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## Environmental assessment update for Keswick

Soil vapour tests conducted by the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) have not detected any of the chemical trichloroethene (TCE) in a residential area of Keswick.

During March this year, soil vapour testing was conducted with 33 temporary bores installed at the former Kelvinator site and the adjacent land off-site to identify the concentrations of the chemical trichloroethene (TCE) likely to be in soil vapour.

This testing follows previous assessments on the properties that were historically owned by Kelvinator and public land along Day Avenue, the eastern end of Everard Avenue (between Kent Road and Anzac Highway) and the southern end of Ashford Road.

EPA Director Science, Assessment and Planning, Peter Dolan, said this previous testing resulted in further investigations being carried out to determine whether there was a risk from soil vapour intrusion coming from the groundwater.

“We are satisfied that the results from the latest testing found no detection of TCE in soil vapour in any residential areas. Only low levels of TCE were found in soil vapour in the area of the industrial source site, however this detection does not impact on any residential properties,” Mr Dolan said.

“While no TCE in soil vapour was detected in the residential areas, bore water in the area is contaminated and should not be used for any purpose. Further testing of ground water to determine the extent of the contamination will be undertaken,” Mr Dolan added.

Further information on the Keswick notification area can be viewed on the EPA website. ([www.epa.sa.gov.au](http://www.epa.sa.gov.au)).

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