

Official Information Act Request

Requester's details

Date: 14 May 2021

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Reference number: ENQ-41435-S0S7D7

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request of 1 May 2021, asking whether the Environmental Protection Authority (the EPA) carries out drugs and alcohol testing (among employees or other persons).

The EPA does not carry out drugs and alcohol testing among employees or other persons. On occasion, our regulatory employees are required by regulated parties, for example, oil and gas operators, to complete drug and alcohol testing prior to site visits. This is solely at the request of the regulated party and is not conducted by the EPA.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. 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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