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Request

In relation to an [Enforcement Notice](#) we issued to the Environment Agency, you have asked us how the ICO became aware the Environment Agency's breaches that resulted in the Enforcement Notice.

We received your request on 2 October 2023. We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the FOIA).

Our response

I can confirm that we do hold information in scope of your request. The initial source of intelligence was casework evidence via the Decision Notices (DN) we had issued about the Environment Agency. The held information is, therefore, the DNs we have issued about the Environment Agency.

As you will be aware, when we issue a DN, we publish it on our [website](#). By clicking "More Filters", you can narrow the search to only the ones issued to the Environment Agency. Each DN is also tagged with metadata including which sections of FOIA/EIR the complaint was about (eg s.10 for FOIA timeliness or s.5(2) for EIR timeliness) and whether the complaint was upheld.

As we have already published our DNs, they are exempt from disclosure by virtue of s.21 FOIA – which exempts information where it is already reasonably available to you – but the link is provided above for your convenience.

Next steps

You can ask us to review our response. Please let us know in writing if you want us to carry out a review. Please do so within 40 working days.

You can read a copy of our full review procedure [here](#).

If we perform a review but you are still dissatisfied, you can complain to the ICO as regulator of the FOIA. This complaint will be handled just like a complaint made to the ICO about any other public authority.

You can [raise a complaint through our website](#).

Your information

Our [Privacy notice](#) explains what we do with the personal data you provide to us, and set out your rights. Our retention schedule can be found [here](#).

Yours sincerely



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