

Freedom of Information request: Reference number FOI2026/00882

Date of request: 29th July 2026

Request:

Any and all internal emails at LFB and external emails regarding the fire on Dalston Lane (incident number: 089269-05062024)
Any and all emails between LFB and the Scientific Advisor's.
Any and all emails between LFB and anyone at Bureau Veritas.

Response:

Further to your request, a search was completed for all internal correspondence held at LFB regarding the fire at Dalston Lane, London. Upon review, the relevant emails found in the search are attached below. Personal data has been redacted in accordance with [section 40 of the FOIA - Personal Information](#).

The remaining email correspondence between LFB, Scientific advisors and Bureau Veritas regarding the fire on Dalston Lane is exempt from release under [section 31 of the FOIA - Law Enforcement](#).

The withheld information comprises communications between the London Fire Brigade and specialist scientific advisers containing detailed technical assessments and analysis used to inform fire investigations and related enforcement activities. Whilst the particular investigation to which the information relates has concluded, the material remains sensitive because its disclosure would reveal methodologies, considerations and technical information that continue to be used in the Brigade's investigative and regulatory functions. Disclosure could prejudice the Brigade's ability to effectively carry out future investigations and associated law enforcement activities by revealing information about how evidence is assessed and evaluated. Therefore, the exemption at Section 31(1)(g), read in conjunction with Section 31(2), is engaged.

We clearly understand that there is public interest and concern about knowing about the fire safety of the buildings in which people live, work or visit however we need to maintain a balance between the public interest in safety and the Brigade's ability to work with responsible persons in a safe space where honest, frank and meaningful discussions can take place.

It is important that enforcing authorities are assisted in their investigations if witnesses and those responsible for compliance with regulations are willing to cooperate with the investigation on a voluntary basis and investigators are able to take full contemporaneous notes (that are recorded on the audit forms) and enter in discussions (either verbally, or by correspondence) with those involved to enable them to explore all aspects of the case and then arrive at a decision as to the appropriate action to take.

We are of the view that the correct balance between the public interest in building safety and our ongoing regulatory involvement lies in making information about enforcement action available (formal or informal) to those that request it, but in withholding the supporting information and evidence gathered during regulation activities.

We have dealt with your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. For more information about this process please see the guidance we publish about making a request on our website: <https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/about-us/transparency/request-information-from-us/>

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Fire Incident: 183-223 Dalston Lane, London, E8 1HL on 5 June 2024 [24-286]
Date: 14 August 2024 13:51:47
Attachments: [image002.tif](#)
[image003.tif](#)
[image004.tif](#)
[image005.tif](#)
[image006.tif](#)
[image007.tif](#)
[image008.tif](#)
[image009.tif](#)
[image010.tif](#)
[image011.jpg](#)
[image012.jpg](#)

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Hi [REDACTED]

BV did attend the scene for this one, but LFB/BV did not sample, all samples were taken by the Police. Since attending we have not received communication regarding the laboratory examination for the PV installation.

I have included [REDACTED] (the BV lead) and SubC [REDACTED] and T/StnC [REDACTED] from LFB's FI Team who will hopefully will be able to update on this investigation and provide contact details for [REDACTED] to discuss the sample with the Police lead.

Thank you

[REDACTED]



Scientific Adviser

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From: [REDACTED]@london-fire.gov.uk>
Sent: Wednesday, August 14, 2024 12:24 PM
To: [REDACTED]@bureauveritas.com> [REDACTED]@bureauveritas.com>
Cc: [REDACTED]@london-fire.gov.uk>
Subject: FW: Fire incident: 183-223 Dalston Lane, London, E8 1HL on 5 June 2024 Our ref: 716008/ACN
INCIDENT NUMBER 089269-05062024

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: FI - Incident number 089269, June 5, 2024, at Dalston Lane E8.
Date: 21 November 2025 12:07:02
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
[image002.jpg](#)
[image003.jpg](#)
[image004.png](#)
[image005.png](#)
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[Outlook-tu0yec0.gif](#)
[Outlook-qoeu53zt.gif](#)
[Outlook-qddp03mw.gif](#)
[Outlook-c1s2bqv.gif](#)
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[Outlook-phd4twsh.gif](#)

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Hi mate,

All good here - how are you?

