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Extension of Timeframe for Official Information Act Request

Dear Mr Cooper

I refer to your email, received on 28 January 2020, in which you request the following information:

*What testing is done for radioactivity of the oil industry drill cuttings in New Zealand?
What is the process for disposing of the oil industry drill cuttings on land and at sea?*

Your request is being considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA).

Your request necessitates a large amount of collation and research, and meeting the original time limit would unreasonably interfere with the operations of the organisation.

I am therefore extending the date for our response, under section 15A(1)(a) of the Act, to 13 March 2020. We will try, however, to respond before that date.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you have any further queries or wish to discuss your request, please do not hesitate to contact us via ministerials@epa.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cherie Engelbrecht".

Cherie Engelbrecht
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