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Our Ref: FOI 2015/07318

3 June 2015

Dear REDACTED

I refer to your e-mail of 3 April in which you asked for:

Please can you answer the following EIR/FOI request.

Please note this isn't specific to just Yorkshire.

1 - please can you provide me with a copy of all correspondence between the DECC and Cluff Natural Resources, Halliburton and any third party appointed by Cluff and Halliburton in relation to all UCG licenses (current & proposed) within the UK (onshore and offshore).

By correspondence we mean all forms including but not limited too emails, letters, faxes, telephone call, telephone text messages, voicemails, phone call logs, memos, meeting invites, agendas, meeting minutes and notes, information issued at meetings or via other forms of correspondence including email attachments, photos, PDFs, maps, diagrams, PowerPoint presentations, reports and schedules etc.

Please limit your search to between January 2014 and present day.

Your request is being considered under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 ('the EIRs') on the basis that the information you have sought disclosure of, does in our view, fall within the definition of 'environmental information' as stated in the EIRs.

Following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the Department holds information falling within the terms of your request. Some of the information relating to personal data has been withheld under Regulation 13(1) of the EIRs. Redacted copies of information as listed below are attached to this letter.

List of Attachments:

No	From	To	Date	Topic
1	DECC	Cluff	11 Sept 2014	Lunch with Mr Algy Cluff, CEO of Cluff Natural Resources, offshore underground coal gastification
2	CLUFF	DECC	1 Oct 2014	E-mail: 14 th Round UCG and PEDL overlaps
3	CLUFF	DECC	6 Oct 2014	Letter: Delivering deep Offshore Underground Coal Gastification (UCG) for the UK
4	CLUFF	DECC	9 Dec 2014	Letter: Request for clarification for overlapping UCG and PEDL licenses
5	CLUFF	DECC	13 Jan 2015	Letter: Plans and progress regarding eighth inshore UCG licesces they hold around UK
6	DECC	CLUFF	3 Feb 2015	Letter: Cluff plans for generation of gas by offshore Underground Coal Gastification in the UK.
7	CLUFF	DECC	10 Feb 2015	Letter: Signing a Memorandum of understanding with Halliburton
8	DECC	CLUFF	17 Feb 2015	Letter: Request for clarification for overlapping UCG and PEDL licenses

Regulation 13(1) of the EIRs – relates to personal data

Some of the information constitutes personal data and has been withheld. Regulation 13(1) of the EIRs provides an absolute exception for personal data which than falls to be dealt with under the Data Protection Act (DPA).

Personal data of third parties can only be disclosed under the data protection principles. In particular, the first data protection principle requires that disclosure must be fair and lawful and must comply with one of the conditions in Schedule 2 of the DPA. We do not think it is fair to release the names and contact details of DECC staff below Senior Civil Service level, or staff in other organisations, and do not think that any of the relevant conditions in Schedule 2 of the DPA apply. As a result, the names and contact details of staff in DECC below Senior Civil Service level and staff in other organisations have been redacted from your copy of this information.

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 sent to the Information Rights Unit at:

Information Rights Unit (DECC Shared Service)
Department for Business, Innovation & Skills
1 Victoria Street
London
SW1H 0ET

E-mail: foi.requests@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

Office of Unconventional Gas and Oil