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Woodville North groundwater and soil testing extends

The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) will commence the third stage of testing through the Woodville North area in May 2020 to obtain further data about the nature and extent of groundwater contamination in the area.

The next stage of work will be carried out on public land, and not on private properties.

Seasonal testing of soil vapour across the entire assessment area will also be carried out.

The EPA has been testing for groundwater and soil vapour contamination in the Woodville North, Athol Park and Pennington areas since 2018.

“Chemicals are known to have affected the groundwater in close proximity to a former industrial facility,” EPA Director Regulation Peter Dolan said.

“At the conclusion of all assessment work in this area it is likely that a groundwater prohibition area will be proposed,” Mr Dolan said.

“In the meantime, I recommend that residents do not use groundwater (bore water) for any purpose.”

A small number of homes within the test area have also been found to have low levels of contaminated indoor air, due to the historical usage of trichloroethene (TCE).

The EPA is working with these home-owners to resolve the issue.

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

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