

FOI Office

From: Paul Younger
Sent: 20 November 2014 15:41
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Interview bid for tonight from BBC Scotland re shale gas

Hi [REDACTED]

They contacted me first thing, but I told them that I am not prepared to do it as I received a death threat on the weekend following last week's coverage of our paper on fracking-induced seismicity.

I am committed to public understanding of science, but not to the extent I am prepared to put my life on the line.

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From: [REDACTED] [[mailto:\[REDACTED\]@sciencemediacentre.org](mailto:[REDACTED]@sciencemediacentre.org)]
Sent: 20 November 2014 14:37
To: Paul Younger
Subject: FW: Interview bid for tonight from BBC Scotland re shale gas
Importance: High

Hi Paul

See below – would you like to do this? You would be perfect for it – but it is live in studio at 10.30pm...sorry about that

Please let me know and I'll do all the arranging!

Cheers

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We have received a request from BBC Scotland's [Scotland 2014](#) (their Newsnight equivalent) for an expert to talk about the safety issues around fracking for gas in the wake of Ineos' announcement [this morning](#) of their new investment in shale gas extraction. (Interesting I thought that they plan to use it for chemical feedstock.)

Interview would be live at 10.30pm (would need to be at the studio by about 10.15) and could be done from a remote studio by live link to their studio in Glasgow – but it would be in a discussion format with someone who is 'anti-fracking' – not clear at this stage who this might be, they mentioned Friends of the Earth but also 'other campaign groups'.

The producer assured me discussion would be properly moderated by the presenter [REDACTED] so that both speakers get to make their points properly. It will be preceded by a package featuring interviews with Ineos and the Minister.

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