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**Cc:** [UKRI FOI Requests](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Freedom of Information request - West Cumbria Mining Abstraction from the Byerstead Fault (Our ref: IDA 276261)  
**Date:** 20 August 2020 16:09:40  
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Dear [REDACTED]

Our ref: IDA 276261

Thank you for your request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Because your request concerns environmental information we have considered it under the terms of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

In answer to your questions, BGS has given no advice to West Cumbria Mining as to the water abstraction rates likely to be available from the Byerstead Fault. We also hold no groundwater monitoring or surveys undertaken for West Cumbria Mining and therefore exception 12(4)(a) applies in that BGS 'does not hold that information'.

I hope this fully answers your questions. If you feel we have failed to comply with your request in accordance with the requirements of the Regulations, you have the right to ask for an internal review (Regulation 11). Internal review requests should be submitted in writing within 40 working days after the date on which you believe we failed to comply with the requirements – normally the date of receipt of our response to your request. This should be addressed to The Complaints Officer at NERC, Polaris House, North Star Avenue, Swindon, Wilts SN2 1EU. There is no charge for this review.

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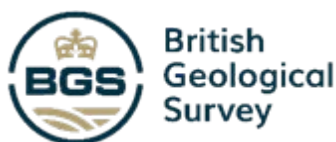
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Regards

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-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 29 July 2020 11:09

To: enquiries <[enquiries@bgs.ac.uk](mailto:enquiries@bgs.ac.uk)>

Subject: Freedom of Information request - West Cumbria Mining Abstraction from the Byerstead Fault

Dear British Geological Survey,

West Cumbria Mining say their primary freshwater resource for processes on site such as coal washing would be abstraction from the Byerstead Fault.

1. What advice has been given to West Cumbria Mining from BGS as to the abstraction rates likely to be available from Byerstead Fault at peak production of coal?
2. Under FOI I ask for sight of groundwater-related monitoring and surveys undertaken by BGS for West Cumbria Mining in particular relating to the abstraction of freshwater from the Byerstead Fault

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

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