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Tēnā koe Kay

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) transferred from the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) to the Ministry of Health – Manatū Hauora (the Ministry) on 2 June 2026. You requested:

“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?”

Five. A copy of any review of the 1080 drinking water MAV that has been conducted prior to 2021.”

The Ministry has identified three documents within scope of your request. All documents are itemised in **Appendix 1** and copies of the documents are enclosed.

I trust this information fulfils your request. If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request with us, including this decision, please feel free to contact the OIA Services Team on: oiagr@health.govt.nz.

Under section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by calling 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry website at: www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests.

Nāku noa, nā



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Appendix 1: List of documents for release

#	Date	Document details	Decision on release
1	10 August 2011	Internal Memo: Review of maximum acceptable value (MAV) for sodium fluoroacetate (1080)	Released in full.
2	3 December 2018	Pesticides (15 of them) in the 2008 DWSNZ with a PMAV set by the Ministry.	
3	2019	Excerpt from archived document: Guidelines for drinking water quality management in New Zealand, Volume 3 Datasheets – Chemical and physical determinands, Part 2.3: Pesticides	Some information released under section 16(1)(e) of the Act by giving an excerpt of the contents.