



EPA 05/21599



Dear Resident,

RE: Environmental assessment program update - Beverley and surrounding suburbs

I am writing to provide you with an update on the environmental testing undertaken in the Beverley industrial area in April and May 2015 as part of ongoing investigations into historic site contamination. The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) is at this time not able to determine who caused the contamination. As a result, these works are being managed by the EPA as part of its role as South Australia's environmental regulator.

You may recall that last time we wrote to you we explained the need to undertake groundwater and soil vapour testing to better understand the nature and extent of historic contamination as a result of former industrial activities in the area. Soil vapour testing enables us to understand whether any contamination is moving through the soil in a gas form.

Preliminary data from this recent testing has shown evidence of the chemical Trichloroethene (TCE) in groundwater and soil vapour in a number of locations within the assessment area. While the groundwater contamination is at lower levels than previous testing has shown, some of the soil vapour data is higher than expected.

Although the data has not yet been interpreted to understand any potential health impacts, we believe there is a need to undertake further assessment work in the coming weeks to better understand the environmental conditions in the area. This will involve additional groundwater and soil vapour testing in the EPA assessment area (refer enclosed map).

The factual report containing the groundwater and soil vapour data will be available on the EPA website this afternoon. Further information will be provided to residents in the coming weeks once the data has been interpreted and any potential risk to health is understood.

Given the ongoing testing required in this area, we will be forming a Community Working Group to work with us and input to our communication and engagement program with residents. To express your interest in joining this group, or if you have any questions regarding the assessment program, please contact the EPA Stakeholder Engagement Team on 1800 729 175 or via email at EPASiteContam@epa.sa.gov.au.

As per previous advice provided by the EPA, residents and commercial/industrial property owners should not use bore water (groundwater) for any purpose until further notice. Mains water provided by SA Water and water from rainwater tanks are not affected by this issue.

Yours sincerely,

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