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Ref: OIA 26098

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Official Information Act Request – Extension Letter

Tēnā koe Kay

I refer to your request received on 13 May 2026 for:

“One. Where New Zealand is currently sourcing technical grade sodium fluoroacetate following the fire at Tull Chemical Company in Oxford Alabama in October 2024 and whether there have been any supply disruptions to the 1080 programme as a result?

Two. Whether Manaaki Whenua Landcare Research or any other accredited laboratory tests for 1080 breakdown products including fluorocitrate in water samples collected following aerial 1080 operations and if not why not?

Three. The basis for the provisional Maximum Acceptable Value of 3.5 micrograms per litre for 1080 in New Zealand drinking water including what toxicological studies or international guidance it was derived from?

Four. Whether there is any systematic monitoring of 1080 in private bore water in areas subject to repeated 1080 operations over time and if not what the rationale is for excluding private bores from the monitoring programme?

Five. A copy of any review of the 1080 drinking water MAV that has been conducted since it was set and whether any review is planned in light of the absence of a WHO guideline value.”

The Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) requires that we advise you of our decision on your request no later than 20 working days after the day we received your request. Unfortunately, it is not possible for us to meet that time limit and we are therefore writing to notify you of an extension of the time to make our decision until 25 June 2026.

The extension is made under section 15A(1)(b) of the OIA, because consultations necessary to make a decision on your request are such that a proper response to the request cannot reasonably be made within the original time limit.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision under section 28(3) of the OIA. You can contact the Ombudsman on 0800 802 602, or by email at info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

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

Nāku noa nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "J McDowall". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "M".

Jean McDowall
Senior Advisor, Official Correspondence