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## Official Information Act Request

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request received on 24 July for the following information:

*“Details of all incidents of people or stock being poisoned by 1080 in last 30 years  
Who authorizes the dropping of 1080 via monsoon buckets?”*

Your request has been treated as a request for information under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA). The response to your request follows.

1. *“Details of all incidents of people or stock being poisoned by 1080 in last 30 years”*

1080 is one of the most closely monitored and controlled hazardous substances in New Zealand, and is strictly controlled under the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996 (the HSNO Act). From 2007 anybody undertaking an aerial 1080 operation (operators) has been required to report on that operation to the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA). Our searches of pre-2007 records did not uncover relevant materials for your request.

Since 2007, we have published individual 1080 aerial operation reports on our website <https://www.epa.govt.nz/resources-and-publications/1080-aerial-operators-reports>. A report on each 1080 aerial operation must be submitted to the EPA as soon as reasonably practicable (but no later than six months) after the operation.

We collate the information provided in these operation reports into an annual report on aerial 1080 operations completed during the calendar year. You can find the annual monitoring reports for the calendar years 2007 to 2018 at: <https://www.epa.govt.nz/everyday-environment/animals-and-insects/1080>. The report for 2019 will be published at the end of this year.

Since 2007 each annual report summarises any complaints, incidents and activities associated with 1080 use reported to the EPA in that calendar year.

2. *“Who authorizes the dropping of 1080 via monsoon buckets?”*

1080 baits are approved under a HSNO approval to be applied aurally and via ground-based methods. 1080 is classed as a vertebrate toxic agent (VTA) and requires a permission under s95A of the HSNO Act 1996 before its use.

The EPA has delegated power to grant permissions under s95A for 1080 to the Department of Conservation and Medical Officers of Health and Health Protection Officers who have been appointed as HSNO enforcement officers

A permission is required from the Department of Conservation before use of the substance on land administered or managed by the Department. If the substance is applied or used in a catchment area from which water is drawn for human consumption or in any area where a risk to public health may be created, a permission is also required from Medical Officers of Health and Health Protection Officers who have been appointed as HSNO enforcement officers.

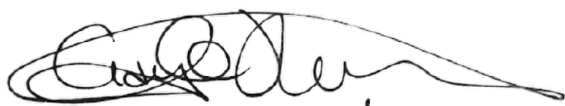
Organisations that aerially apply 1080 are required to comply with best practice guidelines for communication and management of aerial operations.

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).

We will publish your request and our response on our website, [www.epa.govt.nz](http://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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gayle Holmes', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Gayle Holmes  
General Manager  
**Compliance, Monitoring and Enforcement**