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Official Information Act Request

Dear ██████████

I refer to your request to the Office of the Prime Minister's Chief Science Advisor received on 18 August 2020 for the following information:

"... any information that can contradict sodium fluoroacetate's material safety data safety sheet, (MSDS) statements and why in your opinion that the toxin should not be withdrawn from use immediately."

Your request has been treated as a request for information under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA). The Office of the Prime Minister's Chief Science Advisor has forwarded your request to the Environmental Protection Authority for a response.

We are not in possession of any information that contradicts sodium fluoroacetate's MSDS. We acknowledge sodium fluoroacetate is a toxic substance and that is why it remains one of the most tightly controlled hazardous substances currently used in New Zealand.

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.

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

We will publish your request and our response on our website, www.epa.govt.nz, within 10 working days from today. We make OIA responses available so others can read more about the work we do and the questions we are asked. Any information that might identify you will be removed to protect your privacy.

Yours sincerely



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