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Update on asbestos-contaminated material from Goolwa Waste Depot

The Environment Protection Authority has written to 127 landowners to advise them about information that will be recorded on the EPA Public Register in relation to asbestos-contaminated material that was sold to them.

The material was inadvertently sold by the depot, run by the Fleurieu Regional Waste Authority (FRWA), from December 2018 until March 2021 as crushed concrete aggregate, and was subsequently used for building and road works.

EPA Acting Director Operations Keith Baldry said the EPA was advised by FRWA in March 2021 and has issued two Environment Protection Orders to Alexandrina Council as the EPA licence holder for the site. The orders require the council to:

- cease the sale of the crushed concrete material
- identify locations where the material has been used
- engage an asbestos consultant to undertake an assessment of each location to determine the risk of any environmental harm
- prepare and implement a suitable remediation plan for each location based on the assessment results; and
- provide the EPA with certification detailing the assessment findings and remediation implemented.

Mr Baldry said details of the assessment and remediation process undertaken are provided to the EPA in the form of a Remediation Validation Report for each property. The EPA is required under the *Environment Protection Act 1993* to record these reports on the Public Register.

Future owners will be informed of the existence of this report, via the Form 1 Statement that is required to be provided under the *Land and Business (Sale and Conveyancing) Act 1994*.

“This will ensure that any future disturbance can be undertaken safely, and assurance can be provided that the properties are considered safe,” Mr Baldry said.

Residents with questions can contact the EPA on 8429 7554 or engage.epa@sa.gov.au.