

Memorandum

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To: **Harry Daggenhurst** Data Protection and Freedom of Information M3185-A35

From: **John H Large** 11 February 2010

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Subject: **NATIONAL OCEANOGRAPHY CENTRE, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHAMPTON -
SOTONSAFE EMERGENCY PLAN – FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000
REQUEST FOR EMERGENCY PLANNING/EVACUATION SCHEME**

Further to my request M3185-A32 of 13 January 2010 for information relating to the arrangements in place and maintained by the National Oceanography Centre in the event of a radiological incident in the area of Southampton Docks, I am disappointed not to have received any further information from you.

You will be aware that S10 of the Freedom of Information Act requires you to respond to requests *promptly* and in any event within 20 workings days. Since you do not seem to be seeking additional time to respond by engaging a qualified exemption, nor can I envisage any sound reason for you to do so, am I to assume that you have no intention to comply with the statutory obligations that the Act places upon you?

If by informal means we are unable to immediately resolve this quite unacceptable failure on your part to comply with the Act, then I require that you examine this matter and my complaint by Internal Review.

You should note that items 1), 2), 3) and 4) of M3185-A32 remain outstanding and this referral should not further delay the provision of the information so requested.