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Esperance cleanup project director Dr John Ottaway said that after three months the project was making good progress.

"Trial sampling of 21 properties in February has provided valuable initial information on how to proceed with the main sampling exercise, and the actual cleanups will start later this year," Dr Ottaway said.

"Future sampling will determine what premises need cleaning and to what extent, however the results from the trial indicate most will require relatively little cleaning, if any."

Dr Ottaway said the initial sampling also indicated that in most cases soil lead and nickel levels were not a cause for health or environmental concern.

On Tuesday, 12 May at 6:30 pm there will be a public meeting at the Esperance Civic Centre at which results of the initial sampling will be presented and progress of the cleanup explained in more detail.

Dr Ottaway said community members would also have the opportunity to ask questions about the cleanup project.

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