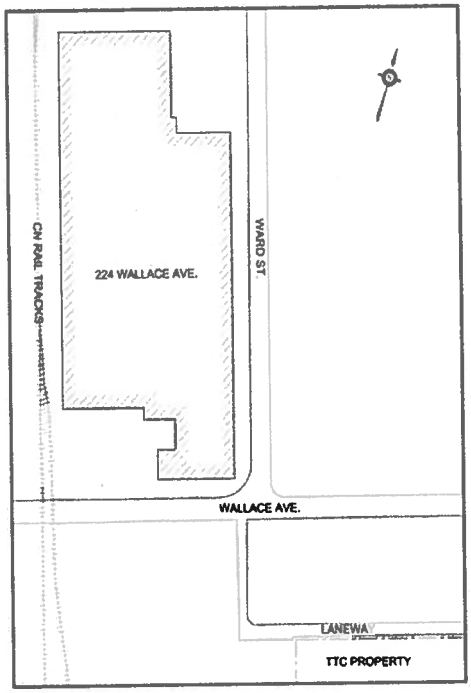
PUBLIC NOTICE #2
TO THE RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES IN THE WARD/WALLACE ST. AREA

GE Canada notified you last year that a drilling and sampling programme would be conducted in the area around Ward Street and Wallace Avenue, and inside 224 Wallace Avenue. The Ontario Ministry of the Environment (MOE) had requested that GE Canada undertake an investigation to clarify the extent of subsurface contamination with TCE (trichloroethylene) in the area of Ward Street and Wallace Avenue. TCE is a substance commonly used as an industrial degreaser and is regulated by the MOE and Environment Canada. Although responsibility for the TCE has not yet been determined, GE Canada has cooperated with the MOE and the City of Toronto to investigate and identify possible TCE sources.



During the summer and fall of 2004, GE Canada's contractors drilled small holes into the ground to sample the soil, groundwater and soil vapour. Similar holes were also drilled through the floor of the building at 224 Wallace Avenue for the same purpose. While preliminary results indicate the presence of TCE, further testing will be conducted over the next few months to confirm these results and to recommend any action that may be necessary.

This work is being conducted in cooperation with the MOE and the departments of Toronto Public Health and Works and Emergency Services. City Councillor Adam Giambrone, Member of Provincial Parliament Tony Ruprecht and Federal Member of Parliament Mario Silva have also been informed. A report on the final results will be submitted to the MOE, City of Toronto, and will be made available to the public later this year.

Please address any enquiries to Paul Jacot, GE Canada at 905-858-5678. For more information, see the attached fact sheet prepared by Toronto Public Health.

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Fact Sheet

TCE contamination in the area of Ward St. and Wallace Ave.

Recent samples collected from the ground in the Ward St. and Wallace Ave. area indicate the presence of trichloroethylene (TCE) related to past industrial activity in the vicinity. The provincial Ministry of the Environment (MOE) has requested that GE Canada, a past owner of a plant at 224 Wallace Ave., conduct a thorough environmental investigation to determine the extent of TCE contamination and to evaluate any impact on residents.

What is TCE?
TCE is a nonflammable colourless liquid that has been designated as a "probable" carcinogen. It is used mainly as a solvent to remove grease from metal parts, but is also an ingredient in adhesives, paint removers, typewriter correction fluids, and household spot removers. TCE does not occur naturally in the environment. It has been found in underground water sources and surface waters as a result of manufacture, use, and disposal of the chemical.

What is the situation in the Ward St. and Wallace Ave. area?
Recent testing has indicated that TCE has been found at elevated levels underneath the pavement in roads and sidewalks. Because there is no direct human exposure to TCE in these sites, the findings do not represent an immediate health risk. These readings are preliminary and require further sampling and analysis to determine whether there may be exposure risks for residents.

What happens to TCE when it is in the environment?
TCE evaporates quickly into the air from surface water, but evaporates more slowly from the soil and groundwater. In the ground it may migrate below the surface, creating a "path" of contamination that may include entry into buildings. Further testing is necessary to determine whether any such movement has occurred.

If TCE is found in the groundwater, does that affect my drinking water?
No. The City of Toronto provides residents with treated drinking water.

What is the concern with possible TCE contamination in this area?
Because exposure to TCE or its by-products may cause health effects, it is necessary to ensure that any contamination of the soil is fully investigated and if necessary, an action plan is put in place. While more information is being collected, there is no need for any additional precautions at this time. The Ministry of the Environment, Toronto Public Health and the Ministry of Labour are working closely with GE Canada to determine the extent of contamination. Further testing in the area is now under way and residents will be notified of the results.

For more information, call Toronto Public Health at 416-338-7600.

