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As per e-mail

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Dear

Thank you for your e-mail of 10 June 2014 in which you requested the following:

*Please provide data relating to information submitted on PON2 forms between 2004 and the current date. I would expect this to include, at a minimum:*

- a. Name and IMO number of vessel or installation*
- b. Name of operating company*
- c. Material lost or dumped, and amount of material lost/dumped*

We consider 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)

I can confirm that some of the information you have requested is held by DECC. Please find attached an Excel spread sheet detailing the information held.

Legal requirements for the reporting of loss or dumping of synthetic materials and other refuse at sea did not come into effect until late 2008. Therefore, DECC hold no relevant records before this date. It took a little time for the industry to become familiar with the new reporting requirements, hence the limited returns between 2008 and 2010. However, operators are now fully aware of the requirements as can be seen from the returns from 2011 to date.

The PON2 submission form requires the "Name of installation or Vessel responsible for the loss or dumping of the material". We do not require the IMO number and therefore do not hold this information. The PON2 also requires details of the "Materials lost or dumped . . . ". It does not specifically request the amount of material,

therefore we have only included the amount of material if it was explicitly reported on the PON2.

**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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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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