Environmental Protection Authority
Te Mana Rauhī Taiao

Official Information Act Request

Requester's details
Date: 20 October 2021
Name:
Email:
Reference number: ENQ-42695-C1N0N6

Dear

I refer to your request received on 30 September 2021 for disclosure of any of the following information held by the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA):

1. The Comirnaty vaccine being leaky.
2. The possibility and risk of the Comirnaty vaccine contributing to a spread vector for SARS-CoV-2 that accelerates infections and deaths, where the high numbers of vaccinated persons are an increased risk to the unvaccinated and the more vulnerable vaccinated persons, thereby distorting vaccine efficacy.
3. The possibility and risk of the Comirnaty vaccine and mass vaccination contributing to SARS-CoV-2 mutating into more deadly variants, as a result of evolutionary factors.
4. The possibility and risk of the Comirnaty vaccine resulting in vaccine-associated enhanced diseases, and the ability to actually determine that and accurately assess and distinguish vaccine efficacy and relative virulence of new strains in circumstances of mass vaccination.
5. Please include within the scope of the above requests information that:
    a. Relates to data and results not being adjusted for inapt definitions of "vaccinated", such as where partially vaccinated and fully vaccinated persons are counted as unvaccinated until several weeks post-vaccination, so that infections, hospitalisations and deaths relating to that group are misleadingly labelled as unvaccinated.
    b. Relates to steps now being taken or to be taken to assess and address the abovementioned issues and associated individual and public health risks.
    c. Is material to a potential need to isolate the vaccinated or mandate that the vaccinated carry passports and be excluded from some aspects of society, in light of the vaccinated being a risk to the unvaccinated and the most vulnerable, for the abovementioned reasons.

The EPA's function and responsibility regarding the COMIRNATY vaccine (the vaccine) has been to determine if it is a new organism for the purposes of section 26 of the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996 (the Act). The decision-making committee (DMC) found that the vaccine is not a new organism as defined by section 2A of the Act.

As a result, an approval to import a new organism for release was not required for the vaccine. Approval from the EPA is required by manufacturers or importers if a vaccine or other medicine is, or contains, a new organism or genetically modified organisms.

A copy of the DMC's decision can be found here:

https://www.epa.govt.nz/assets/FileAPI/hsno-ar/APP204176/APP204176-Decision.pdf

I note your request is for information held by the EPA and that you have requested the same information from other agencies and Ministers. Therefore, I am refusing your request under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), as the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist.

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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