

Mr Carroll by e-mail

24 June 2010

Your Ref: FOI 896

Dear Mr Carroll

**FOI REQUEST RE: RATTLECHAIN LAGOON**

Thank you for your e-mail of 19 June 2010 to the Agency Helpline requesting information relating to the Chemical Hazard Identification & Risk Surveillance (CHaIRS) Group, specifically the final minutes of the group's 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> meetings. As Secretary to the group this has been passed to me for reply.

I can confirm that CHaIRS has yet to hold its 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, as the May 2010 meeting was postponed. The next scheduled meeting of CHaIRS is due to take place on 21 September. The agenda for that meeting has yet to be agreed.

We note that we have already provided you<sup>1</sup> with the draft minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> CHaIRS meeting held in February. At the September meeting we will finalise the minutes of the 6th meeting. I can confirm that the Rattlechain lagoon incident was not discussed at the 6th meeting<sup>2</sup>.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number at the top of this letter in any future communications.

If you are not satisfied with the way the Agency has handled your request for information, you should write within two calendar months of the date of this letter to the Openness Team, and ask for an internal review. They will arrange for the Complaints Coordinator to conduct the review. Their address is Food Standards Agency, Room 2C Aviation House, 125 Kingsway, London, WC2B 6NH (email: [Openness.team@foodstandards.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Openness.team@foodstandards.gsi.gov.uk)).

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. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the Agency. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF or through the website at <http://www.ico.gov.uk/>.

Yours sincerely



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<sup>1</sup> On 15 April 2010 in response to Agency FOI ref 850.

<sup>2</sup> As the Agency advised you in its response of 18 June 2010 to your FOI internal review ref IR58.