

Media Release

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Asbestos dumping investigation at Pelican Point

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The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) is investigating a report of the illegal dumping of asbestos and building materials near Osborne in Adelaide's north-west.

This follows the discovery of bags labelled "asbestos" in an area at Mutton Cove.

The EPA has sent an Emergency Response Team to the site to investigate the dumped substances more thoroughly.

EPA Executive Director Operations Andrew Wood, said a perimeter has been established surrounding the area while an investigation of the dumped materials takes place.

"Although this appears to be a secluded area we are still taking this precaution to determine whether asbestos material is among the items that have been illegally dumped there," Mr Wood said.

"The EPA takes these matters very seriously and has acted swiftly to ensure that public health and safety of the environment are not compromised."

Mr Wood said that any company or individual who ignores their legal obligation to do the right thing and places others and the environment at risk, will be tracked down and prosecuted.

"Significant penalties apply for anyone caught illegally dumping waste ranging from up to \$120,000 or two years' imprisonment for individuals and as high as \$250,000 for a corporate body."

Anyone with information about this case or other incidents involving illegal dumping of waste and building materials should call the EPA Pollution and Environment Incident number (08) 204 2004 or 1800 623 445 outside of the metropolitan area.

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