

Media Release

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Update on Islington groundwater contamination

The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) has been advised by the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) that it has received advice from its site contamination auditor on the results of groundwater and soil vapour testing undertaken in June 2014.

This afternoon, approximately 460 residential and commercial properties in the Kilburn area, to the north and northeast of the old Islington rail yards, were letterbox-dropped by DPTI to advise of the results.

DPTI has advised the EPA that the results of the testing undertaken in June 2014, showed the levels of trichloroethene (TCE) in groundwater are stable, and there are very low levels of TCE in soil vapour that do not pose an immediate risk to residents. DPTI advised that further testing will be undertaken to validate the results.

EPA Operations Director, Science, Assessment and Planning, Peter Dolan said that DPTI has kept the EPA informed of site contamination investigations at the former rail yards. "The EPA, as the independent regulator, has been kept informed by DPTI of investigations undertaken at the site." said Mr Dolan.

For further information on site contamination matters, please contact the EPA on toll-free 1800 770 174 (8 am to 8 pm weekdays, excluding public holidays) or via email epasitecontam@epa.sa.gov.au.

Please contact Ros Agate on 0434 609 394 or attend the EPA at 4:15pm today for further comment.
Please report to concierge where you will be directed to Level 8.