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Dear Resident

Historical ground water contamination around Holden Vehicle Operations

Holden is visiting homes between the Department of Defence land, Hogarth Road, Blake Road and Philip Highway in Elizabeth South to tell you there is ground water contamination in the area.

If you use borewater please do not use it until further notice. Please note that mains water and rainwater tanks are not affected.

You might have seen a story in The Advertiser last month that Holden had found chemicals in the ground water at and around its Elizabeth site.

The contamination is historical – most likely from industrial activity in the 1960s and 1970s – and it is 18 to 20 metres below the ground surface.

The two main chemicals are TCE (trichloroethene) and PCE (perchloroethene). They are industrial solvents and could have come from cleaning metal parts and plastics on Holden's site, or from other industrial operations nearby.

The chemicals are in low concentrations, the contamination is mainly on the Holden site, but we have also found these chemicals outside the north and eastern boundaries close to this area.

We have told the Environment Protection Authority (EPA), and we will continue to work closely with them.

We want to remind you that EPA and Health SA recommend you should not drink or use bore water in this area.

For further information, we have attached a copy of the SA Health brochure on using bore or well water. If you still have concerns please call the EPA on 1800 729 175.

Holden has very high environmental management standards and we're also committed to finding historical issues that could be from manufacturing in Elizabeth a long time ago. We will contact you again if there are any further developments.

Yours faithfully

Martyn Cray

Executive Director of Manufacturing, Holden