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By email to: request-528220-d76b4b9b@whatdotheyknow.com

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Dear Mr Parker

Thank you for your email of 23 October in which you requested:

"Dear Oil and Gas Authority,

I understand from the BEIS, that your department is responsible for the monitoring of seismic activity at the Cuadrilla fracking site on Preston New Road.

Could you please advise as if these seismic events are as expected and on induced fracture lines or whether they are on faults or seismic discontinuities.

Please could you ascertain what the pressure cycling of the well is during the frack cycles at the time. Could you please advise on the pressures, volumes, durations and the instances of opening and closing of the frack sleeves.

Yours faithfully."

We have considered your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (**FOIA**) and, where relevant, the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (**EIR**).

The specific information you have requested is required to be published six [6] months after the completion of the hydraulic fracturing operations.

Section 22 (1) FOIA (future publication) and Regulation 12(4)(d) EIR (Material in the course of completion)

As such, this information is being withheld under (i) Section 22 of the FOIA and (ii) Regulation 12(4)(d) EIR. This exemption/exception provide that information is exempt from disclosure if it is (i) planned to be published at a future date, and/or (ii) is material in the course of completion,



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Public Interest

The OGA intends to make this completed information available on its website once it has been received from Cuadrilla. The OGA considers that it is in the public interest not to make the information available prior to that date, to provide for the analysis of the information to be finalised in a closed user group in order to ensure that scientific rigour is maintained.

More generally, in answer to your questions about whether the seismic events are as expected on faults or seismic discontinuities, we can only advise that Cuadrilla is currently evaluating the data that has been recorded during operations and this analysis is in an early stage and it will be some time before an understanding of the subsurface geology is completed.

This concludes the OGA's handling of your request.

Appeals Procedure

If you are unhappy with the way the OGA has handled your request, you may request an internal review. A request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of receipt of the response to your request and should be addressed to: FOI Manager, Oil and Gas Authority, 21 Bloomsbury Street, London, WC1B 3HF Email: foirequests@ogauthority.co.uk

Please quote the reference number above in any future communications with regard to this request.

If you are unhappy with the outcome of the internal review, you may contact the Information Commissioner at www.ico.org.uk or at Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

FOI Officer.