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Dear

**INTERNAL REVIEW Permits/licenses issued to carry out Stratospheric
Aerosol Geoengineering in the South Wales Area FOI 14/0705**

I am writing in response to your request for an internal review of the above case. I have now reviewed the information which was provided by the Department in its response to your original request. I set out my decision below.

Your original request was made on 3 May 2014 and asked for the following information:

"I would like to obtain more names of the private companies we've granted permission to carry out Stratospheric Aerosol Geoengineering in the South Wales Area, particularly over CARDIFF and the research projects whom which they represent. The dates they are licensed to run from and dates the licenses expire and the codes for formulas which have been approved for use. Please also advise of any changes we might have made to the UN Convention on Biological Diversity (2010 Nagoya Japan).

The Department responded to your request on 9 June 2014. The Response explained that we do not hold any information relating to geoengineering permissions or licenses. This fact is consistent with our broader position that it is premature to consider geoengineering as a viable option for addressing climate change. Further, no Stratospheric Aerosol Geoengineering which could include spraying to reflect sunlight or modifying clouds, is being performed by HMG and, to the best of our knowledge, it is not being performed in or above the UK.

We also provided you with details regarding changes to the Convention on Biological Diversity, as requested.

In compliance with the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 ('the EIRs') I have conducted an internal review of the original response. In performing this review I have considered whether the original response to your request was



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correct. Having considered the information provided in the light of your request for an internal review, I have concluded that the original decision was correct.

In your request for an internal review you have asked for the following information:

*"I want an internal review, the information you sent me back was not related to the subject I seeked information on whatsoever but a blatant waste of time. I want these questions answered, I have been working within this sector personally to help combat climate engineering and yet you deny it exists.
1 Why do the DECC deny that stratospherical aerosol spraying is taking place?
2 Why do you send out irrelevant foi replies
3 why do you not acknowledge the hard work we do and the risks we take to our own healths in order to help the planet"*

To address the specific three questions from the internal review:

- 1 DECC denies that "stratospherical aerosol spraying is taking place" because to the best of its knowledge this is the truth.
- 2 As detailed above we answered all of the questions asked by the original request.
- 3 The UK Government seeks to take tough action climate change through the Climate Change Act and acknowledges the significant efforts made by many to reach these targets. As our position statement says, based on the evidence currently available, it is premature to consider geoengineering as a viable option for addressing climate change.

Additionally you sent another email with the following text:

"you are the DECC, yet you have no information on the aircraft which spray chemicals in our environment, who do i send a court summons to ? I have countless files of evidence from aircraft in RAF ST ATHANS which spray daily."

If you have concerns about activities at an RAF station, it is for the Ministry of Defence to address.

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