

Official Information Act Request

Requester's details

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Tēnā kōrua Claire and Jon

I refer to your request received on 20 November 2025:

1. Please could we have all documents that the EPA required for the clean-up of the site to confirm that there are no viable GE elements left?
 1. No transgene genetic elements from the milk, urine, faeces or blood products entered the soil ecosystems
 2. No transgene genetic elements leached from the unlined offal pits into the ground water or soil ecosystems.
2. If you do not have the information, please could you advise us of the people who do and who signed off the 25 years field trial to show that the field trial genetic elements were destroyed?

The Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) considered a transfer of your request in full to Bioeconomy Science Institute (BSI) under section 14 of the Official Information Act 1982. However, BSI has advised that it does not hold the information you requested.

The EPA does not hold documents related to your request, which is therefore refused under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) since the documents alleged to contain the information requested do not exist.

I hope this information is helpful. You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision under section 28(3) of the OIA. 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

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Nāku noa nā



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