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Dear ,

Thank you for your e-mail of 28 March 2013 in which you requested the following information:-

- 1) *How many inspections the unit has carried out in each calendar year from 2008 until 2012.*
- 2) *How many inspections the unit has carried out so far in 2013.*
- 3) *How many inspections have resulted in the following for each of the five calendar years:*
 - *Letters issued*
 - *Enforcement notice*
 - *Penalties enforced*
 - *Ongoing investigation*
- 4) *Total value of penalties enforced by the Sheriff or High Court in each of the five calendar years.*

We consider that the information that you have requested constitutes environmental information for the purposes of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIRs). Accordingly, your request has been dealt with under the terms of the EIRs.

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).



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We confirm that we do hold the information requested and have provided the details in a table format attached to this letter.

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 two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be sent by email to foi@decc.gsi.gov.uk or by post to Security & Information Rights Unit (DECC Shared Services), Department for Business, Innovation & Skills, Victoria 3, 5th Floor, 1 Victoria Street, London, SW1H 0ET.

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

Energy Development Unit

YEAR	No. of INSPECTIONS	No. of INSPECTIONS which resulted in letters being issued to operators	No. of ENFORCEMENT NOTICES ISSUED (as a result from inspection)	PENALTIES ENFORCED (as a result from inspection)	ONGOING INVESTIGATIONS (as a result from inspection)	PENALTIES ENFORCED BY SHERIFF/HIGH COURT
2008	51	46	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
2009	49	45	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
2010	59	56	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
2011	67	62	1	Nil	1	Nil
2012	69	69	2	Nil	1	Nil
2013 (up 31 March)	25	25	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil