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EPA to undertake additional soil sampling at Novar Gardens

The EPA has now completed targeted soil sampling of the former Lightburn site at Novar Gardens.

Soil sampling was undertaken in August 2006 on public reserves and footpaths at 13 locations throughout the area. Samples were tested for chemicals that were indicative of waste sludge and solvents produced during Lightburn operations.

Results identified perchlorethylene (PCE) in one sample and degraded mineral lubricating oil in another sample. The nature and locations of the identified substances suggest that their presence is not related to the waste sludge and solvents historically produced by Lightburn at the site.

The results have been reviewed by the EPA and Department of Health. Further soil sampling is planned for the purpose of providing an additional level of certainty to the community.

Residents have been notified by letter prior to additional soil sampling and results will be communicated to them once they are available. The results of the soil sampling will also be placed on the EPA website.

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