Thanks for the request, we are aware and are on it

Kind regards



Chief Scientific Adviser

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From: [REDACTED]@london-fire.gov.uk>
Sent: 19 November 2025 4:28 PM
To: [REDACTED]@bureauveritas.com>
Subject: FI - Incident number 089269, June 5, 2024, at Dalston Lane E8.

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Hiya Mate

I hope you are doing well. [REDACTED] someone approached me regarding an incident where samples were taken—incident number 089269, which occurred on June 5, 2024, at Dalston Lane E8. She has been seeking an update on this matter for some time and nothing. Could you please provide any information on whether samples were taken and if they are currently under investigation?

Any updates I can share with her would be greatly appreciated, if not now worries.

Thank you!



[REDACTED]
Temporary Station Commander

London Fire Brigade Poplar & Millwall fire stations

[REDACTED] [@london-fire.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@london-fire.gov.uk)

Poplar fire station

168 East India Dock Road
E14 0BP

Millwall fire station

43 Westferry Road
E14 8JH

T: 020 8555 1200 x [REDACTED]

M [REDACTED]

E [REDACTED] [@london-fire.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@london-fire.gov.uk)

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Hackney 15pf - press office request
Date: 04 November 2025 14:12:50
Attachments: [image003.png](#)
[image004.png](#)
[image005.png](#)

Good afternoon [REDACTED]

Is there any timeline for a report for incident: 089269-05062024?

I understand from the below, that the examination was scheduled to start first week of July.

If not the full report, an update or short precis?

Regards,

[REDACTED]
Station Officer &
Fire Investigation Officer
Fire Investigation Office
Dowgate Fire Station
94-95 Upper Thames Street
London EC4R 3UE
T: 0208 555 1200 extn [REDACTED]
M: [REDACTED]
Fire Investigation Mailbox [REDACTED] [@london-fire.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@london-fire.gov.uk)



From: [REDACTED]@london-fire.gov.uk>
Sent: 04 November 2025 13:55
To: [REDACTED]@london-fire.gov.uk> [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]@london-fire.gov.uk>
Cc: [REDACTED]@london-fire.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: Hackney 15pf - press office request

Hello,

The BBC journalist who has been enquiring about the cause of this incident has been in touch again asking if we have any update.

Do we have the outcome of the BV sample yet?

089269-05062024 is the incident number.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Fire Incident: 183-223 Dalston Lane, London, E8 1HL
Date: 23 October 2024 09:23:09
Attachments: [image003.png](#)
[image004.jpg](#)
[image005.png](#)

Morning BV,

I am collecting some samples that are being held by the MPS this morning (several large inverters from a solar installation).

Is there any objections to bringing these straight to you?

Ill be driving, so could you text a response on my personal number [REDACTED] (has it), if not [REDACTED] can let me know.

Cheers,

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Fire Investigation Mailbox: [REDACTED] [@london-fire.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@london-fire.gov.uk)



From: [REDACTED] [@london-fire.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@london-fire.gov.uk)> **On Behalf Of** [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 8:16 AM
To: [REDACTED] [@met.police.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@met.police.uk); [REDACTED] [@london-fire.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@london-fire.gov.uk)> [REDACTED] [@met.police.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@met.police.uk)
Cc: [REDACTED] [@london-fire.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@london-fire.gov.uk)>
Subject: RE: Fire incident: 183-223 Dalston Lane, London, E8 1HL

I will attempt to collect the samples this morning, [REDACTED] will collect anything outstanding upon his return.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: FI Samples (x24) ok to dispose or release?
Date: 12 August 2026 14:24:00
Attachments: [image001.tif](#)
[image002.tif](#)
[image003.tif](#)
[image004.tif](#)
[image005.tif](#)
[image006.tif](#)
[image007.tif](#)
[image008.tif](#)
[image009.tif](#)

Hi [REDACTED]

Please see the below responses. I will chase up the other ones and get back to you.

Hope you are well

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@bureauveritas.com>
Sent: 10 August 2026 15:37
To: [REDACTED]@london-fire.gov.uk>
Cc: [REDACTED]@bureauveritas.com>
Subject: FI Samples (x24) ok to dispose or release?

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Hello FIAD,

We have now started preparing the next list for disposals. Can you please let me know if any of the items from the table below cannot be disposed / released?

