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Dear Resident

RE: Hendon industrial area - environmental assessment program update

In July 2015, the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) wrote to advise you of the outcomes of recent environmental testing undertaken to the south and west of the Hendon industrial area, as part of ongoing investigations into historic site contamination. A review of the results of this testing identified the need to undertake further environmental investigations to determine the full extent of contamination in the area.

Specialist consultant AECOM Services Pty Ltd (AECOM), formerly URS Australia Pty Ltd, has been appointed by the EPA to undertake the next round of assessment work, planned to begin next week.

The assessment work will initially involve the drilling and installation of 33 passive (temporary) soil vapour bores within the assessment area. The information obtained from the passive assessment will be used to inform the drilling and installation of up to 10 permanent soil vapour bores in more concentrated areas. Four additional groundwater wells will also be installed. All of these works will be undertaken to the south and west of the Hendon industrial area. Sampling of all new and existing soil vapour bores and groundwater wells is expected to occur in early February 2016.

Data collected from this upcoming round of assessment work will be combined with previous data collected to provide a detailed understanding of the environmental conditions in the area and to update the human health risk assessment report. You will be notified when the results of the assessment program are available, which is currently expected to be in April 2016. The results will also be published on the EPA website, along with all relevant reports from current and previous assessment work undertaken in the area.

As per previous advice provided by the EPA, residents and commercial/industrial property owners should not use groundwater (bore water) for any purpose until further notice. Mains water provided by SA Water and water from rainwater tanks are not affected by this issue. Home grown fruit and vegetables are safe to consume, provided they are not watered using contaminated groundwater.

For further information on this matter, please contact the EPA stakeholder engagement team on 1800 729 175 or EPASiteContam@epa.sa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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