



OIAD-1033

29 April 2024

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Dear 9(2)a

Thank you for your email of 28 March 2024 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

This email is to lodge a request to obtain anonymised SPLP/total metals (and TCLP/total metals) data. The reason for the request is that there are a number of environmental professionals who would like to use this information as part of potential future papers/presentations to industry bodies. Any/all data which contains the concentrations of total metals against the same samples analysed via SPLP/TCLP methods would be of interest please. (SPLP = Synthetic Precipitation Leaching Procedure; TCLP = Toxicity characteristic leaching procedure). My understanding is that at least some of this data has been used in the past (as part of the Technical Disposal to Land Guidelines review) and we have been advised that a formal OIA request would be the best way to obtain the data.

The Ministry has collated the information in-scope of your request into the document titled *OIAD-1033 Spreadsheet*, which is being released to you in full.

The Ministry is refusing the part of the request, as it relates to TCLP data, under section 18(g) of the Act as no information requested is held by the Ministry and we have no grounds to believe it is held by any other agency.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman of my decision relating to this request, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found on their website at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Please note that due to the public interest in our work the Ministry for the Environment publishes responses to requests for official information on our [OIA responses page](#) shortly after the response has been sent. If you have any queries about this, please feel free to contact our Ministerial Services team: ministerials@mfe.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

Electronically approved by Darrin Mitchell

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