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## Official Information Act Request and Acknowledgment of Transfer of Request

Dear Ms Enderby

I refer to your request, received by the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) on 19 July 2019, in which you asked, regarding '143 positive tests for 1080 in people's urine', the following questions:

1. *What further monitoring have you done to establish and document your legal responsibilities to these people under NZ health and safety legislation.*
2. *How many of these incidents were actually reported to you.*
3. *What dates did these tests come back from Manaaki Whenua.*

Of the victims of this poisoning;

4. *What percentage were male.*
5. *What compensation was offered or paid.*
6. *What were the routes of exposure.*
7. *Who is legally responsible for poisoning these 143 people.*
8. *Who manufactured the toxin and bait medium that lead to these poisonings*
9. *Who decided to ignore the MSDS for the toxin*
10. *Who allowed them to ignore it.*
11. *Where did these human poisoning incidents take place.*
12. *Why were so many people poisoned.*
13. *When did these human poisonings take place and how soon after were the urine samples taken. And yes I need the poisoning date, sample date and test dates on the same page.*
14. *How do you plan to stop this from happening again.*
15. *What reproductive system monitoring has been done on these people considering the ERMA review of 1080 acknowledged that 1080 is a confirmed teratogen.*
16. *Who set the BEI so high considering USA consider fluorine based toxins may be causing harm at 1 PPT.*
17. *Does the precautionary principle not apply to you.*

Your request has been treated as a request for information under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

Please see our response to your questions below.

**2. How many of these incidents were actually reported to you.**

I can confirm that none of these incidents were reported to the EPA.

**17. Does the precautionary principle not apply to you.**

The EPA's role in the management of hazardous substances is to determine whether they can be approved for use in New Zealand. This is done by assessing applications and weighing up the risks and benefits of the substances. If an application is approved, the EPA sets controls to ensure that the risks associated with the hazardous substance are appropriately managed. The precautionary principle does apply to the EPA, which means that the EPA takes into account the need for caution in managing adverse effects where there is scientific and technical uncertainty about those effects.

For more information on 1080, you may be interested to look at the EPA's website page:

<https://www.epa.govt.nz/everyday-environment/1080/>.

I understand that your request is related to a table of information released by Landcare Research on 26 April 2019 under the OIA. The EPA has no information about the tests or why they were performed.

As I am unable to answer any of the other questions contained in your request, we have been consulting with Landcare Research regarding a transfer of the remaining questions. We are extending your request by 10 working days under section 15A(1)(b) of the OIA on the basis that the EPA has been consulting with Landcare Research regarding the transfer, and that an extension of time is necessary to make a decision on your request, and a proper response cannot reasonably be made within the original time limit.

I am also transferring your questions 1 and 3-16 to Landcare Research under section 14(b)(i) of the OIA, as I believe they hold the information you are seeking.

I note your query about the Biological Exposure Index (BEI). Please note that WorkSafe sets the BEI for hazardous substances used in the workplace, therefore I suggest that you contact WorkSafe for further information about this. WorkSafe can be contacted at <https://worksafe.govt.nz/contact-us/> or 0800 030 040.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of this decision by the Ombudsman. You can contact the Ombudsman on 0800 802 602, or by email at [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz).

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us via [ministerials@epa.govt.nz](mailto:ministerials@epa.govt.nz).

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