



Ref: KSL 117916  
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Dear Ada

Thank you for your enquiry received on 25 February 2019, ref: KSL 117916. We respond to requests for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

Please accept our apologies that we misinterpreted your previous request regarding the years within the scope of the request. We have answered the question previously for 2014-2015 and 2015-2016, we will now answer for 1987 to 2014 as requested.

The first environmental permit that the Environment Agency issued was in 2002, so it is not possible for us to comment on the time period between 1987 to 2002. Exemption 12(4)(a) applies – we do not hold the information. Please see appendix below for further details.

The environmental permit was issued to Midmar Energy Limited in September 2002 to allow for the production of oil.

The permit was transferred to Angus Energy Weald Basin No.3 Limited in March 2013. The site was previously under the remit of a neighbouring Environment Agency area (Thames). We contacted the officer responsible for the site for the time prior to it being transferred to our area (Kent, South London and East Sussex) and they do not have any records available on whether the Environment Agency measured gas emissions on site and if so, what method was used. Therefore the exemption 12(4)(a) applies – we do not hold the information. Please see appendix below for further details.

As previously stated, it is not routine practice for us to verify reported gas emissions at any of the sites we regulate. Operators are required to carry out self-monitoring to ensure that they are complying with their permit and waste management plan, therefore they carry out their own testing. As part of self-monitoring, the operator is required to notify us of any instances of non-compliance.

Please refer to the [Open Government Licence](#) which explains the permitted use of the information provided.

If you have any further queries or if you'd like us to review the information we have provided under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and Environmental Information Regulations 2004, please contact us within two months and we will happily do this for you.

Regards

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## **Appendix**

### **EIR Regulation 12(4)(a)**

Where a request is for environmental information, the regulations allow us to refuse to disclose it if the exception at EIR Regulation 12(4)(a) applies. The regulation states that a public authority may refuse to disclose environmental information to the extent that it does not hold that information when an applicant's request is received. As a public body we are required under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and Environmental Information Regulations 2004 to give reasons for this refusal. It is not possible for us to conduct a public interest balancing test because the reason for non-disclosure is that the information is not held.