



# CIVIL NUCLEAR CONSTABULARY

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Dear [REDACTED]

I am writing in response to your request for information regarding the below. Your request has been handled under Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. In accordance with Section 1(1) (a) of the Act I hereby confirm that the CNC/CNPA does hold information of the type specified.

**Details of any unauthorised aerial incursions into the airspace above any of the UK nuclear facilities between 1st January 2010 and 20th June 2022 that prompted a response from any local or national security, police, or defense department, Governmental or otherwise**

Date	Site	Details
20/11/2021	Springfields	Report of flashing lights in the sky which was described as a low flying object overflying the site. No craft or pilot positively identified.
14/11/2021	Springfields	Report of flashing lights in the sky which was described as a low flying object overflying the site. No craft or pilot positively identified.
21/07/2021	Heysham	Report of what was believed to be a drone hovering above the security lodge at the main gate. No craft or pilot positively identified.
28/06/2021	Sellafield	A drone which was being operated on a golf course adjacent to the site briefly entered the site boundary.
22/09/2020	Hartlepool	Report from Teesdale ATC of UAV flying at

		1500 ft above Hartlepool.
14/05/2020	Sellafield	A drone was reported flying over the Fellside CHE onsite.
18/11/2019	Sellafield	Report of a drone, possibly two, flying over the site.
12/09/2019	Sellafield	Report of red and green flashing lights over site. No craft or pilot positively identified.
07/07/2019	Capenhurst	Report of a drone overflying the site
04/07/2019	Capenhurst	Report of 5 - 6 drones flying over and around the site
01/05/2019	Sellafield	Report from a member of the public regarding witnessing drones flying over the site. No craft or pilot positively identified.

The CNC has retained limited documentation from 2016 and 2017 and no documentation from 2010 to 2015.

The Civil Nuclear Constabulary is a specialist armed police service dedicated to the civil nuclear industry, with Operational Policing Units based at 10 civil nuclear sites in England and Scotland and over 1600 police officers and staff. The Constabulary headquarters is at Culham in Oxfordshire. The civil nuclear industry forms part of the UK's critical national infrastructure and the role of the Constabulary contribute to the overall framework of national security.

The purpose of the Constabulary is to protect licensed civil nuclear sites and to safeguard nuclear material in transit. The Constabulary works in partnership with the appropriate Home Office Police Force or Police Scotland at each site. Policing services required at each site are agreed with nuclear operators in accordance with the Nuclear Industries Security Regulations 2003 and ratified by the UK regulator, the Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR). Armed policing services are required at most civil nuclear sites in the United Kingdom. The majority of officers in the Constabulary are Authorised Firearms Officers.

The Constabulary is recognised by the National Police Chiefs' Council (NPCC) and the Association of Chief Police Officers in Scotland (ACPOS). Through the National Coordinated Policing Protocol, the Constabulary has established memorandums of understanding with the local police forces at all 10 Operational Policing Units. Mutual support and assistance enable the Constabulary to maintain focus on its core role.

We take our responsibilities under the Freedom of Information Act seriously but, if you feel your request has not been properly handled or you are otherwise dissatisfied with the outcome of your request, you have the right to complain. We will investigate the matter and endeavour to reply within 3 – 6 weeks. You should write in the first instance to:

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E-mail: [FOI@cnc.pnn.police.uk](mailto:FOI@cnc.pnn.police.uk)

If you are still dissatisfied following our internal review, you have the right, under section 50 of the Act, to complain directly to the Information Commissioner. Before considering your complaint, the Information Commissioner would normally expect you to have exhausted the complaints procedures provided by the CNPA.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

FOI Compliance Team (complaints)  
Wycliffe House  
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SK9 5AF

If you require any further assistance in connection with this request please contact us at our address below:

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Yours sincerely  
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