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Dear

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST : OFFSHORE
ENVIRONMENTAL INSPECTORATE**

Thank you for your letter dated 19 September 2012 in which you requested the following information:

This my revised request for information relating to prosecutions carried out by DECC (including its previous organisational structure as DBERR and DTI) since 2000 on Operators involved in UKCS drilling and production activities:

The information requested is as follows:

- 1. Name of company or operator;*
- 2. Nature of offence;*
- 3. Penalty imposed by either the Sherriff or High Court upon conviction,*

We consider that the information that you have requested constitutes environmental information for the purposes of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR). Accordingly, your request has been dealt with under the terms of the EIR. Under these regulations, you have the right to:

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

DECC does hold information that falls within the scope of your request and I have included this in Appendix 1 (attached).

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 two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to the **Information Rights Unit** 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

APPENDIX 1

| OPERATOR | NATURE OF OFFENCE | PENALTY IMPOSE BY SHERRIFF or HIGH COURT |
|---|---|---|
| Kerr McGee | The Prevention of Oil Pollution Act 1971 | £10,000 fine |
| BP Exploration Operating Company | The Prevention of Oil Pollution Act 1971 | £20,000 fine |
| Total E&P UK Plc | The Prevention of Oil Pollution Act 1971 | £20,000 fine |
| Shell UK Limited | The Prevention of Oil Pollution Act 1971 | £7,000 fine |
| Amoco | The Prevention of Oil Pollution Act 1971 | £12,000 fine |
| Shell UK Exploration and Production Limited | The Offshore Chemical Regulations 2002 | £3,000 fine |
| Venture North Sea Oil Limited and Knutsen OAS Shipping AS | The Offshore Petroleum Activities (Oil Pollution Prevention Control) Regulations 2005 | £2000 fine each |