



▶ WOODVILLE NORTH, ATHOL PARK & PENNINGTON ASSESSMENT AREA

Community information

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The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) will be commencing a program of environmental assessment work in Woodville North, Athol Park & Pennington. This includes the area formerly known as the 'Finsbury Factory' and now known as the Woodville North Industrial Complex, north of Torrens Road to Grand Junction Road (please see [map](#)).

This work is to determine whether chemicals used in historical industrial practices have impacted the groundwater (bore water), presenting a risk to human health - either from using bore water or from vapour coming up through the soil.



Finsbury Munitions Factory Building later used as an Email household goods parts centre, photo courtesy of Dave Walsh

What will the work involve?

This work will involve drilling groundwater bores in road verges and footpaths (not on private properties) to allow the sampling of groundwater to test for chemicals and vapour coming up through the soil. This work is expected to commence in September after a consultant has been engaged.

The EPA will write again to the community once it receives the consultant's report. If you have any questions in the meantime however, please contact our staff using the contact details at the end of this information sheet.

Historical activities in the area

South Australia has a proud manufacturing history. However, a number of past industrial activities and practices have the potential to contaminate groundwater. The majority of the Woodville North industrial complex was used to manufacture ammunitions during World War II (the Finsbury Munitions Factory). A number of other larger manufacturing companies have continued operations in the industrial complex since World War II.

Why is the EPA doing this work?

The EPA manages sites where the original polluter no longer exists, cannot be found or identified, or is unable to carry out or pay the costs of the assessment or remediation that is required.

Any questions? Ask us!

The EPA is available to answer your questions and discuss the assessments in further detail. Please come along to a community information session or contact us to make a private appointment:

Wednesday 5 September 2018 | 4:00pm – 8:00pm 'drop in' anytime | Woodville Hockey Club, Park Ave & Northgate St



Please do not use bore water

Groundwater (bore water) in this area may be contaminated and should not be used for any purpose.

Not all households have access to bore water. Bore water is typically accessed via a pump in your backyard.

Tap water provided by SA Water is not affected.

Please call the EPA if you are unsure whether you have access to bore water.

Home grown vegetables are safe

Soil, rainwater, and mains water are not affected. Contaminated groundwater does not contaminate the soil above it unless it is used for irrigation or it is the source of the contamination.

Home grown vegetables are safe to eat, provided you are not watering them with bore water.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For **further information** please contact:

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