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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 19 October 2018 requesting the following information:

"Re Project Cleansweep

I would be obliged if you would provide

- a copy of the final report,*
- the results of your contamination testing at sites in Ayrshire and South Lanarkshire."*

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence (MOD) and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held. I can therefore respond to your request as follows:

This information falls under Regulation 12(4)(d) (incomplete data) and has been withheld. The request relates to material which is still in the process of being completed and in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in not disclosing the information outweighs the public interest in disclosing it.

Under Regulation 9(1) (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that this report will be published externally upon completion.

The groundwater monitoring for the Cleansweep project has now been completed and the revised draft report from the consultant has been received by the MOD. The review of this report by the MOD has not yet been completed. We are unable to provide provisional or draft copies of reports as these have not been reviewed by the appropriate subject matter expert within the MOD and therefore may contain errors or inconsistencies which would be misleading for the reader.

In Ayrshire and South Lanarkshire, two sites were identified as part of Project Cleansweep; Aberfoyle and Kilmarnock(Beith). Both sites were taken forward for preliminary assessments; however, they were not taken through for site investigation.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

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Yours sincerely,

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