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MEDIA ADVISORY

RESULTS OF DIOXINS AND FURANS

Saskatchewan Environment has received the preliminary report from their consultant regarding the recent dioxin and furan investigation in Prince Albert.

The results of the preliminary report suggest that there is no immediate concern where the creosote contaminants were initially found at residential locations in the city.

The results show there are dioxins and furans present in the area of the former drainage channel where wood treating chemical contamination exists at depths below the surface. The berm area, north of the Woodland campus, shows dioxin and furans close and at surface. These soils were excavated from other impacted areas and stockpiled in this location. Elevated dioxin levels were also found at the bioreactor location northwest of the city.

To ensure the public is not in contact with the impacted soils and as a precautionary measure, the city of Prince Albert will be securing the berm area to prevent access by the public. All members of the public, especially parents with small children, are asked to be aware of and respect the signage, and other security measures in place.

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