

Official Information Act Request

Requester's details

Date: 19 May 2022

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Organisation: FYI

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Reference number: ENQ-43912-G2Z2C8

Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your request which was partly transferred to the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) by the Ministry of Health on 6 May 2022, for the following information:

“Is ethylene oxide a known carcinogen?”

Please find our response to your request below.

Yes, ethylene oxide has a carcinogenicity Category 1 classification – may cause cancer.

You can find the hazard classifications and approval for ethylene oxide on the EPA website: [Oxirane ethylene oxide HSR001059.pdf \(epa.govt.nz\)](#)

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 may publish your request and our response on our website, www.epa.govt.nz. 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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