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**Homegrown produce poses no health threat, independent testing shows**

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (July 31, 2008) – There is no health threat from consuming homegrown produce watered by residential irrigation wells in the vicinity of Raytheon’s St. Petersburg facility, according to recent testing conducted by independent public health experts.

Testing of a wide variety of local homegrown produce indicates that:

- There was no detection of any of three substances of concern pertaining to the Raytheon site.
- Detection limits for all three substances in all of the various produce samples tested were below levels corresponding to a one-in-a-million cancer risk or below levels at which other health effects could be expected.

The homegrown produce tested ranged from six types of citrus, to three types of peppers, to tomatoes and onions.

Raytheon Company agreed with the Florida DEP to test edible produce growing on residential properties using water drawn from up to 13 irrigation wells that tested slightly above stringent Florida drinking water standards for volatile compounds. Testing was performed by an independent laboratory, evaluated by industry experts Environ, and results have been communicated to each homeowner.

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