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By email

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Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR) – Request for Information

Reference: EIR 20180445

Dear 

Thank you for your request for information. I write to confirm that the information you have requested is not held by Ofwat.

As the economic regulator for the water industry in England and Wales Ofwat does not collect or have any requirement to hold data in relation to specific roadworks and in respect of fracking. Further information on Ofwat's responsibilities can be found on our website at the following link <https://www.ofwat.gov.uk/about-us/our-duties/>

Your request has been considered under the EIRs as opposed to Freedom of Information (FOI) Act as the request constitutes the definition of an environmental request, as defined by the Environmental Information Regulations which can be found at this link <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2004/3391/regulation/2/made>

For your information water companies are also subject to the EIR's and it may, therefore, be appropriate for you to consider submitting an EIR request for information to the water company (that covers the area you are interested in, in this instance United Utilities. They can be contacted via their email form at this link <https://myaccount.unitedutilities.com/ContactUs> and have 20 working days in which to provide the information or state why they may not hold the information, similar to Freedom of Information.

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If you are not happy with the outcome of that review you can ask the Information Commissioner's Office to consider your complaint. Generally, the ICO will not make a decision unless you have exhausted Ofwat's complaints procedure. The ICO can be contacted at:

<https://ico.org.uk/>

Or

Freedom of Information/EIR Information Not Held

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Yours sincerely,

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