

Date 12 December 2022
Our ref 2022-001440
Enquiries to phts.foi@phts.scot

Dear Mr Staniford

Freedom of Information Reference: 2022-001440

Thank you for your information request of 14 November 2022.

“Please provide information held by Public Health Scotland in relation to public health risks - including the risk of "explosion" from Hydrogen Sulphide toxic gases - in Portree since 1 August 2022.

Please include any emails, letters, warnings and any other information.”

I confirm that Public Health Scotland (PHS) holds the information you have requested and that this can be provided to you. I enclose the following documents:

PHS FOI ref 2022-001440_Redacted

An email exchange between NHS Highland Health Protection Team (the remitted team for this issue, which sits at local NHS board level) and Public Health Scotland. These exchanges date from 16 to 31 August 2022 and relate to H₂S release from a submerged fish feed barge.

Please note that some items of information, staff names and direct dial telephone numbers, in the email correspondence are redacted. PHS considers these parts subject to notices under Section 38(1)(b) of the Freedom of Information Scotland Act 2002 and Section 11 of the Environmental Information Scotland Regulations 2004.

Scottish Information Commissioner's website:
For information I include a link to the Regulator's [website](#).

If you are unhappy with our response to your request, you have the right to request a review. Your request should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this correspondence, and we will reply within 20 working days of receipt. The

review will be undertaken by a reviewer who was not involved in the original decision-making process. The reviewer can be contacted as follows:

The FOI Reviewer
Public Health Scotland
Gyle Square
1 South Gyle Crescent
Edinburgh
EH12 9EB
Email: phs.foi@phs.scot

If our decision is unchanged following a review and you remain dissatisfied, you have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months of receipt of our review response. You can do this by using the Scottish Information Commissioner's Office online appeals service at www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal. If you remain dissatisfied with the Commissioner's response you then have the option to appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law.

Yours sincerely

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