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To: **Information Officer** Natural Environment Research Council M3185-A36

From: **John H Large** 13 February 2010

Cc: Harry Daggenhurst - University of Southampton  
David Hoadley - SCANS

Subject: **NATIONAL OCEANOGRAPHY CENTRE, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHAMPTON -  
SOTONSAFE EMERGENCY PLAN – FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000  
REQUEST FOR EMERGENCY PLANNING/EVACUATION SCHEME 13 JANUARY 2010  
CASE N° 4542**

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Recently I submitted a request (M3185-A32 of 13 January 2010) to the Freedom of Information Officer (Mr H Daggenhurst) at the University of Southampton (SU) relating to the emergency planning arrangements in place at the National Oceanography Centre (NOC) located in Southampton Docks - this detailed request has been allocated a SU Case Reference N° 4542 and is accessible at <http://www.largeassociates.com/3185%20SOTONSAFE/M3185-A32.pdf>.

In a subsequent telephone call (12 February) Mr Daggenhurst suggested that the delays in my receiving a prompt response, or at least within 20 working days from the date of my request, have arisen because of an element of confusion over which of the participating partners (SU and NERC) of NOC is the responsible authority and therefore charged to reply to FoI requests.

Would you therefore liaise with your counterpart at SU, resolve any ambiguity over your individual or severable responsibilities and, in account that a response to my original request is now past the statutory period, expedite a full response to me without further delay.