



## COMMUNITY INFORMATION UPDATE

# EPA ASSESSMENT OF LICENSED LANDFILLS: WORKS ARE IMPROVING LANDFILL GAS MANAGEMENT IN SPRINGVALE SOUTH AREA

August 2009

Landfill owners are continuing improvements on the two Springvale South sites assessed by EPA Victoria as requiring strengthened gas management. This was described in a previous community information flyer in February 2009, which is available from your local Council and at [www.epa.vic.gov.au/waste/landfill-assessments.asp](http://www.epa.vic.gov.au/waste/landfill-assessments.asp).

These sites were identified by EPA following a comprehensive methane gas assessment of licensed landfill sites completed earlier this year. The assessment looked at 260 sites and found eight that required further investigation.

The owners of the Springvale South landfills have taken responsibility for the need to appropriately manage their sites, voluntarily undertaking environmental audits to assess if any further actions are warranted. Investigations so far have found no methane impacts on homes or people's safety near the Springvale South landfill sites.

### An update on key works

#### Clarke Road Landfill, owned by City of Greater Dandenong

- Neighbouring properties have been offered in-building monitoring by City of Greater Dandenong. To date no methane has been detected.
- Extra gas monitoring bores have been installed in target locations around the perimeter of the site.
- The efficiency of the on-site gas extraction system is being reviewed as part of the audit.
- The gas management plan has been developed, and will be reviewed and further developed as recommended by the audit.
- The audit is due in August 2009.

#### Spring Road Landfill, owned by Glynlee Pty Ltd

- Neighbouring properties have been offered in-building monitoring by Glynlee and EPA. To date no methane has been detected around properties that have been monitored.
- Gas monitoring bores have been installed in target locations around the perimeter of the site.

- The efficiency of the on-site gas extraction system is being reviewed as part of the Audit.
- EPA has requested a gas management plan.
- The audit is due in August 2009.

The Victorian community rightly expects that all landfill owners monitor and manage their landfills appropriately, and EPA Victoria will continue its role regulating and monitoring landfill operators' progress to ensure continued safe management of landfills.

### Who to contact

Further information on methane gas, the EPA assessment report, and completed landfill environmental audit reports are available at [www.epa.vic.gov.au/waste/landfill-assessments.asp](http://www.epa.vic.gov.au/waste/landfill-assessments.asp).

For other enquiries about this information please call the site operators or EPA on the numbers below:

**City of Greater Dandenong (Clarke Rd)**  
9239 5100



**Glynlee Pty Ltd (Spring Road)**  
9789 1693

**EPA Victoria**  
9695 2722