



8 June 2023

Dear [REDACTED],

Freedom of Information request: FOI2023/00301

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 19 May in which you requested the following:

Your request:

Can I request information regarding your funding of Geo engineering?

Can I request information on the funding you have given to institutions in the UK regarding Geo engineering?

Can I request information on the suppliers of the material used in Geo engineering?

Can I have a question information on the planes and the companies used to spray the product on the people of the UK?

Can I request a list of companies delivering and supplying the Geoengineering programs in the UK?

All information on Government funding regarding Geoengineering and solar management, including and not excluding funding given to corporations involved in the manufacturing and distribution of the solar management programs.

Our response:

I can confirm that UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) holds some information relevant to your request. Please see the information below.

Under Section 21 of the FOIA, information already reasonably accessible, information on UKRI's funding of geoengineering is already available in the public domain via [UKRI's Gateway to Research](#)¹.

Recommended searches to view funded projects related to this topic include:

- [Geoengineering](#)²
- [Solar Radiation Management](#)³
- [Greenhouse Gas Removal](#)⁴
- [Carbon Dioxide Removal](#)⁵

Section 21 is an absolute exemption which means that there is no requirement to conduct a public interest test.

In addition, we would like to highlight some specific activities that the Natural Environment Research Council (NERC) have been involved in funding in this area, which may be of interest:

¹ <https://qtr.ukri.org/>

² <https://qtr.ukri.org/search/project?term=geoengineering>

³ <https://qtr.ukri.org/search/project?term=solar+AND+radiation+AND+management>

⁴ <https://qtr.ukri.org/search/project?term=greenhouse+AND+gas+AND+removal>

⁵ <https://qtr.ukri.org/search/project?term=carbon+AND+dioxide+AND+removal>

- [Greenhouse Gas Removal from the Atmosphere research programme](#)⁶ (now ended) – NERC-led collaboration with EPSRC, ESRC and BEIS
- [Greenhouse Gas Removal Demonstrators Strategic Priorities Fund](#)⁷ – NERC-led collaboration with AHRC, BBSRC, ESRC and EPSRC
- [Public Dialogue on Geoengineering](#)⁸ (in 2011) – funded by NERC
- [Accelerating CCUS Technologies second call](#)⁹ – co-funded by EPSRC, NERC and BEIS
- [CO2 Storage Research Facility scoping study](#)¹⁰ – funded by NERC

UKRI do not hold information on the suppliers of materials used in geoengineering, or companies delivering and supplying geoengineering programs in the UK, past those included in the relevant searches listed above. To clarify, UKRI provides funding to organisations conducting research in these areas and does not carry out the research ourselves.

As far as UKRI is aware, the spraying of products onto people is not a geoengineering approach, and therefore we do not hold information related to the planes or companies you are referring to.

UKRI also do not hold information on funding provided by the UK Government that is not provided directly by UKRI. We would recommend contacting relevant Government departments directly for this information.

If you have any queries regarding our response or you are unhappy with the outcome of your request and wish to seek an internal review of the decision, please contact within the next 40 working days:

Head of Information Governance
Email: foi@ukri.org

Please quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are still not content with the outcome of the internal review, you may apply to refer the matter to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the review procedure provided by UKRI. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: www.ico.org.uk.

If you wish to raise a complaint regarding the service you have received or the conduct of any UKRI staff in relation to your request, please see UKRI's complaints policy: <https://www.ukri.org/about-us/policies-and-standards/complaints-policy/>

Yours sincerely,


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⁶ <https://www.ggrprogramme.org.uk/>

⁷ <https://www.ukri.org/news/uk-invests-over-30m-in-large-scale-greenhouse-gas-removal/>

⁸ <https://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/ukgwa/20170110120841/http://www.sciencewise-erc.org.uk/cms/geoengineering/>

⁹ <http://www.act-ccs.eu/projects>

¹⁰ <https://www.bgs.ac.uk/news/co2-storage-testbed/>