

<https://www.epa.govt.nz/assets/FileAPI/hsno-ar/HRE05002/HRE05002-055.pdf>

Please note that 1080 itself is classified as an oral toxicant, however most baits are cereal based pellets that contain a low concentration of 1080, so have a lower classification.

Question 2

The EPA uses strict criteria to ensure that testing on humans is never required for any hazardous substance application. As the EPA holds no information on testing 1080 on humans, this part of your request is refused under section 18(e) of the OIA (the document alleged to contain the information does not exist).

Appendix M of the Evaluation and Review Report refers to occupational exposure monitoring, which may be of interest to you. The link is provided below:

<https://www.epa.govt.nz/assets/FileAPI/hsno-ar/HRE05002/HRE05002-044.pdf>

Question 3

Please refer to Appendix M, the link to which is provided above. This document covers the exposure and risk assessment of 1080 in relation to human health.

Question 4

The EPA does not hold any information that shows what, if any, assessment has been done on the risks to humans and the environment from public claims that 1080 is safe for humans, stock and wildlife. This part of your request is therefore refused under section 18(e) of the OIA, on the grounds that the document alleged to contain the information does not exist.

Question 5

As this part of your request does not refer to information held by the EPA, we are unable to respond to it under the Official Information Act. However, the EPA's regulatory role is described in the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996:

<http://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/1996/0030/latest/DLM381222.html>

Question 6

This part of your request is refused under section 18(e) of the OIA, as the document alleged to contain the information does not exist. Our response only refers to information held by the EPA, and not to information held by the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI). You may wish to contact MPI for their response.

Question 7

The EPA is responsible for regulating activities that affect New Zealand's environment, in accordance with our regulatory role as set out in the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996 (the link is provided above). More information about our role, and how we respond to issues that affect the safety of people and the environment, is provided on the EPA's website at

<https://www.epa.govt.nz/industry-areas/hazardous-substances/>.

The EPA shares responsibility for responding to matters of public safety with several government departments including the Ministry of Health, WorkSafe, Maritime New Zealand, the Ministry for the Environment, and the Ministry for Primary Industries.

Thank you again for your request. For more information, you may be interested to look at the EPA's website page on 1080, which can be found using the following link: <https://www.epa.govt.nz/everyday-environment/1080/>.

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.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in green ink, appearing to read 'Allan L. Freeth', followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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