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Thank you for your emails of 10 and 11 May 2021 to Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities requesting information about our process around methamphetamine contamination and decontamination.

Kāinga Ora will decontaminate a property that records methamphetamine contamination over $15\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$. We use this threshold as it is outlined in a report by the former Chief Science Advisor, Professor Sir Peter Gluckman.

When decontaminating our homes, Kāinga Ora uses the New Zealand Standard NZS 8510:2017 for the testing and decontamination of methamphetamine contaminated properties. It establishes the safe level post-clean up to be $1.5\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$.

Kāinga Ora does not test every property for methamphetamine contamination. Rather, they are tested when there is reason to do so based on credible evidence.

You can find additional information on the Kāinga Ora website, including a copy of the Gluckman report and NZS 8510:2017, on <https://kaingaora.govt.nz/publications/methamphetamine-contamination-response>.

I hope this is helpful to you.

Yours sincerely



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