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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 1 September 2014 requesting the following information:

A copy of the report "Mustard gas contaminated soil: Understanding the mechanisms and parameters governing contaminant behaviour and biodegradation"

We are treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR).

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and we can confirm that all the information in scope of your request is held.

The information you have requested is attached, but some of the information falls entirely within the scope of the exception provided for in section 13 (1) (Personal Data) of the EIR 2004 and has been redacted.

Section 13 (1) has been applied to some of the information in order to protect personal information as governed by the Data Protection Act 1998.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, 1st Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.ico.gov.uk>.

Yours sincerely

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