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## EPA groundwater contamination notifications now available in map form

The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) has released its online groundwater contamination records in map form to make it easier to view areas in South Australia where groundwater contamination has been reported or where potential groundwater contamination is being investigated.

The release of the spatial maps follows an EPA commitment to be more open and transparent and provide more timely information of environmental incidents to communities and the public.

Since making that commitment the EPA has revamped its website and released data on its Public Register regarding radiation licences.

EPA CE Tony Circelli said making the spatial maps freely available is another policy improvement initiative designed to improve public accessibility of information.

“The information the spatial maps portray is already available on the [Public Register](#) section of the EPA website, however the release of the maps acknowledges that many people may find the visual information more helpful,” Mr Circelli said.

“It’s important that anyone viewing these maps realises that they do not necessarily portray South Australian sites which are contaminated; what they show is records held by the EPA which date back to 1 July 2009.

“The maps can be used to view Groundwater Prohibition Area boundaries where the EPA has prohibited or restricted the taking of groundwater if site contamination affects or threatens groundwater and presents an actual or potential risk to human health.

“The maps can also be used to show notifications received by the EPA, under section 83A of the *Environment Protection Act 1993*, of site contamination that affects or threatens underground water which have been placed in the EPA Public Register.

“It’s important to realise that some of the information recorded is historic and some sites shown on the maps may have been remediated or the contamination has since been assessed and found not to pose a risk.”

The spatial maps may be accessed online at: <http://location.sa.gov.au/viewer/>