PUBLIC NOTICE #3

TO THE RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES IN THE WARD/WALLACE ST. AREA

May 2006

GE Canada notified area residents in July 2004 and January 2005 that a soil and groundwater investigation would be conducted in the area around Ward Street and Wallace Avenue, and inside 224 Wallace Avenue. The Ontario Ministry of the Environment (MOE) had requested that GE Canada undertake these investigations to clarify the extent of TCE (trichloroethylene) in the soil and groundwater in the area of Ward Street and Wallace Avenue.

TCE is a substance commonly used as an industrial degreaser. It can be found in adhesives, paint removers and stain removers – materials commonly found in Canadian homes and businesses. TCE is regulated by the MOE and Environment Canada.

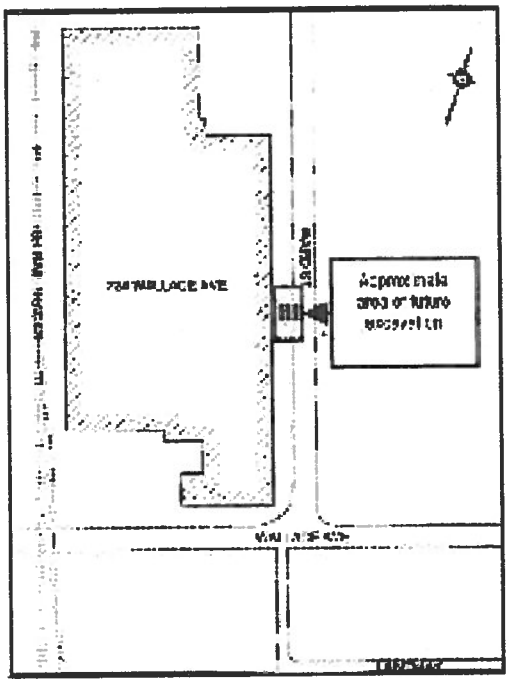
GE Canada's investigations have identified TCE in soil, groundwater and in soil vapour samples taken from beneath 224 Wallace Avenue and beneath Ward Street and Wallace Avenue. Indoor air testing in several residences and within 224 Wallace Avenue confirmed that the TCE does not pose an unacceptable risk. The results have consistently indicated that levels of TCE are typical of what would be found in Canadian homes.

Next Steps

GE Canada has provided the MOE and the City of Toronto with a plan to manage the TCE in the area of 224 Wallace Avenue. The plan includes excavation and removal of a quantity of soil adjacent to 224 Wallace Avenue, and further treatment of residual TCE in the soil and groundwater adjacent to 224 Wallace Avenue. These activities will result in an immediate reduction of TCE concentrations in soil, groundwater and soil vapours in the vicinity of 224 Wallace Avenue and reduction of TCE movement through groundwater south of 224 Wallace Avenue. GE Canada will continue to monitor TCE levels in the area around Ward Street and Wallace Avenue and undertake an additional study to confirm that there are no unacceptable risks.

Before starting this work GE Canada will provide area residents with details on plans to minimize any disruptions or inconveniences.

The MOE and City of Toronto Public Health and Works and Emergency Services have been informed of this work. City Councillor Adam Giambrone, Member of Provincial Parliament Tony Ruprecht and Federal Member of Parliament Mario Silva have also been informed. Reports on investigations GE Canada conducts are submitted to the MOE and the City of Toronto, and copies are placed in a GE Canada folder at the Bloor/Gladstone and Perth/Dupont branches of the Toronto Public Library.



For More Information

For more information see the attached fact sheet prepared by Toronto Public Health. People can also call our toll free information line, **1-877-399-9599**, and a GE Canada representative will respond within one business day.

Public Notice #4

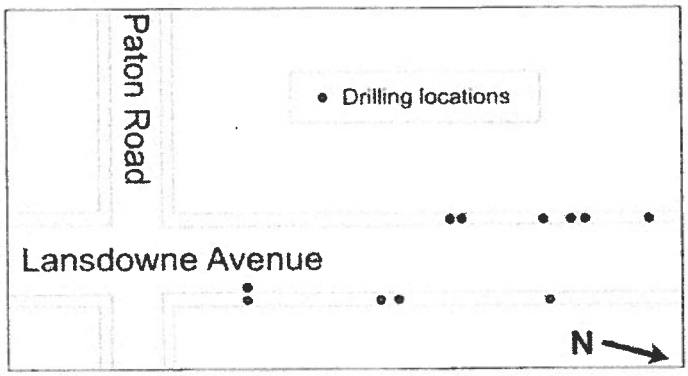
To the Residents and Businesses in the Ward Street/Wallace Ave. and Lansdowne Ave./Paton Road Area

August 2006

This is the fourth in a series of notices to keep you informed of soil and groundwater investigations being conducted in the area by GE Canada. GE Canada is conducting these investigations to clarify the extent of TCE (trichloroethylene) in the soil and groundwater in the area. TCE is a substance commonly used as an industrial degreaser. It can be found in adhesives, paint removers and stain removers – materials commonly found in Canadian homes and businesses. TCE is regulated by the Ministry of the Environment and Environment Canada.

