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Dear [REDACTED]

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about burial sites which Defra received on 23 January 2017 and have passed to APHA to respond. Your request has been handled under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

“I would like to request the details and locations of where the corpses/ashes of animals infected with foot and mouth were buried in 2000/2001 in Colchester, Essex.”

The EIRs apply to requests for environmental information, which is a broad category of information defined in regulation 2 of the EIRs. Public authorities are required to handle requests for environmental information under the EIRs. They give similar access rights to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

After searching our records we can confirm that there are no carcass burial sites from the 2001 foot and mouth disease outbreak, in Colchester, Essex. There is one current ash burial site in this this location which is Middleweek Ranges, East Donyland, Colchester, Essex.

Information disclosed in response to this EIR request is releasable to the public. In keeping with the spirit and effect of the EIR and the government's Transparency Agenda, this letter and the information disclosed to you may be placed on GOV.UK, together with any related information that will provide a key to its wider context. No information identifying you will be placed on the GOV.UK website.

I attach an Annex which explains the copyright that applies to the information being released to you and contact details should you be unhappy with the service you have received.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact the Access to Information Team at the email address below or postal address at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely

ACCESS TO INFORMATION TEAM

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Annex

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