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## More environmental testing planned for Woodville North area

Further environmental testing is planned early next year to determine the nature and extent of groundwater and soil vapour contamination in Woodville North, Athol Park and Pennington.

The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) has been conducting environmental assessment work in the area since 2018, including in the Woodville North Industrial Precinct, formerly known as the Finsbury Munitions Factory.

Further testing was carried out between June and September this year to determine if the historical use of chemicals, including trichloroethene (TCE), in the area poses a risk to residents.

EPA Director Regulation, Peter Dolan said data collected in the latest assessment stage indicates that groundwater impacts may be subject to variation, and that soil vapour concentrations may also vary between seasons.

“We are now planning more testing early next year, to obtain further information about the movement, nature and extent of shallow and deeper groundwater and soil vapour contamination.

“Work undertaken last year confirmed that indoor air contamination was present in a small number of homes, and we have been working with those residents to reduce the potential for this to become a health risk.

“We have not identified any new residential properties requiring indoor air assessment.

“Residents in the area are reminded that groundwater (bore water) is contaminated and should not be used for any purpose.

“At the conclusion of all assessment work in the Woodville North area, it’s likely that a groundwater prohibition area will be proposed, to protect residents from using contaminated groundwater now and into the future.”

Residents with any concerns or who would like to discuss their situation directly with the EPA may phone 8463 4799 or email: [engage.epa@sa.gov.au](mailto:engage.epa@sa.gov.au)

Further information, including maps of the assessment area, is available online at: [www.engage.epa.sa.gov.au/WoodvilleNorth](http://www.engage.epa.sa.gov.au/WoodvilleNorth)