
Fwd: Environmental Information Request – ARIA and GE Engineering Project Details

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To: Aria EIR <eir@aria.org.uk>

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From: [REDACTED]

Date: Sat, 26 Apr 2025 at 00:05

Subject: Environmental Information Request – ARIA and GE Engineering Project Details

To: info@aria.org.uk <info@aria.org.uk>

Dear ARIA Information Officer,

I am writing to request information under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

I am seeking details regarding any projects involving the Advanced Research and Invention Agency (ARIA) and GE Engineering (or General Electric) that pertain to atmospheric or environmental experimentation, specifically those involving the use of sulfur dioxide or similar substances.

1. Project Information

Please provide details of any current or planned projects involving ARIA and GE Engineering that include atmospheric testing, aerosol release, or geoengineering components.

2. Study Locations

Please provide a list of the proposed or confirmed locations for any small-scale or pilot studies associated with these projects.

3. Risk and Environmental Controls

Please provide information on the environmental or safety controls in place to ensure that any substances used—particularly sulfur dioxide—do not drift or contaminate densely populated areas. This includes modeling, containment measures, notification protocols, and public health assessments.

4. Oversight and Regulation

Please provide information on the regulatory bodies overseeing these experiments and any risk assessments or environmental impact statements that have been completed or are planned.

5. Potential human health/wildlife health/environmental health risks

If any part of this request is unclear or too broad, I am willing to refine it. Please provide the requested information in electronic format if possible. If any part of this request is exempt from disclosure, please provide the reason and any relevant public interest test considerations.

Sent from [Outlook for Android](#)

Aria EIR <eir@aria.org.uk>

23 May 2025 at 15:47

To: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED],

Please find attached our response to your request for information below.

Kind regards,

ARIA

[REDACTED]

By email to: [REDACTED]

23 May 2025

Dear [REDACTED],

Environmental Information Regulations 2004 ("EIR") Request

We are writing in response to your recent request for information to the Advanced Research + Invention Agency ("ARIA") dated 26 April 2025 under the EIR. In order to provide clear answers, we have responded to each of your questions below adopting the numbering included in your request.

Items 1 and 2: Project Information and Study Locations

Please refer to our [recent announcement](#) in respect of the projects which we are funding as part of our Exploring Climate Cooling Programme which details the projects, teams, amount of funding and locations. The exact locations and dates of any controlled, small-scale outdoor experiments have not yet been determined but will be published in the future. Any funded experiments will be time-bound and limited in size, scale so their effects dissipate within 24 hours or are fully reversible.

Items 3, 4 and 5: Risk and Environmental Controls, Oversight and Regulation and Potential human health/wildlife health/environmental health risks

The announcement above describes the governance and oversight arrangements for the Exploring Climate Cooling programme including details of the Oversight Committee. Additionally, it states that an environmental impact assessment will be performed and made publicly available before any controlled, small-scale outdoor experiment starts, and experiments will have to be developed through engagement with local communities.

Any controlled, small-scale outdoor experiments in the UK would take place in late 2027 (at the earliest), and only provided that the appropriate community engagement work and the necessary assessments have taken place. As a result, ARIA does not yet hold "any risk assessments or

environmental impact statements" relating to the potential experiments. However, these will be published once produced. You can sign up for updates from ARIA on our website [here](#).

Appeals Process

If you are dissatisfied with this response you can address a complaint to eir@aria.org.uk and ARIA will undertake an internal review of your case. Under Regulation 11(2) EIR, you must contact us for a review no later than 40 working days after the date of this letter.

If you remain dissatisfied after the internal review, you may then complain to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for further investigation who can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

Yours faithfully,

ARIA