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EPA advises Brighton residents of assessment results

The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) has notified Brighton residents of the results received from the first stage of environmental assessments in the area.

Assessment works were carried out in an area bounded by Jetty Road, Brighton Road and The Crescent, to determine if chlorinated hydrocarbons, predominantly tetrachloroethene (PCE) were present in soil vapour.

EPA Director Regulation, Peter Dolan says the results show that PCE has been detected and a source of the vapour identified.

“The results from these assessments show detection of PCE in soil vapour in the area. The results have also identified that a source of the vapour contamination is likely to be a dry cleaning premises on Brighton Road,” he said.

“Dry cleaning is no longer undertaken at the site with the activity ceasing in 2007,” Mr Dolan said.

While PCE has been detected in the assessment area, further work needs to be undertaken to determine if there is a risk to human health.

“In order to assess whether there is any risk of PCE entering into residential properties, further work is required.

“The EPA is regulating the liable party and will ensure it keeps residents informed as the work progresses. At this stage these works are expected to commence in mid-May 2018,” Mr Dolan said.

“We have reminded those residents not to use their groundwater bore for any purpose, as it is likely to be contaminated,” Mr Dolan said.

The assessment area includes about 150 properties, which are a mix of residential and commercial premises.

Anyone in the assessment area who has concerns can contact the EPA on 1800 729 175 or for advice on health contact SA Health on 8226 7100.