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Our ref: 14/0469

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By e-mail to: request-202064-98c87c0c@whatdotheyknow.com

Dear Sir / Madam

I refer to your e-mail of 13 March which asked the following:

"Please can you provide any information you have either by email, letter, fax or report on the stability of Borehole 1 at Lower Stumble site, London Road, Balcombe, West Sussex drilled by Conoco in 1986 in relation to the Caudrilla Borehole drilled 2013, which has a distance of 10m between the two and any information on what impact the Caudrilla 2013 borehole will have on the Conoco 1986 borehole please."

Your request has been considered under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004. After checking our records and with relevant officials in DECC I can confirm that the Department does not hold any information which falls within the scope of your request.

Appeals procedure

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 2 months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be sent to the Information Rights Unit at: Information Rights Unit (DECC Shared Service), Department for Business, Innovation & Skills, 1 Victoria Street, London, SW1H 0ET. E-mail: foi@decc.gsi.gov.uk Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours faithfully

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