

## **Environmental Information Regulations (EIR)**

The Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR) came into force on 1 January 2005, to coincide with the Freedom of Information Act 2000. They clarify and extend previous rights to environmental information.

The public has a right of access to environmental information held by public authorities, including the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA). Requests for information can be verbal or in writing and do not need to refer to the regulations.

The definition of 'environmental information' covers elements of the environment such as land, water, biological organisms etc. It also covers measures and activities which may affect these, including economic analysis of these measures and activities.

A reasonable charge may be made for providing environmental information. Where fees are required, a Fees Notice requesting payment will be issued and no further action will be taken until it is received. The time taken to pay the fee is not included in the 20 working day timeline for response. A fee can be charged for the following:

- Staff time locating and retrieving information
- Disbursements including printing or photocopying costs, or copying to a different media
- Postage or delivery charges

EIR requests should be made to:

The Information Disclosure Team  
Financial Conduct Authority  
12 Endeavour Square  
London  
E20 1JN

By email to [foi@fca.gov.uk](mailto:foi@fca.gov.uk)

By phone 0800 111 6768 (free phone) or 0300 500 8082 from the UK, or +44 207 066 1000 from abroad

When you make your request, please include the following:

- Your name and a postal or email address for correspondence
- Full and specific details of the information or documents required