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Dear Mr Dawson

Request for Information: Letters from Regulators

Thank you for your enquiry dated 21 September 2012. This has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

You asked for:

- "letters of agreement from the Environment Agency and its predecessor organisations for the MOD to discharge of depleted uranium to the environment from Eskmeals.
- letters of agreement from the Scottish Environment Protection Agency and its predecessor organisations for the MOD to discharge of depleted uranium to the environment from Kirkcudbright."

I am writing to advise you that the information you requested is not held.

There is no licensing as such of the Ministry of Defence's depleted uranium firing activities. The procedure adopted at the outset of the depleted uranium trials programme, which is still in force, is for regulatory authorities with Health and Safety and Environmental Protection responsibilities to be involved in the design of the safety arrangements and to visit the sites as and when they wish.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you 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 Head of Corporate Information, 2nd Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk). 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, www.ico.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely

DIO Secretariat