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**RE: Groundwater Contamination Update, Glenelg East Assessment Area**

The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) is writing to you in relation to groundwater contamination that exists in the Glenelg East area. This is a further update from the previous correspondence which was sent to local residents in September 2011.

The contaminants identified are petroleum and chlorinated hydrocarbons which have historically been associated with petroleum storage and dry cleaning. The chlorinated hydrocarbons perchloroethene (PCE), trichloroethene (TCE) and dichloroethene (DCE) have been detected in groundwater and experience worldwide has shown that solvents were disposed of or leaked from storage tanks into the underlying soils. These chemicals then migrate down into groundwater.

The extent of the groundwater contamination has not yet been determined and more investigation is required. The EPA has engaged a site contamination consultant to undertake this work. The assessment works will commence in the coming fortnight.

The Department for Health and Ageing (DHA) and the EPA will be reviewing the assessment work and will provide a further update to the community upon completion of the review.

**The EPA previously advised that residents should not use bore water (groundwater) for any purpose until further notice and this advice remains. Tap water and rainwater tanks are not affected.**

A map of the area being investigated by the EPA is provided on page 2. For more information about the EPA's investigation, please visit the EPA website at [www.epa.sa.gov.au](http://www.epa.sa.gov.au). If you do not have internet access, please call us and we can arrange to send further information to you. This information is being sent to all residents within the EPA assessment area.

If you have an underground structure, such as a basement or cellar on your property, please can you contact the EPA as this would be helpful for later stages of the assessment works.

For further information on this matter, please contact the EPA on 1800 729 175 (8am to 8pm weekdays) or [EPASiteContam@epa.sa.gov.au](mailto:EPASiteContam@epa.sa.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



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