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Important information for the resident

Dear Resident

**RE: Clovelly Park/Mitchell Park EPA Assessment Area**

The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) is writing to you in relation to groundwater contamination that exists in the Clovelly Park area.

The contamination, which is present in groundwater, soil and soil vapour, has originated from at least three industrial sites in the Clovelly Park area. The contaminant is trichloroethene (TCE). TCE is a chemical that was used widely in industrial and commercial activities. TCE is a volatile chemical meaning it readily evaporates and forms vapours.

The extent of the groundwater and soil vapour contamination has not yet been determined. More investigation is required in areas further south into Clovelly Park and west into Mitchell Park. This work is intended to determine the full area of the TCE contamination.

The EPA will be engaging a specialist site contamination consultant to undertake this work. A very comprehensive and complex drilling program to assess the extent of the groundwater and soil vapour contamination will be completed. It is planned that the assessment work will commence during August 2014 and will be undertaken over a three to four month timeframe. A map of the area being assessed by the EPA is provided on page 2 of this letter.

The EPA would like to assure you that the work planned will be completed as quickly and thoroughly as possible. The EPA is committed to ensuring that all work is of a high quality and is scientifically reliable. The EPA welcomes questions or discussion about any aspect of this work.

You may also be aware of recent discussions relating to the precautionary relocation of residents living in an area of Clovelly Park. Please note that residents in this area were recently advised by SA Health that there is no immediate risk posed by the TCE in soil vapour. In addition to the work to be undertaken by the EPA, further groundwater testing will be undertaken in this area by other parties.

At this time the EPA has no information that suggests that further precautionary relocations will be recommended. Relocation recommendations are extremely rare and only occur once there is sufficient data to support such an outcome.

**The EPA advises residents not to use bore water (groundwater) for any purpose until further notice. Tap water (provided by SA Water) and rainwater tanks are not affected. If you have a bore on your property can you please advise the EPA at your earliest convenience.**

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

The EPA will be hosting community information sessions on Saturday 26 and Monday 28 July 2014. Details of this have been enclosed with this correspondence. Frequently asked questions are available on the EPA website at [www.epa.sa.gov.au](http://www.epa.sa.gov.au).

If you would like further information, please contact the EPA on 1800 770 174 (8am to 8pm weekdays) or [EPASiteContam@epa.sa.gov.au](mailto:EPASiteContam@epa.sa.gov.au). If you do not have internet access, please call the EPA to arrange this information to be posted to you.

In addition, the EPA is planning to establish a community reference group for the assessment area. The group will meet regularly to discuss the work being undertaken. If you would like to participate in this group please contact the EPA.

Yours sincerely



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