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[REDACTED], [REDACTED],

Sorry for picking this up so much later, but I wanted to share our position on it.

- The CSA's report is a collection of views on risk to build better policy. We welcome debate on how HMG manages risk and on shale.
- Prof Stirling asks high level questions about how one innovates given some risks manifest in the future, and that one asks those questions when considering fracking.
- He does not say that shale will lead to long term harm.
- The Royal Society/Royal Academic of Engineering 2012 report concluded that the risks of shale development could be managed safely provided best practice was used and regulation followed.
- HMG remains confident that it is safe to proceed, especially since Royal Society/Royal Academic of Engineering reconfirmed their conclusion in this report and in answer to the Guardian's article

Best,

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Many thanks – informative and helpful – appreciated

Regards

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**Attachments:** Annex C1

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Thanks. [REDACTED] found a handy analysis of the unrepresentative character of the stories in the Guardian and Independent, attached. They have seized on one or two sentences in a lengthy document, taken from chapters clearly stated to be the opinion of the author and not of the Chief Scientist, and attributed them to the Chief Scientist. Pretty poor, even by current standards of journalism. The only remark by the Chief Scientist which is of any direct relevance to fracking or shale is to cite the RS report as a good example of the UK's world leadership in the development of rigorous evidence reviews (p. 6, bottom of second column).

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As discussed [REDACTED]/[REDACTED]

Thought you may be interested in this report by UK's chief scientist. The media coverage here - <http://www.theguardian.com/environment/2014/nov/28/fracking-risk-compared-to-thalidomide-and-asbestos-in-walport-report>

Regards

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