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Old Lightburn factory site

EPA officers are contacting residential properties located on the old Lightburn factory site at Novar Gardens, after an internal audit of EPA files uncovered a copy of a licence issued to the Lightburn Company between 1981 and 1986 under the repealed *Waste Management Commission Act 1979*.

The licence shows that the company operated a light-manufacturing factory until 1986, producing mobile cement mixers, washing machines, hydraulic jacks and fibreglass boats. These activities produced certain waste including industrial sludge and solvents.

"My officers are advising residents that information currently held by the EPA suggests that the environmental risks posed by the former industrial activity are minimal," Dr Vogel said.

"Nevertheless, as a precautionary measure, the EPA is undertaking further investigations.

"The results of this work will be provided to residents as soon as possible. Also, regular updates will be published on the EPA website.

"I have also established an information hotline staffed by EPA officers for residents to obtain additional information. The numbers are 8204 2066 or 8204 1280. The information hotline will operate until 9.00 pm tonight, from 9.00 am to 4.00 pm tomorrow and between 9.00 am and 5.00 pm Monday to Friday next week," Dr Vogel said.



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