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Date: 28 August 2025
Reference: F0007557

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request of 22 August 2025, for the release of information held by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA). For reference your original enquiry was as follows:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004, I request the following recorded information held by the Civil Aviation Authority:

1. Airspace Notices and Dispersal Coordination

- Any Airspace Coordination Notices (ACNs), flight authorisations, or operational records relating to geoengineering activities, including but not limited to:
 - Solar Radiation Management (SRM)
 - Stratospheric Aerosol Injection (SAI)
 - Cloud seeding or atmospheric modification

2. Substance Dispersal Records

- Details of any substances, compounds, or particulates authorised for aerial dispersal within UK airspace, whether by military, commercial, or research aircraft.

3. Inter-agency Correspondence

- Internal or external communications between the CAA and the Ministry of Defence, DEFRA, Met Office, or any other public/private entity regarding geoengineering operations, authorisations, or risk assessments.

4. Environmental Impact and Public Communication

- Any environmental assessments, public risk briefings, or communication strategies relating to geoengineering activities coordinated or authorised by the CAA.

5. Contractual or Research Engagements

- Records of any agreements, memoranda, or collaborative projects involving geoengineering technologies or atmospheric modification research.

Your request has been considered in line with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). I can confirm that it has been reasonably determined that the CAA holds no information within scope of the above request.

To be clear, the CAA is unaware of any such activities (geo-engineering type activities) being conducted, as such the CAA has concluded that no information is held.

Civil Aviation Authority

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As the UK's independent aviation regulator, the CAA has a responsibility to ensure that all civil aviation in the UK is carried out in a safe manner. This would include those limited light aircraft (mainly helicopters) involved in the aerial application of pesticides in agriculture, horticulture and forestry, and a small number of aircraft converted to spray liquid dispersant on oil slicks. These types of activities do not fall within the parameters of the above request and have therefore not been considered.

If you are not satisfied with how we have dealt with your request in the first instance you should approach the CAA in writing at:-

FOI.Requests@caa.co.uk

The CAA has a formal internal review process for dealing with appeals or complaints in connection with Freedom of Information requests. The key steps in this process are set out below. A request for an internal review should be submitted within 40 working days of the date of this letter.

Should you remain dissatisfied with the outcome you have a right under Section 50 of the FOIA to appeal against the decision by contacting the Information Commissioner at:-

Information Commissioner's Office
FOI/EIR Complaints Resolution
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
SK9 5AF
<https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>

If you wish to request further information from the CAA, please use the form on the CAA website at FOI - Freedom of Information (caa.co.uk).

Yours sincerely

Communications & Engagement Team
Information Rights Specialist
Civil Aviation Authority



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CAA INTERNAL REVIEW & COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

- The original case to which the appeal or complaint relates is identified and the case file is made available;
- The appeal or complaint is allocated to an Appeal Manager, the appeal is acknowledged.
- The Appeal Manager reviews the case to understand the nature of the appeal or complaint, reviews the actions and decisions taken in connection with the original case and takes account of any new information that may have been received. This will typically require contact with those persons involved in the original case and when necessary consultation with the CAA Legal Department;

- The Appeal Manager concludes the review and, after consultation with those involved with the case, and if necessary the CAA Legal Department, agrees on the course of action to be taken;
- The Appeal Manager prepares the necessary response and collates any information to be provided to the applicant;
- The response and any necessary information is sent to the applicant, together with information about further rights of appeal to the Information Commissioners Office, including full contact details.
- An internal review cannot address issues outside of the scope of the original request.
- You, as the applicant, may raise concerns as to why you think the CAA (and any exemptions relied upon) were incorrect in our application of the terms of the FOIA.
- The internal review mechanism should not be used to raise additional further requests for information; this should be done by way of another first stage information request.