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Thursday, 28 May 2026

8:52 am

Attendees: Me, Matt, Tabby Al-Jebouri (MFAT), Jen McIver (NZ EPA - 20 minutes late), Betsy Valente (US EPA), Sena McCrory (US EPA), Tristyn Bercel (US EPA), Stephen Sweeney (US EPA)

Purpose: Gigablue

Notes:

- US have been approached by Gigablue, they have expressed interest in permitting process.
- Matt outlined current research so far and NZ's structure to permitting scientific research.
- US outlined how permits work in the USA, noting time constraints and public consultation.
- Technical questions about permitting for scientific research in NZ.
- Discussion around what legitimate scientific research looks like, how this is assessed.
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To do:

- Send through pre- and post- activity notice links to US EPA. **DONE**