

EPA 05/21599

Dear Resident,

RE: Environmental assessment program update – Beverley and surrounding suburbs

Further to my letter dated Friday 29 May 2015, I am writing to provide you with an update on the most recent environmental testing undertaken in the Beverley industrial area as part of the EPA's ongoing investigations into historic site contamination.

To support the groundwater and soil vapour assessment works completed in April 2015, environmental consultants, Golder and Associates, installed and sampled a number of new soil vapour bores in the first two weeks of June 2015. The purpose of this additional work was to better define the extent of soil vapour contamination in the Beverley assessment area.

We have now received the preliminary data from this additional testing. Although the data has not yet been interpreted to understand any potential health impacts, it has enabled us to considerably reduce the focus of our current investigation. We are now concentrating on two smaller, defined areas around West Street and Wodonga Street and will soon commence a more intensive round of soil vapour testing in these areas.

The EPA Stakeholder Engagement Team has already written to property owners in these defined areas and visited each property to explain the upcoming testing in more detail to the residents.

This next round of testing will involve the installation of a series of permanent soil vapour bores on public and commercial land in these defined areas. This will occur over the next two weeks. Samples collected in the weeks following will help determine whether there is any potential impact to residential properties.

The data from this upcoming testing will be combined with all data collected in Beverley this year to provide a comprehensive report of the environmental conditions in the area along with a risk assessment to determine any potential risk to human health. These reports will now be available in mid-August 2015.

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. If you have any questions, please contact the EPA on 1800 729 175 or via email at EPASiteContam@epa.sa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Tim Saul', written in a cursive style.

TIM SAUL
MANAGER STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Date: 8 July 2015