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Dear Mr Bradley

I refer to your e-mail of 31 May in which you asked:

I am writing to make a request under the Freedom of Information act for copies of any correspondence between the DECC or any of it's constituent parts with either Sunderland Council or the three MP's whose constituencies include Sunderland (Sunderland Central, Houghton and Sunderland South, Washington and Sunderland West) on the subject of Underground Coal Gasification from 1st January 2008 to 31st May 2015.

I have considered your request in accordance with the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 ('the EIRs') as the information you have sought disclosure of, in our view, falls within the definition of 'environmental information' as stated in the EIRs.

Following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the Department does not hold any information 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 40 working days 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,
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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 sincerely,

Office of Unconventional Gas and Oil