Drilling Along Lansdowne Avenue north of Paton Road – August/September 2006

GE Canada will be conducting additional soil, groundwater and soil vapour testing along Lansdowne Avenue north of Paton Road. A contractor, working on behalf of GE Canada, will be drilling small holes and sampling below the ground. All drilling will be within public property (sidewalks and road allowances) along the sides Lansdowne Avenue – about 5 days of work on the east side in late August and about 5 days on the west side in late September. The drill rig will be operated and positioned to ensure minimal disruption to the residences and pedestrian and traffic flow. GE Canada apologizes in advance for any inconvenience that may be caused from this work.



Background

The drilling program along Lansdowne Avenue is linked to GE Canada's plan to manage the TCE identified in the area of 224 Wallace Avenue. Between 1903 and 1980, GE Canada had manufacturing operations on the northwest corner of Ward Street and Wallace Avenue (site). GE Canada completed the sale of this site in 1980. GE Canada's investigations have identified TCE in soil, groundwater and in soil vapour samples taken from beneath 224 Wallace Avenue and beneath Ward Street and Wallace Avenue. Indoor air testing in several residences and within 224 Wallace Avenue confirmed that the TCE does not pose an unacceptable risk in the vicinity of the site.

In May 2006 GE Canada provided public notice # 3 announcing its plans to manage the TCE in the site area through excavation and removal of a quantity of soil adjacent to 224 Wallace Avenue, and treatment of residual TCE in the soil and groundwater adjacent to 224 Wallace Avenue. This plan will be implemented as soon as necessary permits are received from the City of Toronto. The work will result in an immediate reduction of TCE concentrations in soil, groundwater and soil vapours in the vicinity of 224 Wallace Avenue and reduction of TCE movement through groundwater south of 224 Wallace Avenue. GE Canada will continue to monitor TCE levels in the area around Ward/Wallace and Lansdowne/Paton and undertake an additional study to confirm that there are no unacceptable risks.

The Ministry of the Environment, the City of Toronto Public Health and Works and Emergency Services have been informed of this work. City Councillor Adam Giambrone, Member of Provincial Parliament Tony Ruprecht and Federal Member of Parliament Mario Silva have also been informed. Previous public notices, and reports on investigations GE Canada conducts, are available in a GE Canada folder at the Reference Desks of the Bloor/Gladstone and Perth/Dupont branches of the Toronto Public Library.

For More Information

For more information see the attached fact sheet prepared by Toronto Public Health. You may also call GE Canada's toll free information line, **1-877-399-9599**, and a GE Canada representative will respond within one business day.

TORONTO Fact Sheet

TCE in the Ward St. and Wallace Ave. area

Soil samples collected from the Ward Street and Wallace Avenue area indicated the presence of trichloroethylene (TCE) related to past industrial activity in the vicinity. At the request of the Ministry of the Environment, General Electric Canada (GE), a past owner of an industrial plant at 224 Wallace Ave., conducted an environmental investigation to determine the extent of TCE contamination and evaluated possible impacts on residents.

Is there a concern with TCE in the area?
Information available at this time does not indicate that levels of TCE are a concern for human health. GE has developed a plan to remove some soil with high levels of TCE adjacent to 224 Wallace Ave. Soil and ground water will be treated over a one-year period to reduce the levels of TCE.

What is TCE?
TCE is used mainly as a solvent to remove grease from metal parts and is also an ingredient in adhesives, paint removers, typewriter correction fluids and dry cleaning fluid. TCE does not occur naturally in the environment. It has been found in underground water sources and surface waters as a result of the manufacture, use and disposal of the chemical.

What are the potential health effects of TCE?
TCE is a nonflammable colourless liquid that has been designated a "probable" human carcinogen by Health Canada. Exposure to TCE in the air at higher concentrations than those found in the homes and 224 Wallace Ave. can cause headaches or dizziness. Exposure to high levels of TCE can cause facial nerve damage, changes to heart beat, and liver and kidney damage. People who are exposed to these levels of TCE are usually working directly with the chemical and are exposed in the workplace.

How might I be exposed to TCE?
You can be exposed to TCE by breathing contaminated air or drinking contaminated water. The City of Toronto provides residents with treated drinking water so the TCE in the soil and groundwater in the area will not affect your drinking water.

Toronto Public Health and the Ministry of the Environment are continuing to work closely with GE Canada to resolve this issue. For more information, call Toronto Public Health at: 416-338-7600.