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Dear Mr Dawson,

Further to my letter of 16 August, I am writing to provide you with an update on your request, in which you ask for additional information about the presence of Carbon 14 at the Chatham Docks site.

Your request is being dealt with under the terms of the Environmental Information Regulations (EIR) 2004. I can confirm that the Ministry of Defence does hold information within the scope of your request. The time limit for this request, however, needs to be extended from the initial 20 working days. Under the EIR, a public authority may extend this period if it reasonably believes that the complexity and volume of the information requested means that it is impracticable either to comply with the request within the earlier period or to make a decision to refuse to do so. In this case, I am writing to inform you, that we must extend the time limit for responding by a further 20 working days. I will write to you again no later than 7 October with a substantive response.

If you are not satisfied with this response or 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 Deputy Chief Information Officer, 2nd Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail xxxxxxxxx@xxx.xx). 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, <http://www.ico.gov.uk>.

Regards,

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