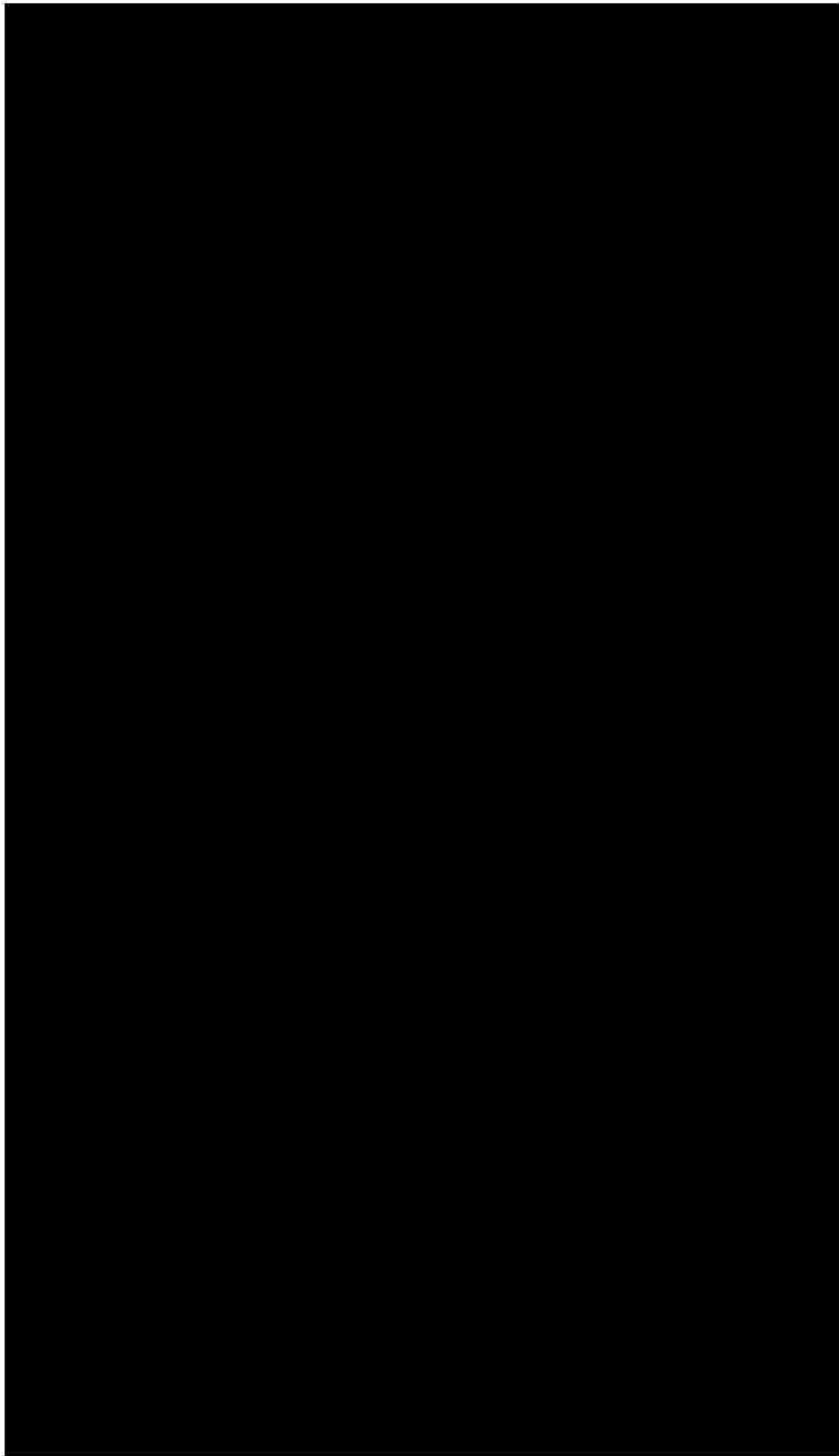
Thanks in advance and looking forward to your reply.

