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Results of February 2013 crawl space testing by GMH

The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) has been advised that crawl space testing has been undertaken by GM Holden Ltd (GMH), under the supervision of its site contamination auditor, at residential properties at Elizabeth South in February 2013. The testing has determined that the potential for vapour intrusion at the properties is considered to be low.

GMH conducted crawl space testing at 41 residential properties in August 2012, and further testing at 20 of the same residential properties was undertaken in February 2013. The second round of testing was to ensure seasonal variability was not influencing the measured concentrations of vapour in the crawl spaces. Both rounds of testing identified trichlorethylene (TCE) and tetrachloroethylene (PCE) at levels below the site-specific health screening criteria.

GMH doorknocked the 20 residential properties tested in February 2013 yesterday, and letterboxed a further 75 residents to advise of the results of the testing.

According to EPA Director of Science and Assessment Peter Dolan, GMH continues to undertake all necessary steps to deal with this situation and keep residents well informed.

“The EPA will ensure that all on- and off-site assessment work carried out by GMH’s environmental consultant is overseen by the independent auditor..

“This is also another opportunity to remind bore owners that they should regularly test their bore water to ensure it is fit for purpose,” said Mr Dolan.

For further information, frequently asked questions are available on the [EPA website](#) or the EPA can be contacted on 1800 729 175 on weekdays between 8 am to 5 pm.

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