

Ref: FOI2024-018

[REDACTED]

18th April 2024

Dear [REDACTED]

Further to your email regarding your request for the following information:

That being the case, can I request the release of the following documents. If these exceed the cost limit, please remove documents from the bottom of the list until it is within the cost limit.

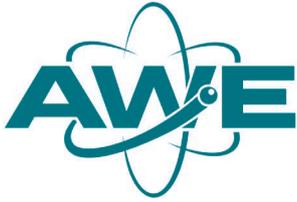
1. *Appendix A to administrative instruction 35/36 - special medical examinations - blood test period 19/8/56 - file dated 21/8/56*
2. *Nuclear test veterans - file dated 27/11/97*
3. *Test veterans fax files - file dated 27/11/02*
4. *Dose record Grapples - [REDACTED] - Blood count - file dated 6/11/58*
5. *Arrangements for examining urine of personnel exposed to ingesting or inhaling radioactive material - file dated 5/2/58*
6. *Grapple Z - operation order no26/58 ES1/651 - file dated 26/6/58*
7. *Grapple Z film badges and blood counts - file dated 2/7/58*
8. *From TPC exclusive for [REDACTED] advance notification is given that before rehabilitation of forward area after each balloon round blood counts will be made on personnel to be engaged - file dated 23/7/58*
9. *Report on Medical examinations of natives at Coober Pedy - file dated 6/4/60*
10. *Natives from Victoria Desert - file dated 6/8/59*

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

We can confirm that the Atomic Weapons Establishment (AWE) holds information in scope of your request.

However, the information you have requested falls entirely within the exemption provided for under section 22 of the Act (Information intended for future publication). This is a qualified exemption and is subject to a Public Interest Test.

Whilst taking this decision, we recognise the level of public interest in regard to the disclosure of these documents; similarly acknowledging the level of interest in the information being made available sooner. However, there is also prominent public interest in permitting public authorities to maintain their accountability to publish information in a manner and via a suitable platform ensuring accessibility to the public; and despite best efforts, we are not in a position to be able to advise you of the platform or timeframe these documents will be made available at this time.



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Under Section 16(1) of the Act, whereby public authorities should provide advice and assistance to requesters, we propose to offer to write to you advising you of how and where the information can be accessed in due course, if you should wish us to do so.

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

Yours sincerely,

AWE Information Requests Team