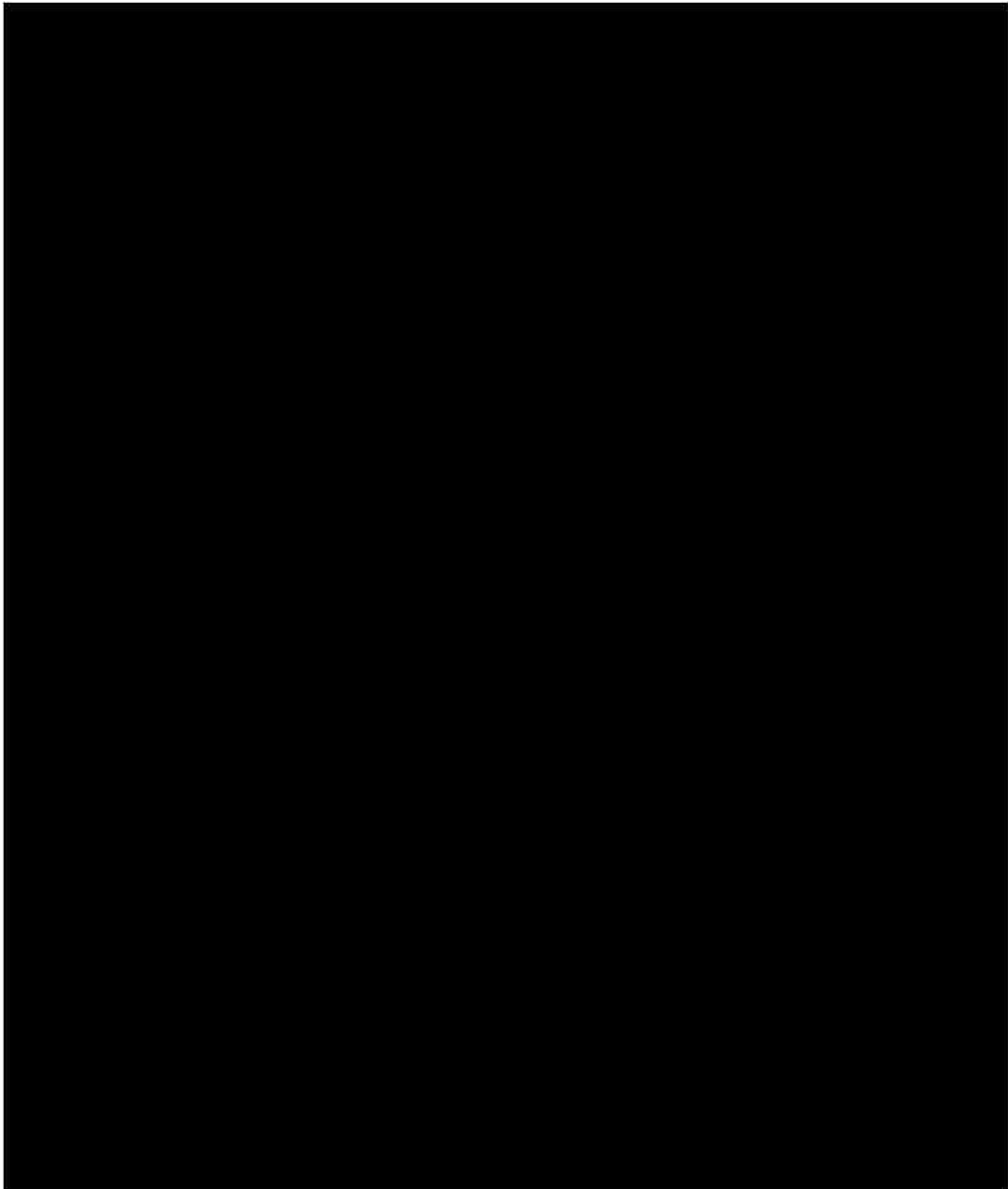
Job Number	Incident Number	Address	Item	Okay to dispose / release
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24-286	089269-05062024	225-295 Dalston Lane, Hackney, London, E8 1HL.	Photovoltaic electrical system	Yes
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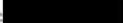






Kindest Regards,




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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Bureau Veritas Fire Investigation Report for Inc 089269-05062024
Date: 08 July 2025 09:50:14
Attachments: [image010.png](#)
[26384-0 \(089269-05062024\) various items, various makes, various models, cause undetermined.docx](#)
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Dear SubC [REDACTED]

Please find attached the Word version of the Bureau Veritas Fire Investigation report relating to one of your cases.

If we could ask you to complete the details for report clearing (and disposal/retention of the sample seized – if applicable) using the Microsoft Form [via this link](#) or scanning QR Code below.



Thank you very much in advance for your co-operation



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