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Tēnā koe Claire,

### Official Information Request for correspondence on null segregants

I refer to your refined Official Information Act (OIA) request dated 28 February 2024 for “comprehensive administrative and internal and external correspondence made received or generated by the EPA since 20 June 2023 - 15 February 2024, concerning gene editing techniques and their products specifically all correspondence regarding "null segregants”.

We have decided to grant your request. However, given the amount of resource required to process your request, we have decided to charge for making the requested information available.

We estimate that the maximum charge will be \$4,465.00. A discount of 50 percent has been applied in recognition of the public interest in the Environmental Protection Authority’s (EPA) null segregants decision-making process. Any unused component of the maximum charge will be refunded to you. For details of how this charge has been calculated refer to the attached estimate of costs [[Charging summary](#)].

Before we proceed further with your request, please confirm by 12 June 2024 that you agree to the charge and the EPA will raise an invoice and email it to you. Once the full amount is confirmed as paid we can finalise processing the information. The invoice will provide details on how the payment can be made. We will send you the information assessed for release on or before the due date of 25 July 2024.

Alternatively, through our search for information within scope of your request we have identified the following substantive documents listed in the table below. You may wish to refine your request to only include these items. If you wish to refine your request in this manner, the EPA will assess these documents for potential release to you under the OIA without charge.

#	Document name:
1	240119 Minister for the Environment EPA report
2	ENQ-47391-X0T5G3 Ministerial Briefing cover sheet
3	Communications plan null segregants

4	ENQ-47391-X0T5G3 - Briefing - Null segregants determination
5	Null segregant release material - Draft media release
6	Operational Policy Work Programme Update 04-12-23
7	APP204173 null segregants Staff Assessment Report FINAL
8	Communications priorities 2024
9	Communications calendar 2024
10	EPA clarifies GMO definition for null segregants — Dr Chris Hill
11	Back pocket notes null segregants v1
12	Comms options null segregants
13	Video brief — null segregants
14	Online and print publications - Null Segregants illustrations
15	New Organisms website update - project restart
16	EPA Application S26 Null Segregants FINAL 21 May 21_SIGNED
17	Notification schedule null seg
18	Null segregants - Dr Chris Hill video
19	APP204713 Brief for Contact Centre
20	2023-02-03 SC Letter-Null Segregant Determination
21	Peer review sign-off sheet APP204173 null segregants
22	APP204173 HSNO App S26 Null Segregants MPI Comment
23	APP204173 Gazette notice FINAL
24	APP204173_Decision_APPROVAL_DRAFT
25	APP204173 Gazette notice DRAFT superceded
26	2023 06 26 Re Null Segregant Determination - response to Sustainability Council
27	APPROVED Operational_policy Unsolicited Information
28	APP204173 Recommendation to the HSNO Committee Chair
29	HSNO_DMC_Schedule_of_Considerations_2014-154
30	APP204173 Responses for DMC availability
31	CE Update 7th July 2023
32	Sustainability Council of New Zealand Trust V Environment Protection Authority.docx
33	Null Segregant Messaging Tim EPA 22Dec23
34	Ministerial Update - HME_Ryegrass – 27 Oct 23
35	Ministerial Update - Gene Ed Endos - 31 Oct 23
36	Ministerial Update – Hi Condensed Tannin White Clover - 24 Oct 2023
37	GE GM November 2023.pdf

38	Null segregant illustrations mark up 1.pdf
39	APP20473 NKTT update memo 20240117
40	2023 11 22 DRAFT Ng_ Kaihaut_ Perspective Statement on Tikanga
41	He Poutama Report - Te Aka Matua o te Ture
42	2024 Agenda Ngā Kaihautū Induction 30 January 2024
43	Biotechnology reform – Policy questions to answer
44	NKTT Korero meeting papers 26 July 2023
45	APP204173 null segregants Staff Assessment Report DRAFT_V2_post-legal
46	240205 - Minister for the Environment EPA report
47	EPA home story null seg
48	Null seg media prep 22 Feb
49	Null segregant powerpoint – comms team meeting
50	Draft EPA home story null seg

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please contact [ministerials@epa.govt.nz](mailto:ministerials@epa.govt.nz). We are happy to assist you should you wish to change or refine your request in order to reduce or remove the need to charge. We look forward to hearing from you by 12 June 2024.

Nāku noa nā



Paula Knaap

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