



Our ref: EN00245 and EN00269
Your ref: Mr J Cheyne

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Dear Mr Cheyne



REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

We refer to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), EN00245 and your request for clarification of that response received by the Olympic Delivery Authority (ODA) on 25 February 2009. We further refer to the new FOIA request submitted in your e-mail at **item 6**. You have requested the following clarifications and we have highlighted your new request in yellow:

- 1. Regarding your response EN00245, Item 6, I am under the impression the soil washing machine was closed earlier than expected. Is this so?*
- 2. Regarding your response EN00245, I note in Item 1 a considerable amount of material is still to be remediated. How will this be treated?*
- 3. Regarding your response EN00245, Item 5, zone 6 covers three different areas 6a, 6b 6c so it was impossible to get an idea of where the deposits were located. Can you please provide me with a detailed map of the locations of the material.*



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4. *Regarding your response EN00245, Item 5, zone 3a is a considerable size. I would be grateful if you could supply me with a detailed map of where material was located.*
5. *Regarding your response EN00245, Item 5, material found in zone 3a, was this related to the former site of the Queen Mary's reactor?*
6. *There were two documented deposits of large quantities of thorium, in 1953 and 1959, on the Eastway Cycle Track. Has the ODA managed to identify these sites? If so where are they, how much material was recovered and what has been done with it?*
7. *I note you say RSA exempt material has been buried on site. What has been done with RSA non-exempt material and how much was discovered?*
8. *What does the RSA exempt and non-exempt material consist of?*

As stated in our response to EN00245, due to the nature of the information which is the subject of your clarifications and new requests, your have clarifications and request has been interpreted under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR)

Item 1

Yes, the soil washing plant in zone 5 has been completed approximately 3 months ahead of scheduled.

Item 2

Treatment will be completed via the soil treatment centre established on CZ4, which currently comprise three soil washing plant and a bioremediation cell.

Item 3 and 4

The information which you have requested is attached as **Annex A** and **B**. We would also like to advise you that this information is publicly available through the ODA Planning Decision Team (PDT) and on their website.

<http://www.london2012.com/planning/contact-us.php>

Item 5

We do not hold the information which you have requested in this item of your clarification. The waste material is of unknown provenance.

Item 6 – New EIR Request - EN00269

The ODA whilst it is aware of the general location of the likely burial site, it has not encountered any Thorium Materials referred to in this request for information and as such, we do not hold the information which you have requested.

A memorandum and plan was received from the Lee Valley Regional Park Authority and London Borough of Newham Council indicating where thorium was believed to have been buried. Significant earthworks have been substantially completed in this area of the Olympic Park. During this work, a watching brief with a specialist contractor has been put into effect and monitoring undertaken. Thorium has not been detected during these works.

Item 7

Three drums (approximately three 50 gallon drums loosely packed) worth of non-RSA exempt material (mainly comprising instrument dials and phosphate rock) remain secured on site in zone 6a and will be subsequently disposed offsite at the Low Level Waste Repository at Drigg, West Cumbria in accordance with the necessary statutory requirements and Environmental Agency approval.

Item 8

As stated in item 3 of our response to EN00245, the Radioactive Substances Act 1993 (RSA) defines what constitutes radioactive material and this can be found in the definitions and schedules of the RSA. Under Regulation 6(1)(b) of the EIR, a public authority does not have to provide information where that information is already publicly available and easily accessible. The RSA is a publicly available document which can be obtained from the Office of Public Sector Information website.

http://www.opsi.gov.uk/acts/acts1993/ukpga_19930012_en_1#pb1-l1g1

However, as stated in item 7 above, in this instance the non-exempt RSA materials comprise instrument dials, granite, limestone, and phosphate rock.

We trust that the above information clarifies and closes your FOIA EN00245

With regard to your new EIR request, we trust that we have provided you the information which you have requested. However, if you are not satisfied with the response to this request and wish to make a complaint, you should write to The Information Officer, Olympic Delivery Authority, One Churchill Place, Canary Wharf, London, E14 5LN. Please state detailed grounds for your complaint.

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Information Commissioner will not make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaint procedure provided by the ODA. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. J. J. J. J.', is positioned above a vertical line that extends downwards to the typed name below.

Information Officer
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