



NOTICE TO THE PROPERTY OWNER OR MANAGER

ADDRESS: 305 S. CONGRESS AVE AUSTIN, TX

The City of Austin Watershed Protection and Development Review Department routinely collects water, sediment and soil samples at random locations throughout the City. The purpose of this sampling is to characterize common urban pollutants (such as nutrients, heavy metals, and toxics) that impact our local waterways. Recently, sediment/soil samples were taken at the address listed above and analyzed for **benzo(a) pyrene**.

Benzo(a) pyrene is a polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon (PAH) and considered to be a probable human carcinogen. PAHs are a group of chemicals that are formed during the incomplete burning of coal, oil, gasoline, wood, garbage, or other organic substances, such as tobacco and charbroiled meat. Thus, barbecuing, smoking or charring food over a fire produces PAHs in the food. PAHs also are present in products made from fossil fuels, such as coal tar pitch, creosote and asphalt. The City suspects that coal-tar based pavement sealers that can be purchased legally for application on asphalt and concrete pavements, driveways and parking lots may be a significant source of PAHs in the environment.

This notice is to inform you that the laboratory analysis of the sample collected at the address listed above showed elevated concentrations of benzo(a)pyrene. The Texas Department of Health (TDH) and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) are aware that benzo(a)pyrene has been found at certain City sampling locations. These agencies are currently investigating this issue. Should you have any questions regarding the information in this notice, please call the following telephone numbers:

City of Austin Environmental Resource Management: (512) 974-1869

Texas Department of Health: (512) 458-7269

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality: (512) 239-1789