to the IPCC's Third Assessment Report WGI (AR3). I believe that Sir John Houghton used a private email account to handle his work on this report. I would like copies of Sir John's correspondence related to AR3 with any of the following people:

*Mike Hulme
Bob Watson
David Warrilow
Lord May*

I would also like:

- i) any correspondence relating to the paleoclimate chapter of AR3 and/or paleoclimate reconstructions in general*
- ii) any correspondence relating to the summary for policymakers of AR3.*

Since this request relates to environmental information I believe it should be handled under the Environmental Information Regulations.

I have copied this message to Sir John Houghton."

I am writing to advise you that, following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information you requested is not held by the Met Office. Sir John Houghton has also confirmed that he does not hold private e-mails relevant to your request.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to me in the first instance. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the 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, or online: <http://www.ico.gov.uk>.

Yours sincerely


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