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Dear [REDACTED]

## **REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: REQUEST FOR THE RELEASE OF UNPUBLISHED WATER AND FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT RESEARCH PROJECTS**

Further to my letter of 23 January 2015 and our subsequent email correspondence, I am emailing about the two remaining projects mentioned in your request for information emailed on 24 November 2014. The omission of these projects from my letter of 23 January was an oversight on my part for which I sincerely apologize.

The two projects as stated in your request are:

Defra Research Project **LM0314** - 'Assessing the Impact of 2014 Winter Floods on Agriculture in England', stated on the Defra R&D site as being completed by April 2014 ([R&D webpage here](#)); and

Defra Research Project **FO0454** - 'East Coast Ports and Food Supply' - stated as being completed September 2014 ([R&D webpage here](#)).

The report for Defra Research Project LM0314 is scheduled to be published on Friday 6 February 2015. However, we have no objections to early disclosure of this report in response to your request and so I attach a copy to the cover email of this letter.

The report for Defra Research Project FO0454 has not yet been completed and so Defra does not yet hold that report. In your email of 24 November 2014, you asked to be informed of the likely publication dates if the reports mentioned in your request are incomplete. We have not yet decided on the date for publication of the report for Project FO0454 and so we cannot yet provide you with the date of its publication.

I attach Annex A, which explains the copyright that applies to the information being released to you.

I also attach Annex B giving contact details should you be unhappy with the service you have received.



If you have any queries about this letter please contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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## Annex A

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