

Media release



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Moonta St oil update

The Environment Protection Authority has concluded its investigation into the alleged disposal of waste cooking oil into stormwater drains along Moonta St in the city.

Investigators found staining on some pavers but no physical or electronic evidence of direct disposal of oil into the drains.

Adelaide City Council has provided information about two incidents over the past few months in which waste oil is known to have spilled while being moved for transport, and CCTV vision of these events has been reviewed.

EPA officers spoke to traders and licensed waste transporters as part of their investigation.

EPA Acting Director Operations Andrew Pruszinski said council staff had been working to educate residents, shop owners and restaurant operators about their responsibility for the storage and transport of oils and waste.

“The council has advised that it will be creating new material to educate businesses about sustainability and the correct way to transport and dispose of waste,” he said.

“The EPA will also continue to liaise with waste transporters to ensure all possible precautions are taken to reduce the likelihood of spills during collection.”

Anyone with evidence of deliberate waste oil spills at any location can contact the EPA on 8204 2004.