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Dear Local Resident

Groundwater Contamination Investigations – Edwardstown

As you may be aware, the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) has recently written to residents in your area to commence community engagement on groundwater contamination in Edwardstown and surrounding areas. This letter has been prepared to provide you with an update of investigations that Bridgestone Australia has been undertaking in relation to groundwater contamination as a result of its historical operations.

The EPA has previously advised that chemical substances have been identified in groundwater and that groundwater/borewater should not be used for any purpose until further notice. Those chemical substances include trichloroethene, which is an industrial solvent and dichloroethene, which is a breakdown product of trichloroethene. These chemicals are most likely associated with historical activities in the area, dating back to when the disposal practices for such chemicals were less regulated than they are today.

These chemicals were used widely in the past by many organisations in the Edwardstown area for metal cleaning, degreasing and dry cleaning. In some instances it is possible that the identified chemicals can rise up from the groundwater into buildings as vapour. This is known as vapour intrusion.

Testing conducted to date has indicated that there may be a minor risk if groundwater were extracted, using a bore or similar, and the water used in your home or garden. Results of most recent investigations indicate there that historical contamination attributable to Bridgestone's historical operations are unlikely to pose an unacceptable inhalation health risk to off-site receptors.

If you have a **bore, fitted with a pump, it should not be used until further notice. Mains (tap) water provided by SA Water is not affected.** For a more detailed map and more information about the assessment, please visit the EPA website at www.epa.sa.gov.au.

If you do have a groundwater bore on your property, it would be appreciated if you could contact the EPA on the below toll free number as this information will assist the EPA.

If you have any concerns or questions, or if you would like to discuss this letter with an EPA officer, please call the EPA toll free on 1800 729 175 or contact the EPA by email, epainfo@epa.sa.gov.au (EPASiteContam@epa.sa.gov.au)

Regards,

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