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Dear Resident

**Historical ground water contamination around Holden Vehicle Operations**

You will recall that we communicated with you in December last year, either by letter or a house visit, to tell you that there is groundwater contamination in your area. The contamination is historical and most likely from industrial activity back in the 1960s and 1970s – and we have identified it to be 18 to 20 metres below the ground surface.

We are writing to you, as promised, to update you on the status of our investigations.

In the most recent testing we conducted we identified levels of TCE vapour in the soil at a depth of 1.5 – 2.0 metres below the ground in the area north of the Elizabeth plant. We have been working closely with the EPA and an independent EPA accredited site contamination auditor, Mr Phil Hitchcock, in relation to these results and have determined that some further testing is warranted in the area to determine whether the vapour is making its way through the soil to the surface and if so, at what levels.

We have visited a number of random houses in the area today with Housing SA, to discuss with a number of residents their willingness to allow some measurements to be taken in the crawl space under their houses. The crawl space is the area between the floorboards and the soil. However, there is no need at this stage to conduct any tests under your house but out of courtesy, we wanted to update you and let you know that the testing was underway.

Holden has very high environmental management standards and we are committed to working with the EPA and the Auditor to manage these historical issues which have resulted from manufacturing processes in the local area. We will provide you with a further update once we get the results of this testing program.

If you particularly wish to participate in the testing program please contact Adrian Webber of Soil and Groundwater Pty Ltd, our environmental consultants on (08) 8431 7113. If you have any further questions you can contact the EPA on 1800 729 175 between 8am and 8pm weekdays or visit the EPA's website at [www.epa.sa.gov.au](http://www.epa.sa.gov.au).

Yours faithfully

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