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## No health risk from raised cadmium levels in Nyrstar well

Nyrstar has reported an increase in cadmium in a groundwater monitoring well at its Port Pirie smelter.

There is no risk to human health, and no indication that the cadmium has left the site.

Cadmium levels that had previously been recorded at 335 mg/l on 20 January 2020 increased to 1,430 mg/l on 11 February and 1,720 mg/l on 24 February.

Nyrstar has informed the EPA that the increase is likely to have been caused by overflows from the cadmium tank into a sump in a bunded area.

It is not yet known how much cadmium was spilled.

Other wells have not recorded an increase in cadmium levels.

Nyrstar is now carrying out repairs.

Further investigations are under way.