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Mark Allen
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Dear Mr Allen

Request for toxicological data

Thank you for your email of 27 July 2015 requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) 'all the toxicological data showing that hydrofluorosilicic acid is safe for human consumption that the Ministry of Health may have'.

The Ministry does not hold any toxicological data on hydrofluorosilicic acid that is not available in the public domain. Therefore your request is refused under section 18(d) of the Act, on the grounds that 'the information requested is ... publicly available'.

Fluoride used in water treatment in New Zealand is purchased from chemical supply companies and conforms to industry standards for quality and purity. The industry standards are part of the guidelines supporting the Drinking-Water Standards for New Zealand 1995 (revised 2008).

The Drinking-Water Standards can be found on the Ministry of Health's website at www.health.govt.nz/publication/drinking-water-standards-new-zealand-2005-revised-2008 The industry standards can be found on Water New Zealand's website at www.waternz.org.nz by searching for 'fluoride'.

You have the right, under section 28 of the Act, to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision to refuse your request.

Yours sincerely



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