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Dear Mr Dawson,

Request for Release of Information under the Environmental Information Regulations (EIR) 2004

Further to my letter of 6 June 2012, I am now writing to provide you with a further update of your requests in which you ask for the following information:

- Could you please provide me with Information about sites where radioactive waste for the nuclear propulsion programme has been disposed by sea dumping.
- Could you also tell me the volumes, activity and radionuclide's disposed of at the above sites.
- Information about the sites where radioactive waste for the naval nuclear excluding Drigg/Sellafield.
- Could you also tell me the volumes, activity and radionuclides buried at the above sites
- And where required letters of agreement or authorisations form the EA or its predecessors.

Firstly, I am writing to inform you that a decision has been made to answer your requests under the terms set out in the EIR, as this was deemed more appropriate for the subject matter.

Secondly, I apologise for the continuing delay in answering your requests and I appreciate how frustrating this must be; however, we are still trying to ascertain whether or not we hold any relevant information and therefore I am not yet in a position to respond. I will send you a final response or a further update as soon as possible and not later than 1 August 2012.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal

resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Head of Corporate Information, 2nd Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail <a href="CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk">CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk</a>). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

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 MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <a href="http://www.ico.gov.uk">http://www.ico.gov.uk</a>.

Yours sincerely,

**DE&S Policy Secretariat**