

Ref : FOI2024-029

26th June 2024

Dear

Further to our previous correspondence regarding your request for the following information:

* Does the AWE hold information related to the document titled 'Determination of the whole body dose of Radiation acquired by Aircrew members while on Cloud Sampling detail' which include health physics data or diagnostic tests including, but not limited to, blood, urine, or thyroid tests, or x-rays; * In relation to a previous FOI in 2018, ref FOI2018/06695 which can be viewed here https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/5c138fbeed915d0c6bd78fa6/06695.pdf, there have been a series of redactions, presumably to remove information that was considered exempt or out of scope of the original request. Can you confirm whether any of this redacted information in the 2018 FOI includes references to or results from health physics data or diagnostic tests, including but not limited to blood, urine, or thyroid tests, or x-rays.

Your request has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act).

Thorough searches have been carried out to locate the information you requested and we can confirm that the AWE Nuclear Security Technologies (AWE NST) holds the following:

- health physics data relating to the document entitled 'Determination of the whole body dose of Radiation acquired by Aircrew members while on Cloud Sampling detail'. This data is reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means. Under Section 21 of the Act we can advise that the information is contained within the document released to the public via FOI in 2018, you can view a copy here: https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/5c138fbeed915d0c6bd78fa6/06695.pdf
- A cable containing blood test results for 1 individual. Under Section 21 of the Act we can provide
 the link: 'My nuclear test vet dad was so ill he had no proof but government had it all
 along' Mirror Online
- A document containing four urine analysis'. Under Section 21 of the Act, we can provide the link: Grapples19 014 prop redact Redacted.pdf (publishing.service.gov.uk)

Regarding your second point, we can confirm that the redactions were made to remove personal data (section 40 (2) FoIA) and building numbers section 24,26 (National Security, Defence).

Also, that the redacted information does not include any references to, or results from health physics data or diagnostic tests, including but not limited to blood, urine, or thyroid tests, or x-rays.



Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications. If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

If you are unhappy with the way your request has been handled you have a right to request an internal review within 40 days of receiving this letter, by writing to information.requests@awe.co.uk or our postal address: Information Requests Team, AWE Aldermaston, Reading, RG7 4PR. If you are still unhappy after an internal review has been completed, under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 you have the right to take your complaint to the Information Commissioner's Office. Please note the Commissioner will generally not consider a complaint until you have exhausted AWE's internal complaints process.

Yours sincerely,

AWE Information Requests Team