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Dear

Thank you for your e-mail of 8 January 2014 in which you requested the following:

*“we would indeed be very interested to received data on :*

- *Quantities of any mercury gained from the cleaning of natural gas*
- *total quantity of any mercury that was sent to suitable temporary / permanent storage facilities during the previous calendar year”*

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).

The information you request for “during the previous calendar year” is not currently available and will not be supplied to the Department until mid-2014 at the earliest.

However, we confirm that we do hold the information requested for the calendar year 2012, which is as follows:

Quantity of mercury gained from the cleaning of natural gas during 2012 is *1,775kg*;  
and

Quantity of mercury sent to temporary storage during 2012 is *1,775kg*.

**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 40 working days of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to the Information Rights Unit (DECC Shared Service) at the following address:

Information Rights Unit  
Department for Business Innovation & Skills  
1 Victoria Street  
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[foi@decc.gsi.gov.uk](mailto: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

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