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Dear Mr Holland

**Freedom of information request: IPCC Review Editors' Reports**

Thank you for your email dated 13<sup>th</sup> November 2013. Your request has been considered under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIRs) as the information you have sought disclosure of does, in our view, fall within the definition of 'environmental information' as stated in the EIRs.

Under the EIRs you have the right to:

- know whether we hold the information you have requested; and
- be provided with that information (subject to any exceptions under the EIRs which may apply).

A search of our paper and electronic records has returned the following information relevant to your request:

**[1] Copies of all the Review Editors' Reports**

**[2] Copies of any recorded information held by DECC instructing it not to release the Review Editors' Reports**

**[3] Any recorded information held by DECC indicating a future date on which the Review Editors' Reports will be released.**

1. The IPCC placed the Review Editors' reports, along with other documents, in a restricted online database during the Stockholm meeting for use by national delegations. The DECC team does not have a copy of these documents and does not hold them for the purposes of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

As these documents were provided on a restricted basis by the IPCC, even if we did hold them we would not release them because this would damage the UK's reputation in a UN body and undermine trust in IPCC's processes, in accordance with paragraph 12 (5)(a) of the EIR regulations. However, DECC understands that the IPCC is considering making the Review Editors' reports public when it releases information on earlier drafts and related comments and we would support that.

2. We do not hold any instructions to DECC regarding the release of Review Editors' reports.
3. We do not hold any information indicating a date on which the Review Editors' Reports will be released.



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If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Under Regulation 11(2) of the EIRs a request for an internal review should be submitted no later than 40 working days after the date of this letter and should be addressed to: [foi@decc.gsi.gov.uk](mailto: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 sincerely,

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