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Dear

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: EMISSIONS FROM HANFORD WASTE INCINERATOR**

Thank you for your request for information about emissions from the waste incinerator based in Hanford run by Stoke-On-Trent City Council, which we received on 9<sup>th</sup> December. As you know, we have handled your request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIRs).

The information that you have requested was not held by Defra when the request was received, which is covered by the exception under regulation 12(4)(a) of the EIRs, and we are not obliged to obtain the information to respond to this request under the EIRs. However, under our duty to advise and assist applicants in pursuance of regulation 9(1), we have obtained the information requested from the Environment Agency for you. Please note that we are therefore supplying this information to you outside of (and beyond) our obligations under the EIRs.

The information includes emissions data from the incinerator from December 2012 to November 2013 and a Schedule 1 notification in response to your request for details of any breaches of UK or European limits in the last twelve months. In view of the size of this data, it has been provided to us from the EA on a disc. I would be grateful if you could provide me with a postal address so that I can send the disc to you.

You also requested copies of any notices that the incinerator has received from any governmental monitoring body in the last 12 months with regards to improving its operation. I can confirm that no notices have been issued.

In keeping with the spirit and effect of the EIRs, and in keeping with the government's Transparency Agenda, all information is assumed to be releasable to the public unless



exempt. Therefore, the information released to you will now be published on [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) together with any related information that will provide a key to its wider context. Please note that this will not include your personal data.

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,

## Annex A

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## Annex B

### Complaints

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request you may make a complaint or appeal against our decision under section 17(7) of the FOIA or under regulation 18 of the EIRs, as applicable, within 40 working days of the date of this letter. Please write to Mike Kaye, Head of Information Standards, Area 4D, Nobel House, 17 Smith Square, London, SW1P 3JR (email: [requestforinfo@defra.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:requestforinfo@defra.gsi.gov.uk)) and he will arrange for an internal review of your case. Details of Defra's complaints procedure are on our [website](#).

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, section 50 of the FOIA and regulation 18 of the EIRs gives you the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Please note that generally the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have first exhausted Defra's own complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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