



Ref: FOI2021-017

[REDACTED]

28th October 2021

Dear [REDACTED]

Further to our email of 14th October 2021 regarding your request for the following information:

- 1) Any data analysis and/or reports held by AWE Blacknest pertaining to seismic activity in the region of New York City, New York, USA on 17th January 2001.*
- 2) Could you please also send a list of any organisations/partners that AWE Blacknest shares/ passes seismic data to.*

Your request has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act).

A search for the requested information within the Atomic Weapons Establishment (AWE) has now been completed, and we can confirm that some information in scope of your request is held.

Regarding the first part of your request, we confirm that AWE Blacknest does not possess any data analysis other than that available in the open literature.

Regarding the second part of your request, we are able to disclose that AWE Blacknest shares/passes seismic data to the following organisations:

- The Comprehensive-Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT) Organisation (from which data are available to authorised users from CTBT signatory states);
- The Incorporated Research Institutions for Seismology (IRIS), all data provided to IRIS are openly available via their website www.iris.edu;
- Observatories & Research Facilities for European Seismology (ORFEUS), all data provided to ORFEUS are available via their website orfeus-eu.org;
- The British Geological Survey; and
- the CTBT National Data Centre of Ireland.

Under section 16 of the Act, advice and assistance, it may be helpful to note that data are also available to individual users via our website, www.blacknest.gov.uk/ndc.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications. If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

If you are unhappy with the way your request has been handled you have a right to request an internal review within 40 days of receiving this letter, by writing to information.requests@awe.co.uk or our postal address: Information Requests Team, AWE Aldermaston, Reading, RG7 4PR. If you are still unhappy after an internal review has been completed, under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 you have the right to take your complaint to the Information Commissioner's Office. Please note the



Aldermaston ▪ Reading
Berkshire ▪ RG7 4PR

www.awe.co.uk

Commissioner will generally not consider a complaint until you have exhausted AWE's internal complaints process.

Yours sincerely,

AWE Information Requests Team

