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Beverley groundwater and soil testing extends

The Environment Protection Authority will commence the seventh stage of the Beverley-Woodville South groundwater and soil vapour testing this week.

The seventh stage will take in a further 362 properties to the northwest and west of the current testing, bringing the total sample size to 1000 properties.

The EPA has been testing the Beverly area since 2015 for historically used chemicals from past manufacturing activities in the area.

Chemical traces in the area's soil and groundwater (or bore water) include trichloroethene (TCE), with the EPA testing along the groundwater aquifers to see if a groundwater prohibition area (GPA) required for Beverley-Woodville South.

Acting Director Regulation Mr Andrew Pruszinski said groundwater in this area is contaminated and should not be used for any purpose (mains and rainwater is not affected).

"Chemicals are known to have affected groundwater in this area, making it unsuitable for use."

"Home grown fruit and vegetables are safe to consume, provided they are not watered with groundwater," Mr Pruszinski said.

Both the existing and new assessment area will also include testing for TCE vapour.

Residents may see the drilling and monitoring of bores on the road verges as part of the new testing.

More information is available by phoning (08) 8124 4216 or at www.engage.epa.sa.gov.au/Beverely

Due to current COVID-19 restrictions, community meetings are not possible, but residents can register their interest for an online community information session at engage.epa@sa.gov.au