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Dear Resident,

RE: Glenelg East environmental assessment program

Between April and July 2015, the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) undertook an environmental assessment program in the vicinity of the Glenelg Dry Cleaners (GDC) site on Cliff Street, Glenelg East. The purpose of this assessment program was to help the EPA better understand the nature and extent of historic groundwater and soil vapour contamination to the west and northwest of the GDC site.

This stage of assessment work identified the presence of the chemicals tetrachloroethene (PCE) and trichloroethene (TCE) in groundwater and soil vapour, however did not determine the full extent of the contamination. Further assessment work is now required across an expanded assessment area. A map showing the expanded area, as well as a fact sheet with further information about the assessment program is attached for your information.

Specialist site contamination consultant, Fyfe Earth Partners (Fyfe) has been appointed by the EPA to undertake this next round of assessment work, which is planned to commence in the coming weeks. Work will involve collecting samples from existing groundwater wells and soil vapour bores in the area, as well as the installation of additional sampling points to the west and northwest of the GDC site. Fyfe will also visit some properties within the assessment area to determine housing construction types. This information is used to inform the analysis of results.

Data collected from this upcoming round of assessment works will be combined with previous data collected to provide a detailed understanding on the environmental conditions in the area and produce a human health risk assessment report. You will be notified when the results of the assessment program are available, which is currently expected to be in February 2016.

As per previous advice provided by the EPA, residents and commercial/industrial property owners should not use groundwater (bore water) for any purpose until further notice. Mains water provided by SA Water and water from rainwater tanks are not affected by this issue. Home grown fruit and vegetables are safe to consume, provided they are not watered using contaminated groundwater.

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

Yours sincerely,



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