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Beverley groundwater testing to start next week

An environmental assessment program is continuing in the Beverley Industrial area under the management of the Environment Protection Authority (EPA).

The assessment program is being undertaken to determine the nature and extent of groundwater contamination caused by previous industrial activities over a long period of time.

The chemical Trichloroethene (TCE) is an industrial solvent commonly used in the manufacturing industry and has been identified in the groundwater in the industrial area.

EPA Manager Site Contamination, Andrew Pruszinski said the environmental assessment activities will provide more information about the type and extent of potential contamination.

“The EPA will test soil and groundwater for contamination to the east and west of Pope Street, Beverley,” Mr Pruszinski said.

“This assessment work will be done by environmental consultants *Golder Associates* on behalf of the EPA over a 2 to 3 week period, starting on Monday (13 April).”

Work crews will be in the area marking the location of underground services and determining the final locations for the installation of new sample points where drilling of groundwater wells and soil vapour bores will take place.

“Samples and data will be collected from these points to assist in our understanding of the environmental conditions and whether any remedial works may be required” Mr Pruszinski said.

The test results from this work are expected to be available in July 2015 on the EPA website through the EPA Public Register. A summary of results will be provided to residents in the area at this time.

Mr Pruszinski said that until this work was completed and the full extent of the contamination understood, residents and business owners in the area should not use the groundwater.

“It is important that residents and commercial/industrial property owners do not use bore water or groundwater for any purpose until further notice”, Mr Pruszinski said.

Mains water supplied by SA Water and rainwater tanks are not affected.

Residents and business owners seeking more information about these assessment works can contact the EPA on their information hotline 1800 770 174.

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