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## Environmental assessment to commence at Penneshaw, Kangaroo Island

The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) is commencing an environmental assessment at Penneshaw, Kangaroo Island, into the cause of contaminated water seeping from an embankment at Christmas Cove.

The EPA will be investigating the cause of the recurring petroleum hydrocarbon contaminated water.

Petroleum hydrocarbons are a group of chemicals typically found in fuels such as kerosene, petrol, diesel and motor oil.

EPA's Director of Policy, Assessment and Finance Kathryn Bellette said the EPA had received complaints about the issue, and work undertaken by others to date has not identified the source of the contamination.

“The geological environment at Penneshaw is complex,” Ms Bellette said.

“As part of the investigation we will be testing existing monitoring wells near the cove, reviewing the results, and drilling a series of new soil vapour and groundwater wells.”

The EPA is working with the Kangaroo Island Council on the management of this issue.

Work is expected to start in mid-June.

For further information please visit

[www.epa.sa.gov.au/environmental\\_info/site\\_contamination/assessment\\_areas/christmas-cove](http://www.epa.sa.gov.au/environmental_info/site_contamination/assessment_areas/christmas-cove)